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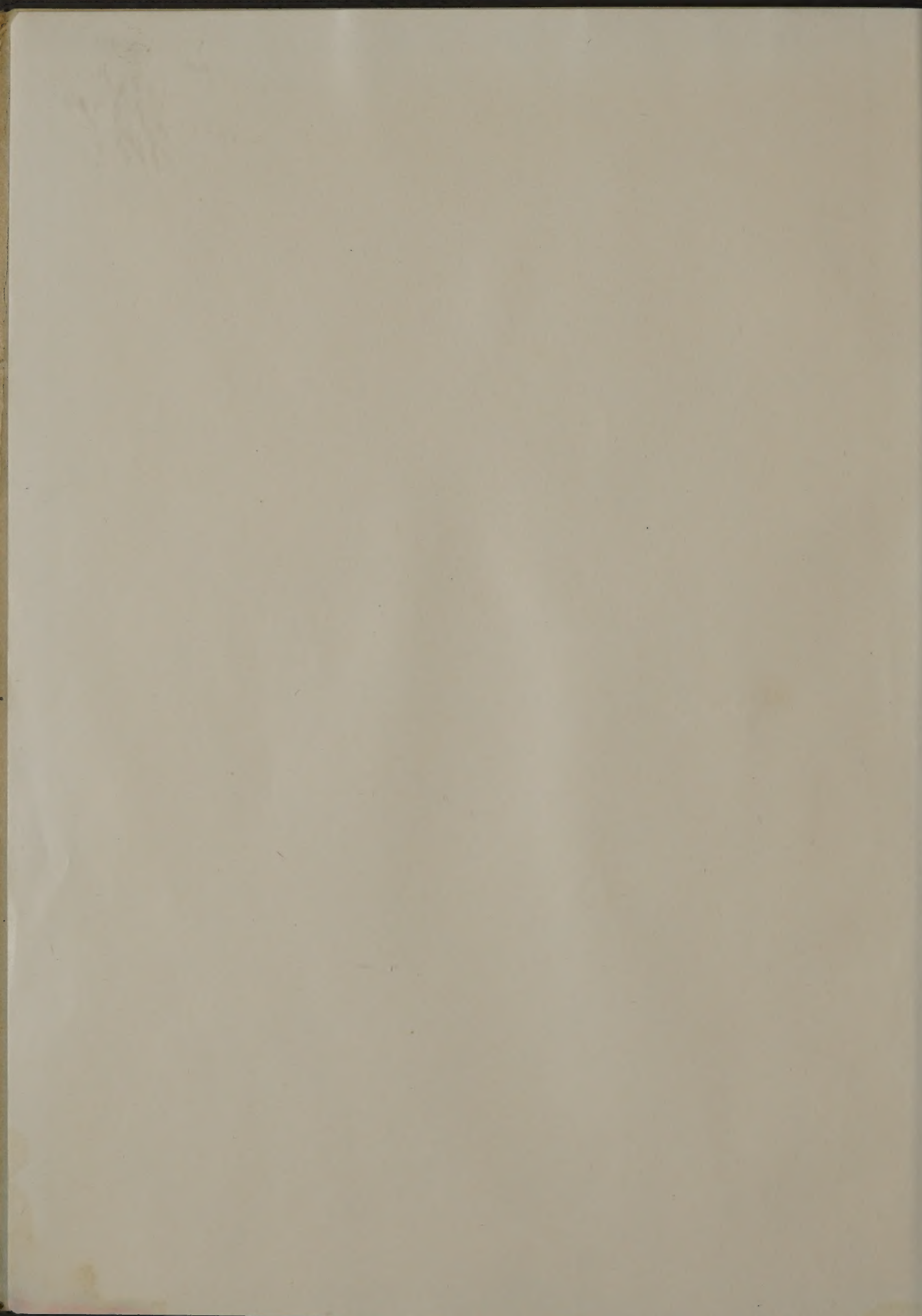
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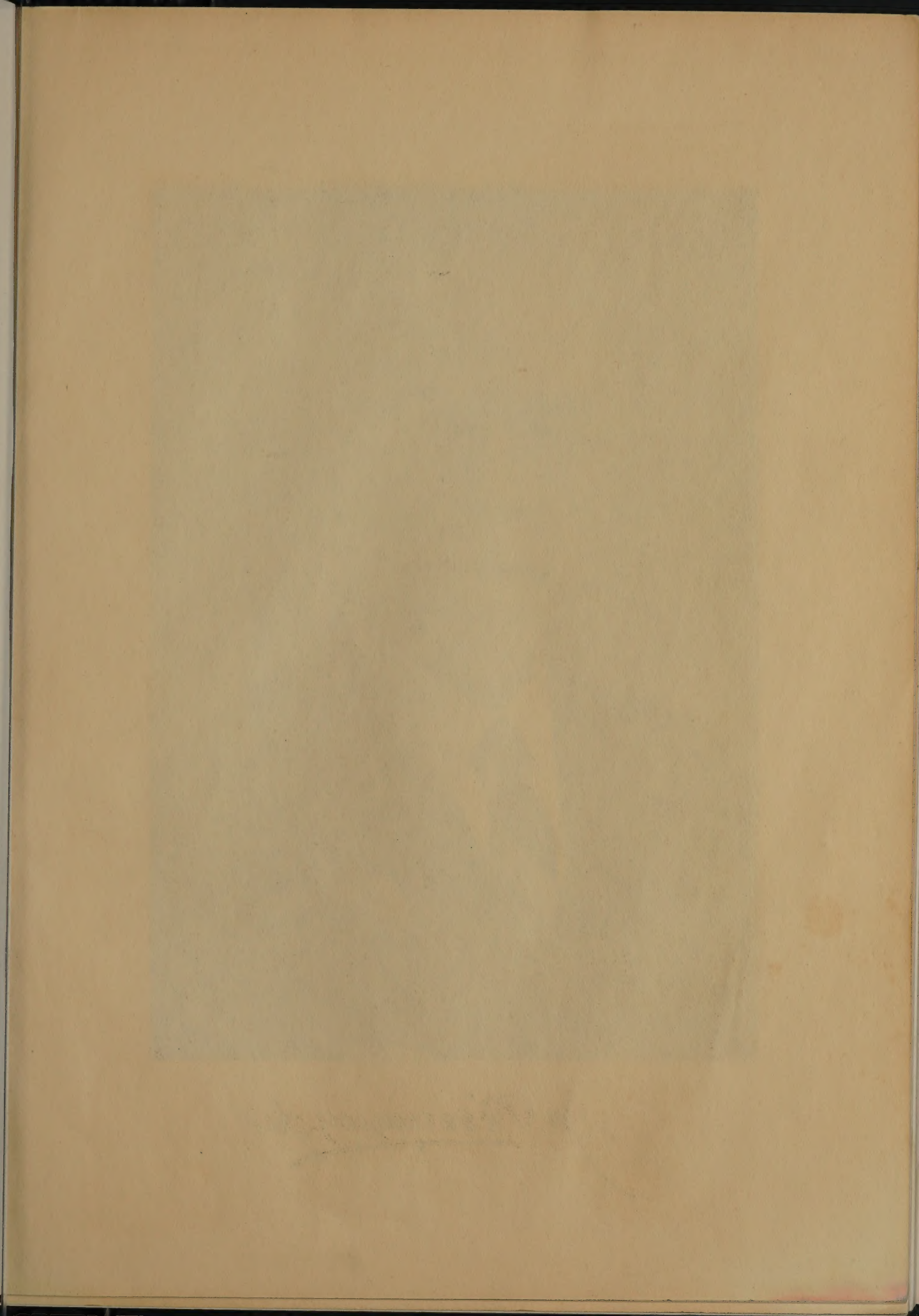
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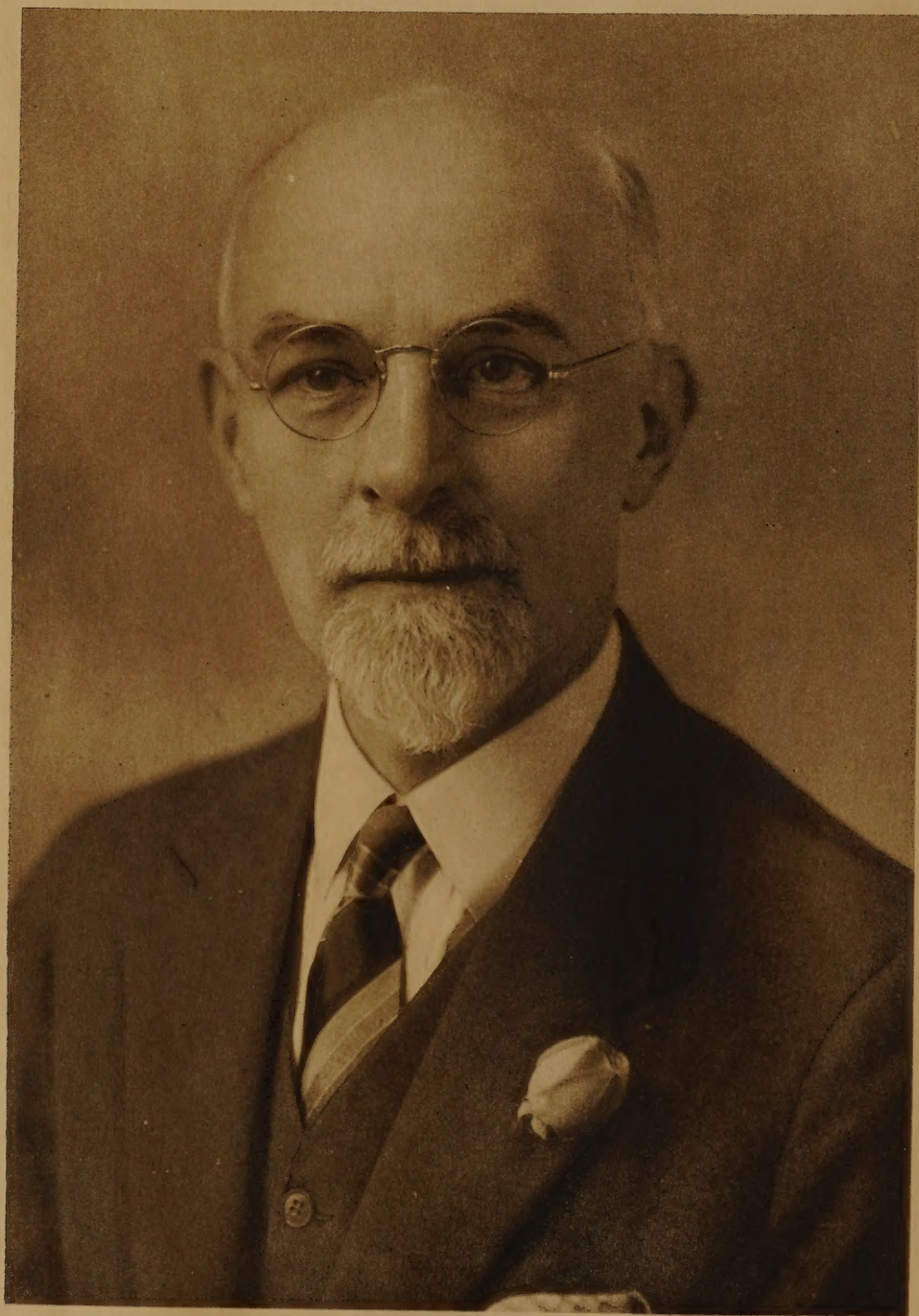


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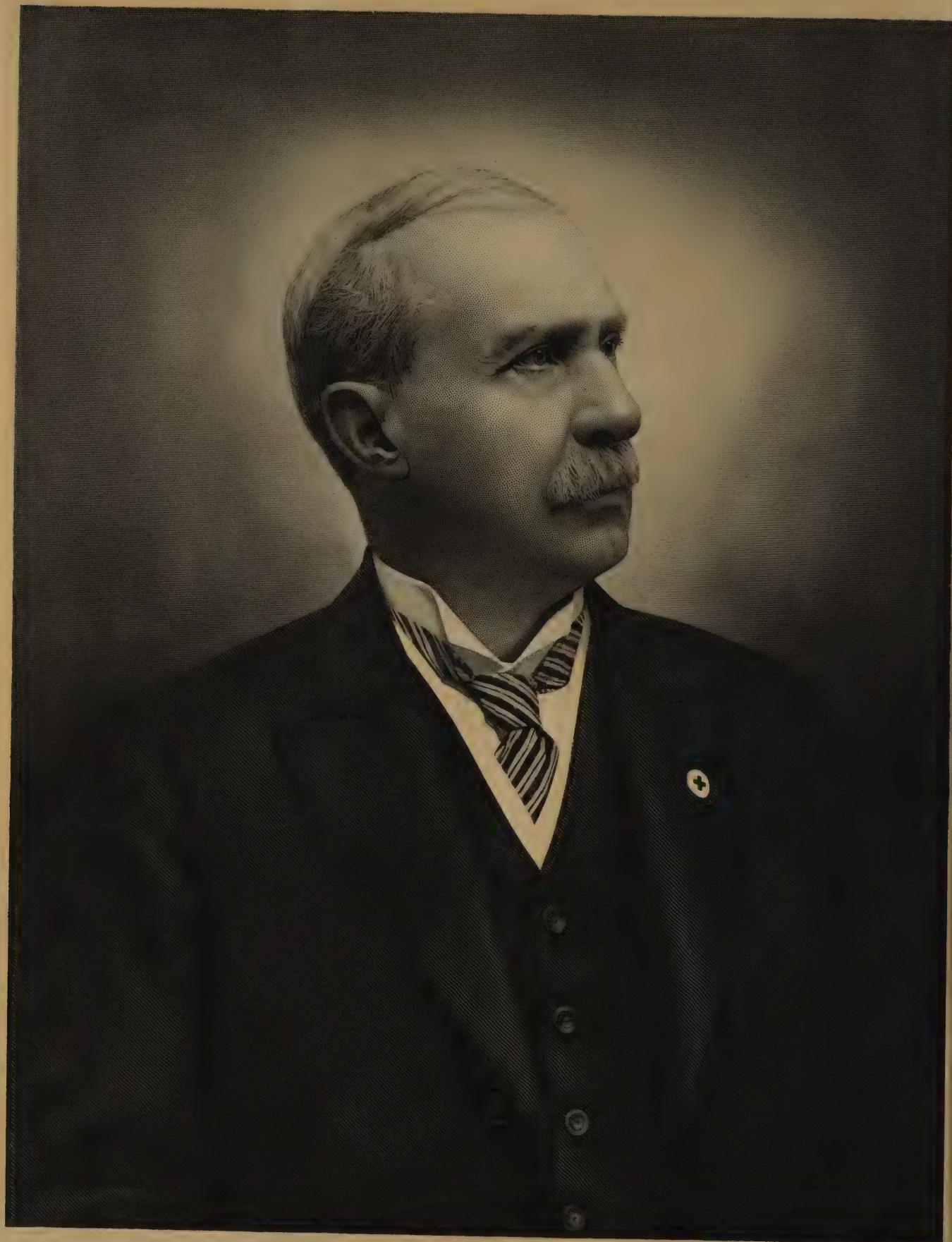
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LEWIS EMERY, Jr., and FAMILY—The family of Emery, a name long prominent in the oil industry of Pennsylvania through the work of Lewis Emery, Jr., is an old one in America, dating far back in New England history.

John Emery, founder of the line in this country, was born at Romsey, Hauts, England, September 29, 1598, son of John and Agnes Emery. He came to New England in Colonial days in the ship "James," landing in Boston on June 3, 1635. Accompanying him was his brother, Anthony Emery. The two of them were the forebears of the family of Emery, who became so numerous and widespread as the generations went on.

The first Lewis Emery, father of Lewis Emery, Jr., was born July 4, 1806, at Conway, New Hampshire. Adventurous and enterprising, he sought his fortune in several parts of the country. At the age of eleven years he accompanied his father to Ohio, where he served an apprenticeship in the woolen manufacturing industry. Eventually he made his home in New York State, living from time to time in Wayne County and in Cherry Creek, Chautauqua County. Toward the close of his life he went to Michigan, establishing a woolen manufacturing company of his own there and continuing to prosper along these lines for the rest of his years. Lewis Emery carried on that work until his death, August 21, 1886. He married, November 28, 1826, Maria Gilson. They became the parents of seven children: 1. Sarah Jane Emery, born December 12, 1827, at Junius, New York; married Wesley Lockwood; died in 1853. 2. Clarissa Emery, born August 22, 1829, also at Junius, died in 1835. 3. Maria Emery, born September 25, 1831, at Alloway, New York, died in 1853 at Hillsdale, Michigan. 4. Granger D. Emery, born July 22, 1833, at Villanova, Chautauqua County, New York, died in 1847. 5. Oliver G. Emery, born August 22, 1835, at Villanova. 6. David Emery, born September 7, 1837, at Cherry Creek, Chautauqua County. 7. Lewis Emery, Jr., of further mention.

Lewis Emery, Jr., was born August 10, 1839, in Cherry Creek, Chautauqua County, New York, and there lived in his early years, going to Michigan when his father went there to live and work. Spending his youth in a wholesome rural environment, he learned how to work and accomplish important results. At the same time he had much of his father's enterprise and initiative, and while still young he became owner of a flour mill which he con-

ducted with considerable success. In 1864 he left Michigan and lived for a time in Illinois, where he was engaged in several different enterprises, conducting a saw-mill and a country store and meeting with continued success until the Civil War, which reversed his fortunes along with those of so many other business enterprisers. Conditions in Illinois led Mr. Emery to come eastward to Pennsylvania and take part here in the quest for oil, then consuming great stores of human energy.

Mr. Emery himself was stricken with "oil fever," as some people called it, and he began prospecting for the precious fluid. Unsuccessful for a considerable period, he later discovered a rich yield, and came into prominence among the oil producers of northwestern Pennsylvania. He displayed a remarkable capacity for research and acquired an extensive practical knowledge along the lines of the new industry, and as time went on he distinguished himself in leadership and enthusiasm and all those human qualities that constitute the real capital possessions of mankind. Often his coöperation was sought, and he effected partnership arrangements with men of means and before long gained a position of independence. At about that period certain unfavorable conditions and actual abuses made themselves felt in the petroleum industry, much oppression resulting from rebates and discrimination in freight rates. A feeling of revolt against these evils of corporate monopoly spread in the oil region; and producers began to feel that they should be represented at the State capital. McKean County, which had become the center of the northern oil field, was entitled to one representative in the lower house of the Pennsylvania State Legislature.

Mr. Emery was chosen as a candidate for this position, and, being duly elected, started at once to champion the interests of the oil district. He had knowledge, strength and courage, and at once he began a vigorous battle that continued through his years in the lower house and then in the State Senate. At length he, with the backing of others, was able to demand and effectively secure remedial legislation. He originated some of the helpful enactments, and left other measures to others. In any event, he started a movement in a changed direction, transcending in importance many other movements of the time and setting in motion certain trends that have continued right down to our own day. Much of the development that has brought about the Sherman anti-trust law, interstate com-

merce and trade legislation and similar enactments is traceable to the unrest existing at that time in the oil country, and, more specifically, to the strong personality of Senator Emery.

When the situation was particularly acute, he was called into conference by the President of the United States and summoned to testify before Congressional committees. His work thus assumed national importance and contributed decidedly to the form of legislation adopted to reduce the evils of railroad and corporate monopoly, aggravated more and more by powerful trusts and combinations. Senator Emery naturally encountered the enmity of certain political figures and organizations as a result of his work, and political deals effectually blocked many of his efforts. The political machine finally reached such a stage, however, that it threatened to disrupt the organization over which it sought control, and the Lincoln Republican party was born in Pennsylvania, as in other regions of the United States. Senator Emery was nominated for Governor on its ticket, the nomination was endorsed by the Democratic party, and partisan lines were for a time utterly destroyed. Senator Emery was defeated by a small margin of votes, but the campaign was without doubt the precursor of the campaign of Theodore Roosevelt in 1912, in which Pennsylvania joined in the political revolution that has not yet come to an end.

Continuing his business and public activities for many years, he developed many businesses aside from his own, found wide opportunities for investment on the American continent, and became head of important manufacturing interests in Bradford, continuing these services until the close of his life. He helped promote many local civic organizations and often headed them and gave them the benefits of his own forceful personality.

Lewis Emery, Jr., married, December 29, 1863, Elizabeth Ann Caldwell, of Vistula, Indiana, daughter of William and Sarah (Wilson) Caldwell, of that place. She died October 16, 1915. Mr. and Mrs. Emery became the parents of the following children: 1. Clara Louise Emery, born July 20, 1865, died August 12, 1866. 2. Delevan Emery, born September 26, 1867, died August 15, 1911. 3. Grace Elizabeth Emery, born January 27, 1874, died March 2, 1941. 4. Earle Caldwell Emery, born December 12, 1875. 5. Lewis Emery, 3d, born August 27, 1878, died in November, 1941.

DELEVAN EMERY—A man of wide business interests, Delevan Emery was a beloved resident of the Bradford district. He managed the Emery Manufacturing Company and was extensively connected with the oil industry and other enterprises of his district, earning in these many connections the high respect and admiration

of many friends. His qualities were exceptional, and he stood high in the affections of associates in all walks and departments of life.

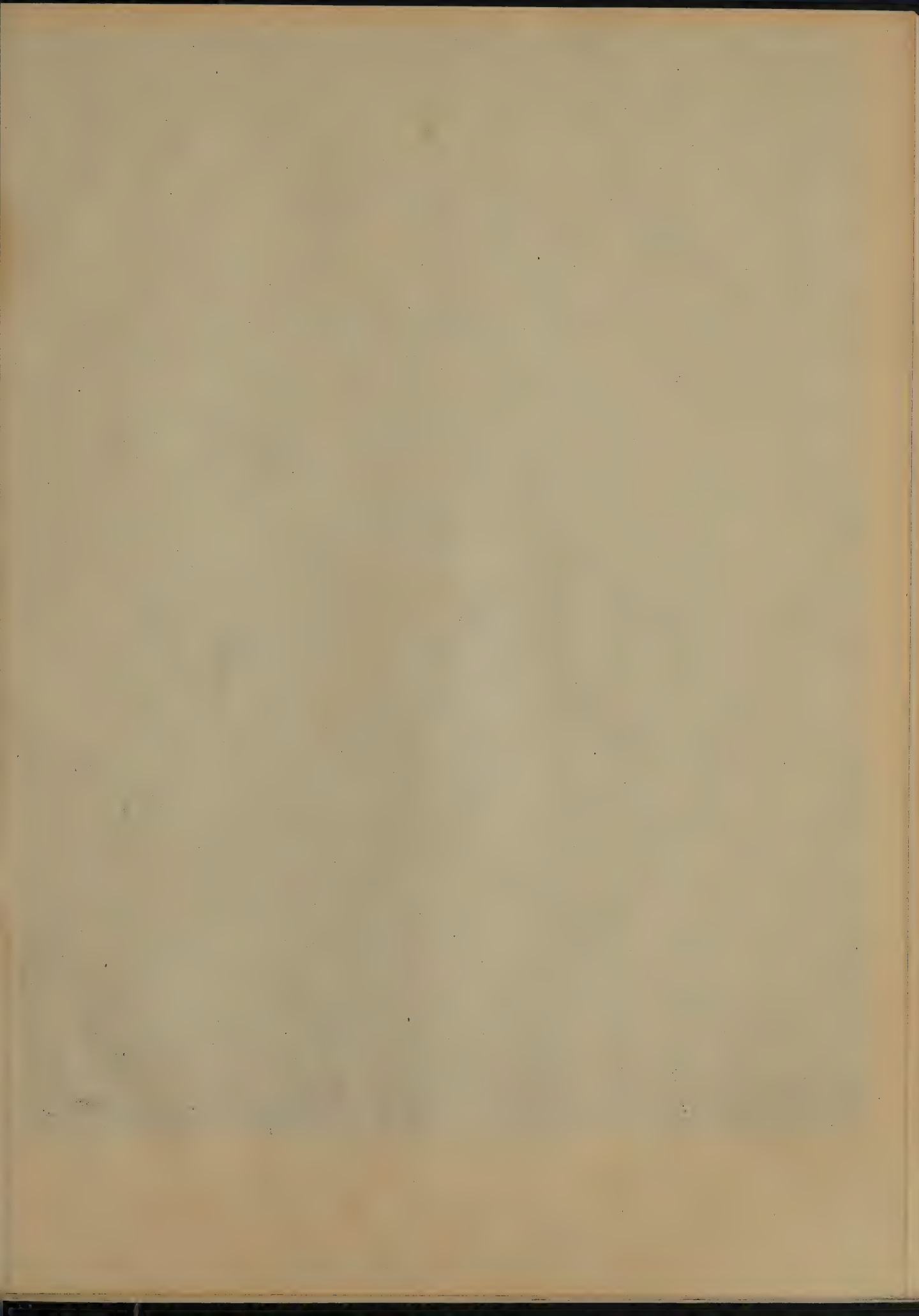
Mr. Emery was born September 26, 1867, in Pioneer, Pennsylvania, son of Lewis Emery, Jr., (*q. v.*), a leading business man of the Bradford district and long an influence in Pennsylvania life, and Elizabeth Ann (Caldwell) Emery. Both the Emery and Caldwell families are old and distinguished ones, further details concerning them appearing under the heading of "Lewis Emery, Jr.," and that of "Grace E. Emery" (*q. v.*) herein.

Delevan Emery, who was the eldest son of his parents, spent his early life in Bradford. He attended public schools here, entered Lehigh University in 1887, took a special course in chemistry there, and was graduated in 1891. In that way he prepared himself for taking over the management of his father's extensive oil refining interests, and he remained, as a matter of fact, a profound student throughout the whole of his life, keeping in touch with all the newest professional developments. While in charge of the Emery Manufacturing Company, he revealed his eagerness to adopt new ideas and improvements in many different ways. He also became active in a number of local industries and was particularly connected with the development of crude oil in the fields of this district.

His keen business acumen was especially recognized by his associates, who made him a director of the Pure Oil Company, the Bradford National Bank and a number of other financial and industrial institutions. He was also chosen for leadership in social, civic and charitable enterprises, and never was he known to refuse co-operation in any community project.

The death of Delevan Emery, August 15, 1911, removed from this life—prematurely, many felt—an individual who, like the other members of his distinguished family, contributed notably to the welfare of northwestern Pennsylvania. He was a man of achievement, a steadfast friend and companion and an individual who stood high in the confidence of his associates in all walks of life.

GRACE E. EMERY—For many years Grace E. Emery took a leading rôle in business, civic, social, cultural and charitable affairs in Bradford, where she came to be known as the city's "most prominent woman citizen," in the terms of a local newspaper. She was president of the Emery Hotel Corporation, which operated a hostelry widely known for its modernity and comfort, built by her in memory of her beloved father. She was also engaged in the oil business in this region, and was a prime mover at all times in local enterprise. Her life was an example of goodness to many, and her achievements remain as a lasting monument to her.





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Miss Emery was born in Titusville, Pennsylvania, daughter of Lewis and Elizabeth Ann Emery, who came to Bradford to live in 1875. She had two brothers, Earle C. and Lewis Emery, both of Bradford, who were engaged in the oil business with her here.

Grace E. Emery, coming to Bradford with her parents while still very young, arrived here just when the oil industry was at the beginning of its development. Her home was in Bradford for the rest of her life. She attended schools here and also a finishing school, and added substantially to her education by extensive traveling. Making several trips around the world, she visited many parts of Europe and Asia, and traveled up the Nile in Egypt. One of her more adventurous trips was a donkey train ride through the Andes in South America. At a very early period Miss Emery began her business and community activities, which increased in number and importance as time went on.

Her hotel, built in memory of her father, was a memorial of which he would have been proud. It was in 1927 that she purchased the St. James Hotel here, at the head of Main Street, and on this property she built in the following year the Emery. This hotel was opened to the public February 22, 1929, and Miss Emery herself became its president and the owner of a major part of the stock in the corporation. People from far-distant places came to know and enjoy this hostelry, which made their visits to Bradford a thing to be remembered. Miss Emery's father had been a master at entertainment, and the hospitality of the old Emery home now became the main element in the atmosphere of the Emery Hotel. Serving as hostess to diplomats, business men, foreign oil trade representatives and stage celebrities, she herself made her home in a penthouse on the hotel roof.

At all times Miss Emery interested herself in Bradford affairs. In addition to her management of the hotel and her work in the oil business, she was a leader in such causes as those of the Bradford Community Chest and the Bradford Chamber of Commerce. She was a life member of the Bradford-McKean County Chapter of the American Red Cross. She was the second commissioner and an honorary member of the Bradford Girl Scout Council, Inc. She belonged to the Bradford Hospital women's auxiliary, the American Legion auxiliary, the Valley Hunt Club, the Women's Literary Club, the Penn-hills Club and Bradford Chapter, No. 61, Order of Eastern Star. Miss Emery was an honorary member of Boys' Town, Nebraska, famous institution for boys, and belonged to the Women's National Republican Club of New York City. She belonged to the Church of the Ascension.

Her one aim, through all her work, seemed to be to do good without publicity. No one, even her closest friends, knew about her charitable work in detail, although it was

clear to those who knew her best that no one seeking help from her went away empty-handed. Aside from doing her own good work, Miss Emery carried out many projects in which both her parents had been interested. And whatever she did was done in the most creditable manner. The hotel was an obvious example of this fact; for, as all knew who followed its development, it took form without any sparing of expense or effort, and both its form and its functioning were a credit to the memory of the father whom she so worshipped and idolized. (See the record entitled "Lewis Emery, Jr.," herein.) She presented to England, 1941, through the American Red Cross, a completely equipped "Mobile Canteen," inscribed "Gift of Grace Emery in memory of Mother, Father—Elizabeth and Lewis E., Jr." Those who were closest to the family, as well as many others, declared that Miss Emery "did more for Bradford than any man except her illustrious father."

Miss Emery had a camp, "Bonny Brook," in Minard Run, four miles southeast of Bradford. Nearby was "Bonny Brook Farm," a model dairy farm, of which she disposed only a short time before her death. Her herd of Guernsey cows brought considerable attention to the farm and won many awards. At one time Miss Emery gave a great party at "Bonny Brook," where six hundred people from every walk of life came together, as she had designed that they should do, and where she herself stood in one spot for hours, receiving her guests and bidding them farewell. The party is described by many as "the most wonderful ever given in Bradford," and, in any event, it was unique and was a "red-letter day" for most of those present. Miss Emery also maintained, for the last four years of her life, a winter home, "Content," at Montego Bay, Jamaica, British West Indies. This beautiful retreat became the object of considerable discussion among distinguished people. Despite her many-sided attainments, Miss Emery was a most approachable and democratic personality; nor did her public spirit and zeal for activity ever blind her to the simple amenities of life and the delights of ordinary human relationships.

Grace E. Emery died March 2, 1941, at her Park Avenue apartment in New York City. Many glowing tributes were paid her on that sad occasion. For the first time, when a local resident died, the flag atop the Bradford post office was lowered to half-mast position as a token of regard. Commenting that much of her father's fire was inherited by Miss Emery, the "Oil City Derrick" said, in part:

Vivacity was one of her marked characteristics, but this did not detract from her business ability and her practical philanthropy. Because the name Emery is synonymous with Bradford, she built there one of the finest hotels in western Pennsylvania and served as president of the hotel corporation. She was also in the oil

business with her two brothers. But she also found time for many worth while activities and charities.

No woman in Bradford was more loved by the rank and file of the citizenry, as well as by all those who traveled in her own circle. Her charities were many. She was particularly partial to organizations of public servants and all the other bodies contributing to the civil progress of the city. Because of these her loss will be keenly felt by the community, but her death is distressing to her friends, who will miss her vibrant personality.

Another newspaper writer commented:

"The deeds that men do live after them." Such an epitaph is most befitting for the memory of the late Grace Emery, whose sudden demise was a shock to the most humble and the most high of this city. Although removed from this earth, Miss Emery's deeds will live after her. The greatest tribute that can be paid a deceased one is the sweet memories that they leave in the minds of those who mourn them. As a true American, there was no better example than Miss Emery; as a Bradfordian, there was none finer; as a philanthropic leader, there was none more liberal.

Although her presence will be greatly missed by friends and employees, Miss Emery's kind deeds will outlive any monument that could be erected to her memory. The city has lost a great friend and a good samaritan.

F. WAYNE FESENMYER—Mr. Fesenmyer was born at Bradford on May 17, 1908, son of Frederick and Mary Delia (Keyes) Fesenmyer. His father, a retired oil producer, makes his home in Bradford. His mother died on June 21, 1931.

F. Wayne Fesenmyer was educated in the public schools of Bradford, where he completed the high school course, and at Washington and Lee University. As a young man he spent five years in the oil business with his father and grandfather as a lease worker, but in 1931 he left this connection to become associated with Bennett J. Berwald at Bradford. This step marked his introduction to the insurance business, in which he has since been active. At a subsequent period he spent some time in the home office of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York and upon his return formed a partnership with Mr. Berwald under the firm name of Berwald & Fesenmyer. This firm served as district managers of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York and the Aetna Life Insurance Company. On November 1, 1941, his insurance partnership with B. J. Berwald was sold and discontinued, and since that date he has been unofficially connected with the Emery interests, holding one official position as president of the Emery Hotel Corporation.

In addition to his business connections, Mr. Fesenmyer is active in other phases of Bradford life. He is a director of the Bradford Club, a member of the Valley Hunt Club and Pennhills Country Club and a charter member of the Cod Club. Riding is one of his principal hobbies, along with golf and fishing, and for several years he has been chairman of the annual horse show at the Valley Hunt

Club. Mr. Fesenmyer is also a member of the Circus Saints and Sinners and the Alpha Chi Rho fraternity. In politics he is a Republican.

On April 6, 1933, he married Elizabeth Emery Kennedy, of Bradford, daughter of the late Delevan Emery. Mr. and Mrs. Fesenmyer have three children: Delevan Kennedy, born in March, 1934; Natalie, born in August, 1937; and Frederick Wayne, Jr., born December 4, 1940.

JAMES E. HENRETTA—As president of the Holgate Brothers Company, of Kane, James E. Henretta has for years been active in the direction of this toy and wood products manufacturing house, as well as in other business projects and in the civic and social life of his community. He has done considerable work in education, banking and writing.

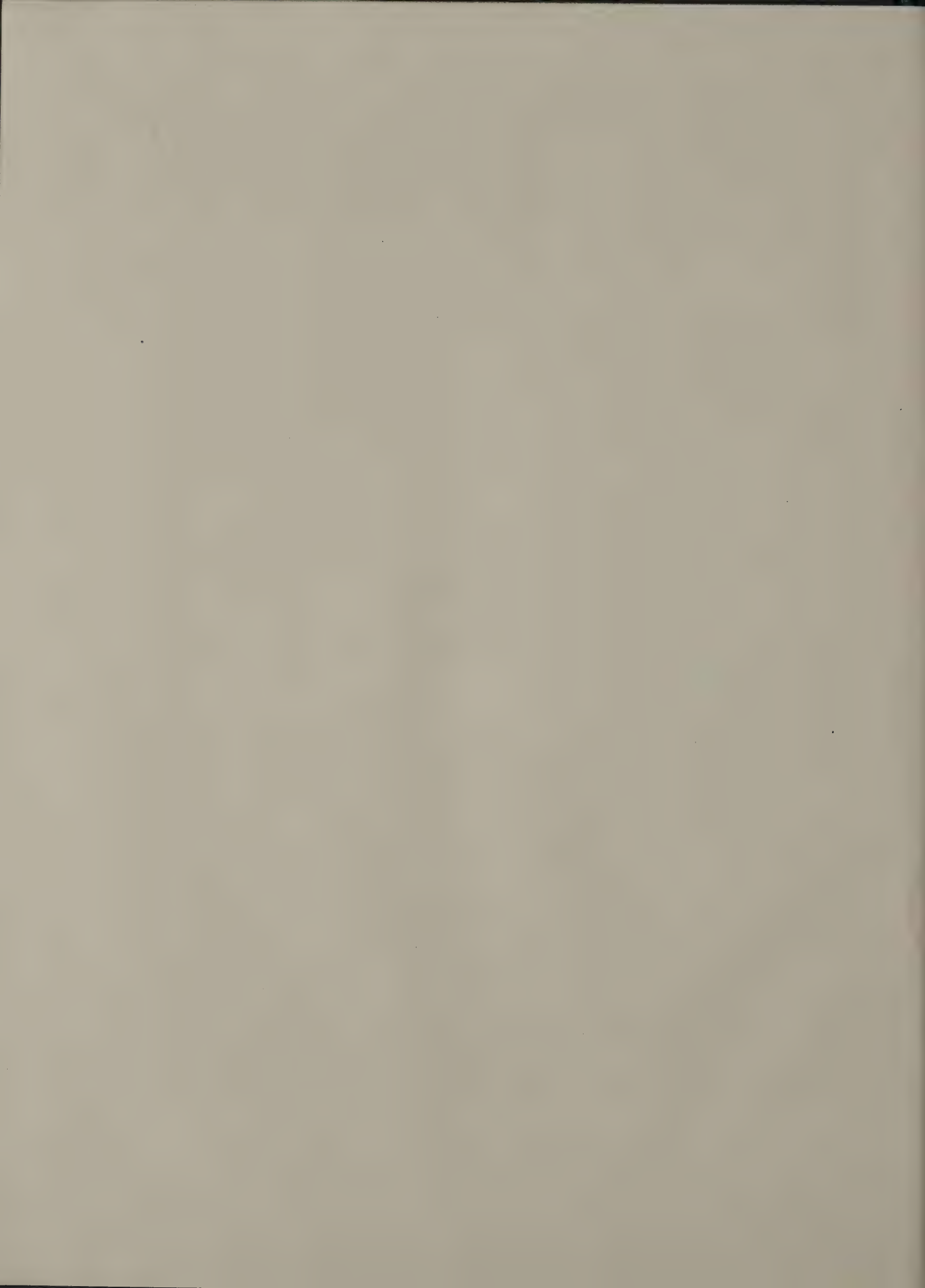
Mr. Henretta was born October 5, 1874, at Conneautville, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, son of James E. Henretta. He attended public schools, and, after he finished his work at Conneautville, he was graduated from Harmonsburg High School in 1890 and from Allegheny College, in Meadville, in 1897, as a Bachelor of Arts. He then had postgraduate studies at Cornell University, in Ithaca, New York. He started his career as a school teacher, and in the year 1897-98 served as assistant principal of Waterford Academy. He then became principal of Kane High School, and was made supervising principal of all the public schools of Kane, continuing in that position from the autumn of 1898 to 1902.

As an educator, he performed services of outstanding value to his fellow-citizens, but after a time he decided that greater opportunities opened out to him in the business world. Accordingly he resigned his school administrative post in order to become vice-president of the Holgate Brothers Company. For years he served in that post, then was elected president of the organization. The Holgate company makes toys, brush handles and a number of wood products, employing annually about five hundred men and shipping its products to all parts of the United States. In addition to this business, Mr. Henretta is vice-president and a director of the Kane Bank & Trust Company, president of the Kane Building & Loan Association, and a past president of the American Brush Handle Manufacturers' Association.

In furthering the good of Kane, Mr. Henretta has performed many concrete services. He has never relinquished his interest in education, though his own work has taken him along very different lines in recent years. From 1912 to 1932 he was a member of the Kane School Board, of which he was president for a part of that period. Finally he resigned from the board in 1932. He served as a trustee of the State Teachers' College at Clarion for four years, to which post he was appointed by Governor Gifford Pin-



F. Wayne Fessenden



shot. Mr. Henretta is today a member of the Pennsylvania State Archaeological Society. He belongs to the Kane Country Club, the Kane Rotary Club (of which he is a past president) and the Kane Chamber of Commerce (of which he is a director). In the Free and Accepted Masons he is affiliated with lodge, Royal Arch Chapter and Knights Templar Commandery. To his other talents Mr. Henretta added those of authorship and research when, in 1929, he wrote a history of Kane and the Upper Allegheny. This authentic and valuable contribution to Pennsylvania history supplements his investigations into Indian lore and the early history of this Commonwealth. Mr. Henretta is a member of the Congregational Church, of Kane.

At Corning, New York, August 21, 1901, James E. Henretta married Antoinette F. Wayne, a native of Massachusetts. They became the parents of four children: 1. James E., born August 25, 1902. 2. William T., born July 23, 1908. 3. Thomas E., born December 30, 1909. 4. Francis M., born September 20, 1916.

GROVE H. STEPHENSON—As secretary-treasurer of the National Forge & Ordnance Company, of Irvine, Grove H. Stephenson has earned the admiration and confidence of his fellow-citizens here and in the industrial circles in which he is known.

Mr. Stephenson was born June 13, 1885, in Ontario County, New York, son of I. Lynn and Carrie (McCrosen) Stephenson. His grandfather, Isaac Stephenson, born in Scotland, came to New York State at an early period and died in Ontario County, New York, where he was engaged in farming. The maternal grandparents, Henry and Caroline McCrosen, were probably both of New York State nativity and Irish ancestry. Both were also farmers, and died in Ontario County, New York. I. Lynn Stephenson, Grove H. Stephenson's father, was born in New York State, and died in 1890 on his Ontario County farm in that State after a career in agriculture. He was a Republican in politics and a member of the Methodist Church.

Grove H. Stephenson studied in public schools in Ontario County, New York, and taught in the Ontario and Livingston County schools in that State for three years. He then turned to business pursuits, associating himself with George E. Knapp, of Hemlock, New York, retail grocer, and serving as clerk in the grocery establishment and at the same time as Hemlock's assistant postmaster, and holding both offices for three years. From Hemlock he went to Naples, New York, as auditor and accountant with the Naples Produce Company, so continuing for five years. Afterward he settled in Kane, Pennsylvania, where he became auditor for the Kane & Elk Railroad and at the same time acted as accountant for several associated

manufacturing companies, so continuing for five years. Afterward he was secretary and treasurer of the Pennsylvania Silverware Company, in Kane, for five years.

In March, 1926, he came to Irvine as secretary-treasurer of the National Forge & Ordnance Company, thus taking a position that he still occupies. He is also a director of the National Forge & Ordnance Company and of the Youngsville National Bank. He has extensive affiliations of a civic, social and religious nature, being connected with the Youngsville Rotary Club and the Methodist Church of Youngsville and casting his political support in favor of the Republican party. His vote goes always to the candidates and measures that he deems best, however, rather than blindly in favor of this or that partisan organization.

Grove H. Stephenson married (first), in February, 1912, Edna Bentley, a native of Jamestown, New York, who died in 1914 in that city, daughter of Mrs. Alice Dossinger Bentley, of Celoron, New York. Mr. Stephenson married (second), in August, 1917, Mae Smith, a native of McKean County, Pennsylvania, born not far from Kane, daughter of U. G. and Elizabeth (Teuscher) Smith. Her father, born in Clarion County, now living retired in Kane, was formerly associated with the Kane & Elk Railroad. Mrs. Stephenson herself was graduated from Kane High School, and early became a member of the Order of Eastern Star in Youngsville and of the Kane Congregational Church. Mr. Stephenson has a daughter of his first marriage and a daughter and a son of the second marriage: 1. Betty Stephenson, of Los Angeles, now Mrs. Betty (Stephenson) Hodges, mother of Richard Hodges. 2. Edith Stephenson, graduated from Warren High School and the Warren Conservatory of Music, associated with the National Forge & Ordnance Company; became the wife of Allen Jones, of Irvine. 3. John W. Stephenson, a graduate of Youngsville High School and now a freshman at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York.

ROBERT SACKETT BATES—As an officer of the Tribune Publishing Company, of Meadville, Robert Sackett Bates is not only secretary-treasurer and a director of this company, but is also editor of both the "Meadville Tribune Republican" and "The Evening Republican." He has extensive business, civic and social interests in this region of Pennsylvania, where he is widely known and respected.

Mr. Bates was born July 19, 1910, son of Walter Irving and Marion (Sackett) Bates and a grandson of Samuel P. and Sarah Josephine (Bates) Bates. His grandfather was State historian of Pennsylvania, becoming author of a number of histories after the Civil War, the best known of which was "Martial Deeds of Penn-

sylvania." He was an educator by profession, superintendent of the Crawford County schools for six years, and deputy superintendent of public instruction. He was graduated from Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, and granted the Doctor of Laws degree by Bucknell University in 1866. He lived from January 27, 1827, when he was born at Mendon, Massachusetts, until he died in Meadville on July 15, 1902. His wife was born also at Mendon, and they both came to Meadville about 1850.

Their son, Walter Irving Bates, Robert S. Bates' father, was born June 15, 1873, in Meadville, and died here May 6, 1934. He was owner of the Tribune Publishing Company here, conducting the enterprise for thirty-four years until his death. He bought the paper in 1899 after graduation from Allegheny College. Though he never practiced law, he was a member of the Crawford County Bar Association. He held the major's rank in the Pennsylvania National Guard, which he organized locally, and for fifteen years he was a member of the Meadville School Board. For a similar length of time he was a director of the McCrosky Tool Corporation. A Republican, he was a delegate to his party's national convention in 1928. He was a member of the First Baptist Church. His wife, Mrs. Marion (Sackett) Bates, Robert S. Bates' mother, was born March 25, 1879, in Meadville, where she now lives.

Robert Sackett Bates attended Meadville schools, was graduated from high school here in 1927, and in 1931 took the degree of Bachelor of Science from Allegheny College. In the fall of that year he returned from a brief pleasure trip to Europe, and began his newspaper career in association with his father in the Tribune Publishing Company, of Meadville. Starting as a reporter, he learned the different aspects of the business, and in 1934 was made editor of the "Tribune Republican" and the "Evening Republican," succeeding his father in that capacity. A little later he became secretary-treasurer and a director of the publishing company, continuing this official position along with his editorship. Mr. Bates is also a director of the Merchants' National Bank & Trust Company, of Meadville; president of the Crawford County Historical Society; and secretary of the Meadville Library, Art and Historical Association.

In 1938 Mr. Bates was general chairman of the Meadville Sesquicentennial Celebration Commission. He has also served effectively as a member of the executive committee of the Pennsylvania Federation of Historical Societies. He is secretary of the board of directors of the Meadville Young Men's Christian Association; vice-president of the Meadville Civic Music Association; and secretary of the Pennsylvania College of Music. He is a member of the Associated Press, the Pennsylvania Newspaper Publishers' Association, and the Phi Kappa Psi

fraternity. He is treasurer of the Meadville Infantile Paralysis Commission and one of the incorporators of Meadville Cemetery, as well as a member of the Meadville Literary Union, the Lions Club, the Iroquois Boat and Fishing Club, the Meadville Country Club, Meadville Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution and the Meadville Round Table Club (in which he is also an executive committeeman). He is a Republican in politics, a trustee of the First Baptist Church, a member of the Chamber of Commerce and a past director of the chamber, as well as a State Republican committeeman. In spare time Mr. Bates enjoys fishing.

Robert Sackett Bates married, November 25, 1933, Margaret Herr, a native of Ben Avon, Pennsylvania, daughter of Walter G. and Alma (Brown) Herr, of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Bates became the parents of three children: 1. Susan H. Bates, born September 8, 1935. 2. Robert Sackett Bates, Jr., born July 23, 1938. 3. Rebecca Thayer Bates, born December 9, 1940.

LOUIS J. WIESEN—Engaged in the practice of law in Sharon since 1919, Louis John Wiesen has continued his professional work down to the present time, while adding other responsibilities and activities from time to time as his talents win recognition and he is requested to assume different positions of responsibility. He is interested in business, industrial, and financial affairs in Sharon and western Pennsylvania, and has done much personal and institutional work, both in his profession and in other related fields.

Mr. Wiesen was born July 1, 1893, in Sharon, Pennsylvania, son of John L. and Mary (Day) Wiesen, of this place. His grandparents, Louis Day and Margaret Day, settled here in business after coming to this country from Germany. The grandparents on the Wiesen side, Peter and Elizabeth Wiesen, also came from Germany. His father was a farmer and coal mine operator, and his forebears were distinguished citizens in their native land.

Hickory Township public schools provided Mr. Wiesen's early formal education, and subsequently he became a student at George Washington University, in Washington, District of Columbia, and the University of Chicago. He studied law at the University of Pittsburgh, and has pursued studies in military aeronautics at Georgia Institute of Technology, and in finance at Northwestern University. Though he qualified for professional work and passed the Pennsylvania Board of Law Examinations in 1917, the entry of the United States into the World War in that year interrupted his career, and for the next two years he was engaged in active military service in America and overseas, as an infantry lieutenant in the 105th Infantry of the American Expeditionary Forces. Returning to Sharon after the war, he was formally admitted to the bar of the Federal courts and of the



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Supreme and Superior courts of Pennsylvania, and in that same year began the private practice of law in that community. Shortly thereafter he served as assistant district attorney for several years, and has since been engaged in legal matters of far-reaching importance in the State and Federal courts in Pennsylvania, Ohio, New York, and Illinois. He serves professionally some of the leading business, industrial, and financial institutions, among them the McDowell National Bank, the Buhl Foundation, the McDowell Securities Company, the Mercer Tube & Manufacturing Company, the Sharon Coal & Ice Company, the Grafo Colloids Corporation, the Anchor Drug Stores, the F. H. Buhl Estate, the Sawhill Manufacturing Company, the American Economic & Business Foundation, and the Buhl-Kimberly Corporation.

He has been appointed to official positions in some of these organizations, being a past president of the Sharon Coal & Ice Company, and a director and member of the Trust Committee of the McDowell National Bank, and secretary and director of the Mercer Tube & Manufacturing Company. He is also vice-chairman of the Buhl Foundation, director of the McDowell Securities Company, and vice-president of the Sawhill Manufacturing Company and a member of its board of directors. In 1932 Mr. Wiesen became a director of the First Federal Savings & Loan Association of Sharon, and later in the same year he was made the association's vice-president. In 1934 he became its president. He continues to head this large institution.

Among his other activities he is vice-president of the American Economic and Business Foundation, and a lecturer on Trusts and Trust Administration in the Sharon Chapter of the American Institute of Banking, and is a member of the Economic Policy Committee of the American Savings and Loan Institute. He has done a great deal of comprehensive work in the legal profession, and especially distinguished himself by two years of research in drafting the court rules for the courts of Mercer County, and by singular success in important trial and Appellate Court cases in State and Federal courts. He is a member and past president of the Mercer County Bar Association, a member and past vice-president of the Pennsylvania State Bar Association, a member of the American Bar Association and of the American Judicature Society. At present he serves as chairman of the committee on education and admission to the Bar of the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

Devoting considerable time to purely social welfare and charitable affiliations, Mr. Wiesen is a past president of the F. H. Buhl Club, a boys' welfare organization, past president of the Sharon Country Club, and a director and past vice-president of the Sharon Chamber of Commerce. He also has served as a national executive officer of the Delta Theta Phi law fraternity, and has been active and highly successful as chairman of drives for the USO,

Salvation Army, Community Chest, and other charitable enterprises in this area.

Other groups with which he has been connected include the Kiwanis Club, and he was the first Commander of the Sharon Post of the American Legion. In leisure time he enjoys the out-of-doors, playing golf, enjoys horse-back riding, and has traveled extensively. During his early years he was active in athletics and was the winner of the Buhl Club Marathon race.

Louis J. Wiesen married, August 16, 1918, in Washington, District of Columbia, Virginia Boal Perkinson, of the capital city, a graduate of Wilson Teachers' College, daughter of William V. and Effie (Johnson) Perkinson, both Virginians. Mrs. Wiesen has served as president of the Buhl Hospital auxiliary, president of the Child's Conservation League, Deputy Counsellor of the Girl Scouts of America, director of the Shenango Valley Educational Forum, Counsellor for the Tri-Hi-Y Clubs, and is an active social service worker. Mr. and Mrs. Wiesen are the parents of a son, John William Wiesen, who was born January 14, 1922. He studied in Sharon public schools, the Kentucky Military Institute of Kentucky and Florida, at the Lawrenceville School of New Jersey, and is now a student at Princeton University.

JUDGE HARRY MacWILLIAMS RIMER—As president judge of Clarion County, Harry MacWilliams Rimer continues the distinguished career which he has pursued both in his profession and in the sphere of public service. A member of one of Clarion County's old families, he has long been a leading lawyer of the county and an influential figure in its life.

Judge Rimer was born at the old homestead of his family in the southern part of Clarion County, son of David A. and Mary Greer (Patton) Rimer and a grandson of Jacob Rimer, a German by birth, who was brought to America by his parents in early boyhood and settled with them in Northampton County, Pennsylvania. Learning the tailor's trade, Jacob Rimer moved in 1815 to Clarion County, where he farmed and in time became the owner of the property which is now the old Rimer homestead. He married Katherine Hilliard and they became the parents of six children, the eldest of whom, John, was a prominent man, founder of the town of Rimersburg, Clarion County, and of Rimerton, in Armstrong County.

David A. Rimer, another son of this marriage, was the father of Judge Rimer. Born in 1815 in Northampton County, Pennsylvania, he accompanied his parents to Clarion County in childhood and during his active career was a farmer here, becoming a large landowner in Toby and Madison townships. He was a major in the Pennsylvania Militia during earlier years, a member of the Presbyterian Church and was always a Democrat in

politics. After the death of his first wife, Susannah Newell, of Churchville, who left no issue, he married Mary Greer Patton, who was born in Clarion County in 1833, daughter of James and Mary (McWilliams) Patton and a descendant of Scotch-Irish stock. Her father was a son of Captain James Patton, Revolutionary soldier. David A. Rimer died on February 1, 1895, and his wife some ten years later, in November, 1905. They were the parents of the following children: John T., who became a leading physician of Clarion; Alva J., who took over the old homestead in Toby Township; James Patton, a farmer in the same township; Mary Elizabeth, who married the Rev. Andrew Fleming, an Episcopal minister in Brooklyn, New York; Margaret A., who married Frederick Grubele, of Rimersburg; Harry M., of this record; David E., who early joined the Standard Oil Company organization at Harrisburg; and Edward S., who became a physician in New York City.

Judge Harry M. Rimer received his preliminary education in the public schools near his boyhood home, studied at Clarion Collegiate Institute at Rimersburg, and was a student at Franklin and Marshall College in 1889-90, and at Washington and Jefferson College in 1890-91. At the end of that time he began the study of law privately, according to the usual custom of the day, entering the office of Judge William A. Hindman, under whom he read for the bar. On September 17, 1895, he was admitted to practice in Clarion County and subsequently was admitted to the bar of the Supreme and Superior courts of Pennsylvania, the United States District Court and the United States Circuit Court of Appeals. Judge Rimer began the general practice of law in 1895 and for several years remained in the office of Judge Hindman. In 1904, with F. J. Maffett, he organized the law firm of Maffett and Rimer, which became one of the county's leading law firms, having a large and important practice throughout northwest Pennsylvania. Judge Rimer early established his professional reputation, which was based not only on his successful record, but on his manifest legal scholarship, his grasp of large corporation and financial affairs, his mastery as a trial lawyer, his balanced judgment as a counselor. He has represented the major financial institutions of the county, the majority of the county's municipalities, large mining and industrial concerns of northwest Pennsylvania, particularly those operated for oil and gas throughout this region and some of the most important lumber companies in the eastern United States. For a number of these he formerly served as general counsel. Although never strictly limiting his practice, he specialized in coal and lumber titles and has long been recognized as an authority in this field. Since he ascended the bench as president judge of Clarion County, he has met his duties as a member of the Pennsylvania judiciary with equal

zeal and distinction, manifesting in his learning and temperament the clearest qualifications for his post.

Judge Rimer came to the bench after long public service in other fields. He has been especially interested in the cause of education and served not only as president of the Clarion School Board from 1908 to 1924, but also as a trustee of Clarion State Teachers College from 1906 to 1935 and as chairman of the board of trustees since 1939. During the First World War he was legal adviser to the local draft board under the Selective Service Act and in the present defense emergency again functions in the same capacity. In the Clarion community there are few civic causes or institutions which have not benefited from his active leadership or effective support. Judge Rimer is a staunch Republican in politics and has long been influential in his party, serving as chairman of the local Republican committee. He retains several of the business connections which he has formed from time to time throughout his career and is now a director of the Sligo National Bank. He is affiliated with the Delta Tau Delta fraternity and with the Free and Accepted Masons, being a member of the Blue Lodge at Clarion, Clarion County Chapter, and No. 1 Commandery at Pittsburgh. Judge Rimer is a member of the American Bar Association, the American Judicature Society and the Pennsylvania State Bar Association, of which he is a member of the executive committee.

He married Bertha Caldwell Collner, daughter of Harrison Collner, of St. Petersburg, Pennsylvania, member of a prominent Clarion County family. Judge and Mrs. Rimer have three children: Mary Elizabeth, who married W. Wallace Smith, now president judge of Clearfield County; Harrison C., a pharmacist at Clarion; and Edward Maffett Rimer, who is engaged in the insurance business at Clarion. Another daughter, Lois, died in infancy.

JOHN LELAND MORRISON—One of western Pennsylvania's leading newspaper men, John Leland Morrison is editor and owner of the "Greenville Record-Argus." The "Record-Argus" is an old paper, dating back to the establishment of the "Weekly Express," just before the mid-point of the last century.

Mr. Morrison was born at Sheakleyville, Pennsylvania, son of Levi Morrison (who later owned the "Advance Argus" and eventually was a founder of the "Evening Record," the two publications which were merged into the "Record-Argus") and Caroline (Philips) Morrison.

John L. Morrison attended public schools at Sheakleyville and Sheakleyville Academy, and, while his family were living in New York City, was a student at Paine's Uptown Business College, Broadway and Thirty-fourth Street, that city. Later he studied at Grove City College, in Grove City, and was graduated there. Turning to

newspaper work, he was made co-editor with his father of the weekly "Greenville Advance Argus." Indeed, so closely has the career of John L. Morrison been linked with the development of Greenville journalism that no record of his life could be in any degree complete except against the background of this history. The "Weekly Express," founded in 1848 by J. W. Mason, became in 1852 the "Independent Press," espousing anti-slavery, with the Rev. William Orvis as editor. Later in the same year it passed into the hands of William Laird. In 1853 the publisher was James C. Brown, and in 1854 it was published by Mr. Brown and Jacob Weir. In the latter part of 1854 it was acquired by William S. Finch and J. L. Weir, with James C. Brown as editor. In 1856 it became the "West Greenville Times," with John S. Farman as publisher. In the same year Mr. Farman was joined by A. M. Campbell as co-publisher. The publishers were H. A. Bowman and Mr. Campbell in 1857. Allen Turner bought the paper in 1859, and made Mrs. Orpha Hammond his editor. She was succeeded later by W. F. Chalfant. In 1861 the paper was again acquired by Mr. Brown.

It was in 1862 that the name "Rural Argus" was adopted, with W. F. Chalfant as editor and publisher, and he was succeeded by F. A. Braggins. Five years later W. H. H. DuMars became associated with Mr. Braggins, who was again editor and publisher, however, in the following year. Jacob Miller, a teacher, conducted the paper for a part of 1869, then W. F. Chalfant resumed control. Harry Watson acquired it in 1871 and changed the name to the "Shenango Valley Argus." He sold it in 1875 to George Morgan, who in turn disposed of it to Mr. Brown. In that year the paper was consolidated with the "Advance," which was founded in 1871 by W. F. Harpst, Amos Yeakel and W. H. H. DuMars. The name of the paper resulting from the consolidation was the "Advance Argus." In 1878 it was purchased by Leech and Beachler, and J. C. Brown became editor. In 1880 Mr. Brown bought out Mr. Leech's interest, and the paper was published for five years by Brown & Beachler. This firm became Brown & Hippee, with the purchase of Mr. Beachler's holdings in 1885 by the Rev. L. Hippee. In 1890 Levi Morrison bought Mr. Hippee's interest, becoming the paper's sole owner in 1896.

Under the elder Mr. Morrison, the "Advance Argus" started its daily edition known as the "Evening Record" in 1897. For many years the two Morrisons, father and son, continued their work together. And, at the death of the father, in December, 1917, John L. Morrison became sole owner of the two papers. The "Advance Argus" and the "Evening Record" were consolidated in 1924 to form the present "Record-Argus." The merger also included the "Jamestown Argus-World" and the "Stoneboro Citizen," owned by the Advance Argus Company. The

"Shenango Valley News" had been merged some years earlier with the "Advance Argus." The "Greenville Record-Argus" has taken an increasingly important rôle in the life of Greenville and this region of Pennsylvania, and Mr. Morrison, as its owner and editor, has figured with increasing prominence in the affairs of newspaperdom and in public life in this district.

To his work as newspaper owner and editor, John L. Morrison has added other activities in connection with his profession. In 1918 he was on the editorial staff of the "Philadelphia Evening Bulletin." He also did some writing for "Scribner's Magazine" and for the newspaper feature syndicate run by the "Philadelphia Ledger." He is a member of the Associated Press and the American Society of Newspaper Editors, and is an executive committeeman of the Associated Press Managing Editors' Association. In the three years between 1915 and 1918 he was also secretary of the Philadelphia investment banking house of John L. Morrison & Company, Inc. Still earlier, in 1913 and 1914, he was engaged in financial work in New York and was secretary and fiscal agent of a Central American trust company. He served through two State administrations as a member of the Workmen's Compensation Board of Pennsylvania. He is also a member of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the Revolution (Philadelphia), the Order of Runnemede, the Fossils (New York); and the Philobiblion Club (Philadelphia).

John Leland Morrison married Daisy Thorne, daughter of the late Thomas and Helen (Mandeville) Thorne.

GIDEON SUNDBACK, Sc. D.—In February, 1940 Gideon Sundback, of Meadville, Pennsylvania, was awarded by the National Association of Manufacturers, the distinction of "A Modern Pioneer on the Frontier of American Industry," "in recognition of his distinguished achievement in the field of science and invention which has advanced the American standard of living." The honor grew out of his inventions of varieties of "hookless" fasteners, first for the holding together of garments but which now seem to have a thousand uses and are known all over the world.

Gideon Sundback, engineer and inventor, was born in Ödestugu parish, Province of Jönköping, Sweden, April 24, 1880, son of Jonas Otto and Kristina Karolina (Klasson) Sundbäck. He was educated in Sweden and Germany, receiving an electrical engineer's diploma from the Polytechnical institution at Bingen am Rhein in 1903. After serving his time as a conscript in the Swedish Army he came to America in 1905 and entered the employ of the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company, at East Pittsburgh. A career in electricity was not the future of Mr. Sundback. In 1906 he went as a development engineer with the Automatic Hook & Eye

Company, of Hoboken, New Jersey. Like many other concerns in the United States, the Hoboken company was trying to make something out of an idea originated by W. L. Judson, in 1893, that of a slide fastener that would take the place of the old hook and eye and similar devices. The Automatic Hook & Eye Company, at the time it secured the services of Mr. Sundback was trying to improve its "C-curity Fastener" which was a succession of hooks and eyes clamped upon tape stringers. It was not commercially successful and he spent the following two years trying to overcome this in perfecting a product named "Plako," which also was only mildly commercially profitable. The ultimate result was that those interested in the company withdrew active support and financial aid, and Mr. Sundback in 1918 was left with an almost defunct concern on his hands. To save what he could and further continue his experiments, he sold his foreign rights in Plako to a French company and turned part of his shop into a general machinist business and repair shop and devoted part of his time to helping other inventors with their models and development problems.

In 1913 he invented the "hookless" fastener, built up of nested cup-shaped members, which are automatically and progressively "stacked" and "unstacked" by a slider that runs over the top of them. This device is a radical departure in principle from earlier slide fasteners, which were merely mechanical arrangements for automatically hooking and unhooking a string of hooks and eyes. "Hookless," which was the name first given to Mr. Sundback's invention has since been changed to Talon. Although the present product of Talon, Inc., possesses some refinements of detail, it is in its essentials identical with the invention of 1913. Having perfected the device, Mr. Sundback immediately perfected also automatic precision machinery essential to its accurate manufacture. In the course of development Mr. Sundback was awarded a number of patents, some of them as follows: On a fastener, No. 1,219,881, March 20, 1917, and No. 1,243,458, October 16, 1917; on a slider No. 1,302,606, May 6, 1919; and on a machine for fastener stringers No. 1,331,884, February 24, 1920, and No. 1,434,857 on November 7, 1922. He also holds patents on his invention in Canada, Mexico, Argentina, England, France, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Spain, Australia and Scandinavian and other countries.

The fame of the Talon fastener has somewhat overshadowed the fact that its home is in Meadville, Pennsylvania, where the Hookless Fastener Company was formed to manufacture the device. This was in 1913 and replaced the old Automatic Hook & Eye Company. The Meadville plant was, in fact, the only plant manufacturing a slide fastener in the United States until 1924, although there are now many makers of the slide fasteners all over the globe. Since 1925, when Mr. Sundback completed his withdrawal from active management of operations and

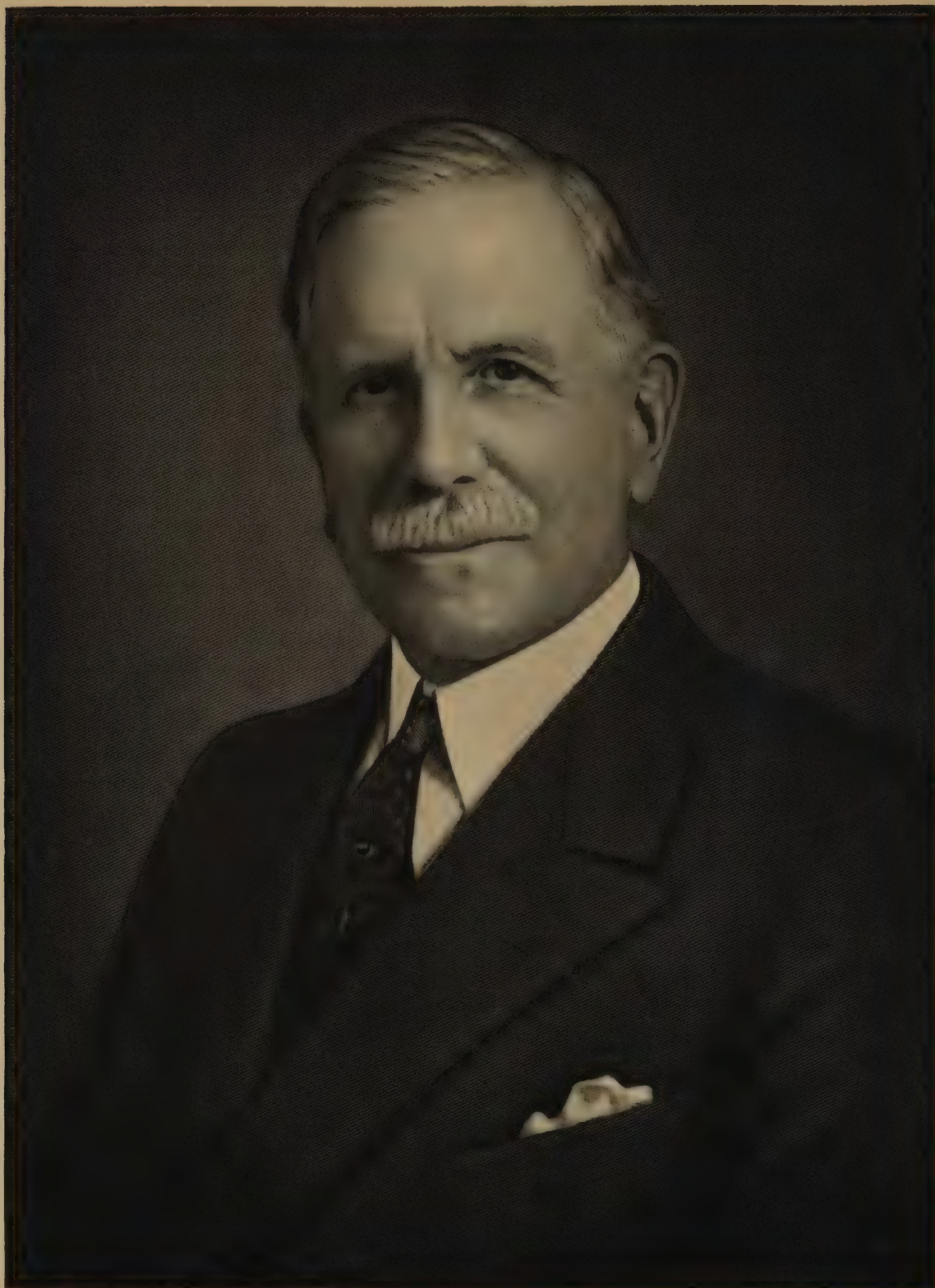
development, he has been consulting engineer to the Hookless Fastener Company (now Talon, Inc.), president and consulting engineer of the Lightning Fastener Company, Ltd., of St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada; with the latter named corporation still carrying on further developments in the field of fasteners. In recent years he ended all connection with Talon, Inc., but is a director and consulting engineer of Lightning Fasteners, Ltd., of Birmingham, England.

Gideon Sundback is an honorary Doctor of Science of Allegheny College, under an award of 1937, for his development of the slide fastener. Aside from business he is a member of the Meadville Chamber of Commerce, the American Fisheries Society, the Ericsson Society, the Iroquois Club and the Country Club of Meadville. He is a director of Meadville City Hospital. Although reared in the Lutheran faith he attends the Stone Methodist Church of the city. The outstanding hobby, or diversion, of Mr. Sundback is reforestation. He has planted a half million spruce, pine and fir trees on the less productive part of some fifteen hundred acres of land in Sparta Township, Crawford County. His very keen interest in trees probably harks back to the traditions of his ancestors and conditions where the forests were and remain, one of the two chief natural resources of the country. He is a popular member of the American Forestry Association, and something of an authority on reforestation methods and means. Incidentally he enjoys horseback riding.

Gideon Sundback married (first), at Jersey City, New Jersey, on June 5, 1909, Naomi Elvira Aronson, daughter of Peter A. Aronson, a mechanical engineer of Hoboken, New Jersey. Mrs. Sundback died in 1911, leaving a daughter, Ruth Margit, who married John Conrad Klingener and has two children: David John and James Fredrick. Mr. Sundback married (second), April 11, 1916, at Meadville, Pennsylvania, Marguerite Frances Titus, daughter of the late John Clemens Titus of this city, who was engaged in farming. Mr. and Mrs. Sundback are the parents of three sons: Paul Philip, who graduated from Middlesex School in 1941 and entered the Massachusetts Institute of Technology at Cambridge in September of the same year; Richard Robert, and Eric Henry, now attending Middlesex School, at Concord, Massachusetts.

JOSEPH DAVID SHATTO—Sharon journalism has borne upon it in recent years, and increasingly so, the impress of Joseph David Shatto's personality. As managing editor of the "Sharon Herald," he continues a work of many years' standing, not alone on this paper, but on the "Telegraph," the "News-Telegraph" and the earlier "Herald," all merged since 1935 in the present "Sharon Herald."





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Mr. Shatto was born April 19, 1896, in Brookfield, Ohio, son of Ashton Walker and Mary (Shaw) Shatto. His father, a coal operator, dairyman and farmer, served in the United States Cavalry from 1879 to 1894 and through that period saw active service in several difficulties with the Indians in the West.

Elementary schools of Hartford, Ohio, provided Joseph David Shatto's earliest formal education. He was graduated from Hartford High School in 1915 and later studied law at Youngstown College, Youngstown, Ohio. The entry of the United States into the World War, in 1917, temporarily altered his career. Serving as a corporal in the 370th Motor Transport Corps, which was on detached service with the French Army, he was in France from January 12, 1918, to June 19, 1919, and while there participated in a number of battles and engagements, including the Somme defensive, the Aisne defensive, the Montdidier-Noyon defensive, the Champagne-Marne defensive, and the Aisne-Marne, Somme, Oise-Aisne and Meuse-Argonne offensives. When he returned from the war, Mr. Shatto began in earnest his newspaper work, becoming a reporter on the "Sharon Telegraph" in 1920 and so continuing through 1921. In 1922 he became sports editor, and from 1923 to 1925 was city editor of the "Sharon News-Telegraph," as the paper came to be known by that time.

Associating himself with the "Herald" in 1925, he was a reporter on this paper until 1933, then served for two years as city editor. It was in May, 1935, that the "Herald" and the "News-Telegraph" were consolidated to form the present "Sharon Herald," of which Mr. Shatto has been managing editor since 1935. The "Herald" is one of the best known newspapers in this part of Pennsylvania, and has provided the first training ground for newspaper men who have subsequently become leaders in Sharon civic life or gone to distant metropolitan journalistic fields.

A Republican in politics, Mr. Shatto has several times been a member of the publicity committee of the Mercer County Republican committee. He is a member of the Sharon Optimist Club; Sharon Post, No. 299, American Legion; Sharon Lodge, No. 103, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church, of Sharon.

Joseph David Shatto married, March 1, 1924, in Sharon, Pennsylvania, Marion Ann McCarthy, daughter of Timothy James and Anna Theresa (Clark) McCarthy. Mr. and Mrs. Shatto became the parents of three children: 1. Marion Anne Shatto, born February 16, 1925. 2. Mary Joanne Shatto, born November 8, 1928. 3. Barbara Shatto, born May 5, 1932.

COLONEL LEWIS WALKER—As founder and president of Talon, Inc., successor to several companies through which, for forty years, he devoted himself to the

development and exploitation of the hookless slide fastener, Colonel Lewis Walker at last won commercial success for an idea which had come to be the dominating factor in his life. With incredible persistence in the face of the greatest obstacles, both technological and financial, he saw, first, the mechanical reliability of the product and the means for its manufacture firmly established after years of experimentation and research; second, the building of an efficient organization; third, the wide acceptance of the slide fastener, which today has been adapted to innumerable varieties of merchandise. In all of this he was the moving spirit, building through his faith, his creative imagination and innate gift for leadership, a new industry and an organization which is by far the largest of its kind in the world.

Although he was descended from Pennsylvania pioneers and was long the first citizen of Meadville, Colonel Walker was born at Wellsville, Columbiana County, Ohio, where his father owned and operated a plant for the manufacture of clay products. Other business interests of the family centered in Pittsburgh and the upper Ohio Valley. The American progenitor of this Walker line, who also bore the name of Lewis Walker, came to Pennsylvania from Wales in 1687 and settled near Philadelphia. Welsh and Quaker backgrounds were thus mingled in forming the traditions of the family. The first Lewis Walker and his wife, Mary Morris, had a son, Abel, who married Susan Pugh, and they in turn had a son, Abel. This grandson of the American founder married Mary Beeson. In the next generation the line was continued by Lewis Walker and his wife, Rachel Updegraff, whose son, Nathan Updegraff Walker married Malvina Brown. Nathan Updegraff and Malvina (Brown) Walker were the parents of Colonel Lewis Walker.

Colonel Walker was born on June 4, 1855, and spent his boyhood in the Ohio community which was his birthplace. At the age of sixteen, he entered Beaver College, at Beaver, Pennsylvania, and in the following year transferred to Allegheny College in Meadville. From that time until his death almost sixty-six years later he was a citizen of Meadville, where his greatest interests and all his affections centered. In 1877 Colonel Walker was graduated from Allegheny College and shortly afterward began the study of law. In due course he was admitted to the bar and turned to active practice, but from the outset he manifested a greater interest in corporate organization than other purely professional matters. He began to appear infrequently at the bar, devoting virtually all his time to business promotion and management. By the time he was thirty-one he was associated in official capacities with sixteen different corporations. He had a considerable part in the development of the oil, natural gas and railroad industries in northwestern Pennsylvania, and in all these associations not only were his services highly valued by

his corporate employers, but through the personal contacts involved he made many lasting friendships. Meanwhile, the Meadville community found reason to appreciate the worth of his civic zeal and public spirit. He remained throughout his career the warmest friend of the city and its institutions, and, with the development of the flourishing industry created through the organization of Talon, Inc., he became, perhaps, Meadville's greatest benefactor.

It was in 1893 that Colonel Walker first happened on the device that changed the course of his life and Meadville's too. While on a visit to the Columbian Exposition in Chicago, the famous World's Fair of 1893, he saw exhibited there a crude forerunner of the present perfected slide fastener, the invention of Whitcomb L. Judson. Its value then was dubious, but somehow Colonel Walker was impressed by its possibilities.

It would be nearly twenty years [a previous biographer has written] before it would become a standardized product of real commercial worth—twenty years filled with experiment, with trial and error, with lavish expenditure of money and of effort, with discouragement and rebuff, with distress and heartache. But it had in it something that struck a spark in Colonel Walker—a spark that provided the union between the man and the idea.

Those who are interested in destiny's curious tricks may wonder at the chain of circumstance which, beginning almost accidentally in Chicago in the midst of one of the country's great depressions, would forty years later enable the faraway town of Meadville to prosper through an even greater depression. They may wonder also that it should have led a man of thirty-eight, already successful by ordinary standards, to turn gradually aside from his other interests until, at fifty-eight, when many men are thinking of easy-chair retirement, he embarked on the last and most productive phase of his career. . . .

Colonel Walker's initial investment for the promotion of the slide fastener was made at once. When further study confirmed him in his conviction that the device was commercially practicable, he poured more and more funds into the scheme, met greater and greater disappointments, but never lost faith in his ultimate success. At first, efforts were concentrated on experiments to improve the fastener. Some successes resulted, but the fundamental problem of manufacture—the effort to design and build machinery which would produce the fastener uniformly and at a commercially feasible price—remained unsolved for years. Attempts to market the new device were unrewarded. Changes of location, first to Elyria, Ohio; then to Catasauqua, Pennsylvania; then to Hoboken, New Jersey, proved unavailing. So did changes in corporate organization from the Universal Fastener Company to the Automatic Hook & Eye Company; changes in management, changes in engineering and operating personnel. "There was an almost continuous struggle to meet pay-rolls, to find money to buy machinery and materials. Early stockholders became discouraged and quit; new ones ap-

peared and in turn disappeared. In all this pattern of constant change, Colonel Walker appears as the fixed and lasting element. . . ."

By 1912 the outlook was so dark that only two employees remained with the company, but better things were at hand. One of the employees was Gideon Sundback, who had spent six years in the attempt to design a new fastener and new machinery to produce it. In 1912 he felt he had succeeded. Colonel Walker thought so too. With his own last resources and new investments by business acquaintances he gathered together enough capital to establish a new organization. He was always proud of the fact that he repeatedly stressed the speculative nature of the investment to buyers of stock in his companies. Although his own faith was undimmed, he never held out rosy promises impossible of fulfillment to others. As best he could he limited his stockholders' list to substantial business men who could afford a loss, who could afford to wait the years he knew would be necessary before they could hope to receive any return on their investment.

On May 15, 1913, the Hookless Fastener Company was incorporated and Colonel Walker was elected president. At this point he gave up all his other interests to devote himself exclusively to this favorite enterprise. Unwilling to leave Meadville because of his profound attachment to the community, he brought the new company here, although shrewd business judgment would have suggested a more central location geographically, one adjacent to probable markets, with greater transportation facilities and a larger labor supply. In September, 1913, three carloads of machinery were brought from Hoboken and installed in a small rented building on Race Street, Meadville. Some twenty persons comprised the working staff. A bad moment resulted when it was discovered that the new fastener, which was finally to make or break the company, was faulty. It proved to be only a moment, however, relatively speaking. The faults were overcome in another new type of fastener perfected by Gideon Sundback, who also designed the automatic precision machinery required to make it. Although there have been important improvements, fastener and machinery have remained the same in their fundamental principles since 1913.

For some twelve years, Colonel Walker and his two sons comprised the company's sales force. They were obliged to perform prodigies of salesmanship to obtain the meager orders which kept the company alive in early years. The first important upward trend was reached in 1917, when the fastener was adapted to sailors' money belts and sales of the company in that year totaled twenty-four thousand units. Aviators' suits, gloves, tobacco pouches and other commodities began to display the slide fastener. Yet in 1920, after seven years of operation, total sales amounted to only \$26,000, and there were just five machines in the Meadville plant and forty-two employees.

It was then twenty-seven years since Colonel Walker had made his first acquaintance with the fastener. Another thirteen years were to elapse before the company paid its first dividend. With increasing business and able management, profits, of course, were earned on an expanding scale, but these were turned back into the business to finance its development and enhance its security.

In September, 1921, a second factory was rented in Meadville and in 1922, a third. In 1924, Factory No. 4 was built, and for the first time the organization was installed in its own home. It was Colonel Walker's insistence which led to the decision to reinvest profits in the business. It was his influence which solved another weighty problem in the way he hoped to have it solved. After mature consideration of all factors of the expanding business, it was decided to remain in Meadville and carry through in this city the necessary expansion program. In 1926 the company purchased the site of the former Meadville Theological Seminary. Existing buildings were remodeled, new ones were erected, and in January, 1927, the new plant was occupied—the fifth in Meadville in less than fourteen years. In contrast to the twenty workers who originally started with the company in 1913, there were now five hundred.

In 1928, the name "Talon" was adopted for the product of the company. Nine years later, in 1937, the name of the company itself was changed to Talon, Inc. Meanwhile, the country had gone through its most severe depression, but there was no depression for the manufacturers of Talon. Sales and production figures forged ahead every year except one. Meadville shared in the prosperity of the company. There was no unemployment, no wage cuts. The city alone could not supply the workers needed by the company. Others came in from near and far and wage rates went up periodically. To meet the rapid growth of employment, Colonel Walker set up a scientific training school for new employees, which greatly facilitated their absorption into the organization, and at the same time enabled them to reach a high level of earning power in a few weeks. The earnings of his employees concerned him deeply, and the high-wage policy which he adopted at the outset was never abandoned, no matter what justification could have been found for doing so in fluctuating business conditions. To level off seasonal variations in orders, he made a careful study of his customers' requirements, forecast them as accurately as possible and in slack periods kept his employees at work building up inventories with which to take care of later increased demands. This he did in the interests of the security of his workers, and so successfully that in 1937 the average worker at Talon, Inc., had employment on more than ninety per cent. of the working days. That his workers appreciated his fair dealing and consideration goes without saying. There has never been

industrial strife at Talon, Inc., and any differences arising between employer and employee were promptly ironed out by Colonel Walker's frank approach, his willingness to understand another's viewpoint and his very considerable gifts as a harmonizer and negotiator.

To other phases of the business, Colonel Walker gave the same close personal attention that he did to problems of employment and labor relations. Intensive study went into the development of new markets for the Talon fastener, its adaptation to new types of merchandise. The laboratories and the engineering and experimental departments of the company were kept at a high peak of efficiency by Colonel Walker's "passion for constant improvement." Here new products were developed, new machines designed, production equipment standardized, experiments carried out to meet the needs of new and potential customers.

"No progress without change," the Colonel was fond of saying, and his company was wedded to this belief from the start.

Among the most attractive of his qualities [it was written of Colonel Walker] was a willingness to give credit to the many others who had contributed to the success of the company which he headed. He was the last to claim such credit for himself. He took satisfaction rather in the fact that he had been able to surround himself with able workers, and that he had opened the way for their accomplishments.

He was an executive in the truest sense of the word. He was shrewd in his judgments of men, as well as of business situations. He was enthusiastic and confident, and could impart that enthusiasm and confidence to others. Loyal to his associates, naturally he won their loyalty. He gave his best to those around him, and received their best in return.

Colonel Walker proved, as have others, that a man can combine indomitable leadership and an inspiring personality with the generous and kindly qualities of benevolence. He survived the bitter struggles of the business world, without himself becoming bitter. He succeeded, and he wanted to succeed; but he would have scorned success that came at another man's expense. He believed that business should succeed through coöperation, and that a business man could be regarded as successful only if he contributed to the success of others. Not the least important element in his own company, he believed, was that its product added to the usefulness and salability of the products of those many other industries which it served. . . .

When he died, he left an organization employing four thousand men and women, whose annual payrolls amounted to nearly \$4,000,000, whose wage levels for employees were at the highest point in the company's history, whose selling prices were the lowest of all time and whose new Meadville factory had been outgrown and several times enlarged and supplemented by another plant in Erie and still another in Meadville. Products of the company were sold in millions of units, instead of thousands, and its prosperity was the largest single factor in making Meadville what it is today. "For here was a town of twenty-

three thousand instead of the thirteen thousand who lived here in 1913. A town which went almost unscathed through the depression, whose banks never closed, whose stores were busy and prosperous, whose homes were well-kept, whose relief lists were at a minimum. A town in which nearly every family had one or more representatives in the colonel's plants; a town in which the colonel's company was the largest taxpayer, the chief contributor to local philanthropies, and a larger employer than all other combined. The colonel had felt that he owed much to Meadville and its people; Meadville and its people were appreciative of what he had done in return. . . ."

His personal efforts and benevolences were not the least of his contributions to Meadville and its institutions. From the day he became a student at Allegheny College until his death, Colonel Walker maintained his profound interest and close associations with the college. He served for many years on its board of trustees, was one of its principal benefactors, and took a leading share in the development of its program and policies. It was just that he should receive in 1937 the Alumni Award for "Service to Alma Mater." Other Meadville institutions shared in his generous interest. One of the leading Congregational laymen of the city, he was a charter member of Park Avenue Congregational Church and for twenty-five years superintendent of its Sunday school. For a number of years he was also moderator of the Congregational Conference of Pennsylvania.

"He gave liberally always not only of his means, but of himself, to community philanthropies. He was a trustee of the Meadville City Hospital, and a generous contributor to it. In civic, literary, commercial and social bodies, he was an active and loyal member. Wherever he went, in whatever circle, he showed the supreme talent for friendship and for friendliness which was a central theme of his character."

Colonel Walker's personal tastes were always simple. He was unchanged alike by the bitter struggles of the business world and by the notable successes which were eventually his. "He moved through life serene and calm, as much so when under pressure and in adversity as in the last easier years. Though his was an immensely productive life, he found time always for truly human relationships."

Colonel Walker derived his military title from his appointment as colonel on the personal staff of Governor James A. Beaver of Pennsylvania in 1890, after earlier service in the Pennsylvania National Guard.

He married, in 1877, Susan Adelaide Delamater, daughter of the Hon. George B. Delamater and a member of old and distinguished Crawford County families. They became the parents of three children: Alice, who married Louis C. Soles, of Santa Barbara, California; Lewis, Jr., (*q. v.*); and Wallace Delamater (*q. v.*).

Colonel Walker died at Meadville on January 24, 1938, after a long and useful life whose constructive achievements and rich influences live after him. At his funeral service, a close friend said of him:

It is a part of the American dream that anyone who has a clearly defined goal and an unconquerable spirit will eventually succeed in the competition of life. It is the great saga of this land of freedom that opportunity is all about us, that the world's work is still unfinished, that every man may be a king. Lewis Walker was the embodiment of that saga and that dream. There is romance and splendor in the achievements that mark the story of his life. There is challenge and inspiration in his conquest of discouraging obstacles and unfriendly fates. There is satisfaction that such a life was crowned with fortune and success.

All too often in our day there is a disposition to pillory men of leadership and ability, to envy those of superior stature and strength, to covet what is not our own. But no one who knew Lewis Walker begrudged him any part of his success. Men remembered the impractical dream which he would not abandon, his dogged perseverance in the face of repeated failures, and his long and courageous struggle until his dreams came true and his prophecies became facts. Thus the record of his life lifted him above envy and won for him universal respect, affection and praise.

WALLACE DELAMATER WALKER—The success of the Talon slide fastener through its wide utilization in many articles of merchandise owes much to the efforts of Wallace Delamater Walker, whose genius for the development of new business helped to win for this device the general acceptance which it enjoys today. He was the son of the founder of Talon, Inc., largest manufacturers of slide fasteners in the world, and his successor as president of that company, in which office he served until his death.

Mr. Walker was born at Meadville on March 25, 1887, son of Lewis and Susan Adelaide (Delamater) Walker.

Mr. Walker received his preliminary education in the public schools of Meadville and subsequently entered the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in 1910. He began his active career with the Carnegie Steel Company, in whose employ he spent four years at Youngstown, Ohio, but in 1914 he joined his father (*q. v.*) in the Hookless Fastener Company. Entering the sales department of the organization, he was rapidly advanced to positions of executive responsibility and became eastern sales manager with headquarters in New York City. This office he filled until 1928, in which year the present name of the company, Talon, Inc., was adopted. After setting up a sales and distribution organization for the Pacific Coast States, Mr. Walker retired from active participation in the management of the company, but continued on its directorate. Following an interval of five years, in 1933, he returned to the organization as vice-president and controller and in 1937 was elected treasurer and assistant to the president. His father, who continued to hold the presi-

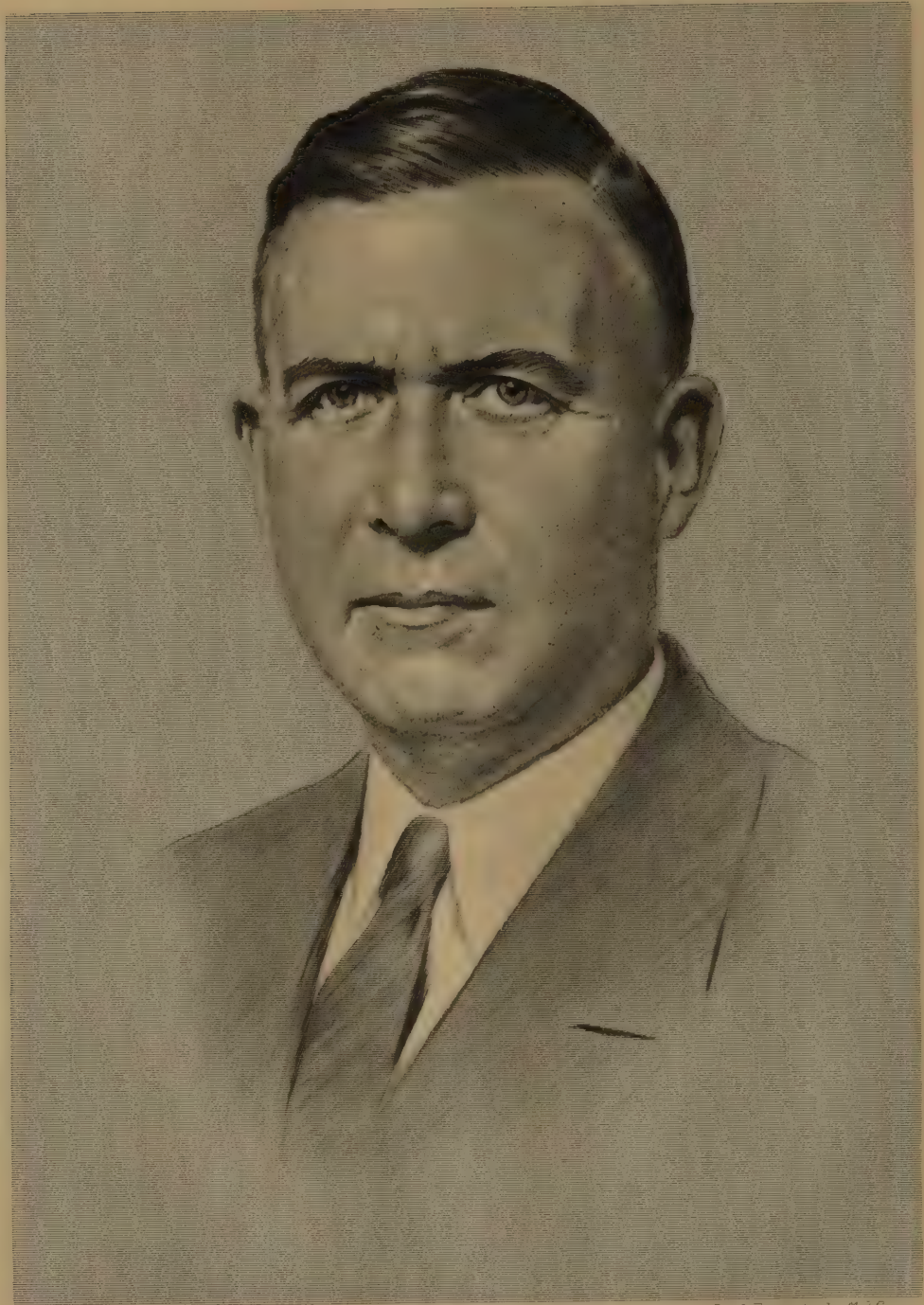


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dency, died in 1938, and Mr. Walker succeeded him as head of the company, serving until his own death within the year. As president, he controlled an organization employing more than four thousand people and producing some three-quarters of all the slide fasteners manufactured in the United States. Three plants at Meadville and one in Erie constituted the manufacturing department of the company, which also has branch offices in Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Chicago and distributing offices in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Portland and Seattle.

Mr. Walker was a man of enterprising spirit and great personal force. He early visioned the many uses to which the slide fastener was adaptable, and with his brother, Lewis Walker, Jr. (*q. v.*), he vigorously promoted its use in manufacturing industries where it had not previously gained a foothold, overcoming inertia, prejudice and past custom. The rapid development of the corporation in recent years was largely due to his pioneer work and rare talent for organization.

The same qualities marked other phases of his life. As a member of one of Crawford County's leading families, he always recognized the obligations of his position and had many civic responsibilities, which he met with characteristic zeal. Mr. Walker was a member of the Meadville Board of Education from 1928 to 1939, was a director of the Meadville City Hospital and was active in the Meadville Cemetery Association. From 1935 to 1937 he was president of the Meadville Country Club, and there were few Meadville institutions which did not benefit in some degree from his active leadership or effective support. Mr. Walker was also a member of the Duquesne Club of Pittsburgh, the Rolling Rock Hunt Club of Ligonier, the Iroquois Boating and Fishing Club of Conneaut Lake and the Uptown Club of New York City. A thorough sportsman, he was fond of all outdoor recreations, particularly golf and hunting, and for some years annually visited the Canadian Northwest to hunt big game. During the World War, he enlisted in the United States Army, was commissioned first lieutenant and assigned to duty with the 350th Field Artillery, with which he served overseas as a member of the American Expeditionary Forces, acting as battery commander and battery executive. He received his honorable discharge from the service in March, 1919, and resumed his career in civil life.

On May 27, 1925, Wallace Delamater Walker married Fanniebelle (McVey) Allen, daughter of John Emmet McVey, a lawyer at Youngstown, Ohio, and former wife of Robert McDowell Allen, of Lexington, Kentucky. She survives him.

Mr. Walker died at Meadville on February 4, 1939. Early trained to large responsibilities, he met them fully, continuing the fine tradition long associated with the family name. His attainments commanded the widest re-

spect in the business world, and his appealing personal qualities won him the regard of his associates and a wide circle of friends. At his death a Meadville newspaper, speaking for his community, published the following editorial appreciation of his career and character:

Wallace Walker did not come back to Meadville until 1933, but during the past six years, while occupied with a rapidly expanding business, he took the time to make himself acquainted with the community and to participate, directly and indirectly, in its affairs.

This renewed acquaintance with Mr. Walker, cut short by his untimely death, gave Meadville a more intimate appreciation of his many fine qualities. Not yet fifty-two years old, he was too young to die.

But Wallace Walker has left a deep imprint upon Meadville. His association with his father and brother in the Hookless Fastener Company was responsible for the adoption of many policies in its formative years that resulted in the great success which now attends the enterprise. His particular genius was in his capacity as financial adviser and organizer, his good common sense, his personal and intellectual courage and his genuine ability guiding the company's affairs along successful lines.

Last year Colonel Walker, founder and president of Talon, Inc., died. His son, well trained in the conduct of the business, was ready to assume responsibility for management of this growing and complicated enterprise. Like his father, Wallace Walker chose a modest manner of living, bearing the responsibilities of wealth without pretension.

Meadville City Hospital was one of Mr. Walker's cherished philanthropies and like other members of his family he did much to increase and keep modern its equipment and reduce its indebtedness. Perhaps the Country Club was his favorite hobby. He wanted Meadville to have a club of which it could be proud and it was through his initiative and devotion that the present clubhouse was secured and great improvements made to the golf course.

Mr. Walker was a member of the school board less than one year, yet he was tremendously interested in the public school system and its educational program.

Meadville will miss Wallace Walker because he contributed wisely and consistently to its industrial, social and civic life.

LEWIS WALKER, Jr.—For a period of twenty years, Lewis Walker, Jr., was actively associated with his father and brother in the commercial development of the Talon slide fastener and in building the manufacturing organization, now known as Talon, Inc., which is today Meadville's chief industry. At the outset he devised the basic sales policies which succeeded in overcoming obstacles such as few companies have faced and which have been continued unchanged down to the present day. His work in the company was many-sided, however, and although his career was cut short by early death, he brought to the organization vital qualities which are still felt as a creative force.

Mr. Walker was born in Meadville on June 25, 1881, son of Colonel Lewis Walker and Susan Adelaide (Delamater) Walker. He was seventh in descent from Lewis

Walker, the founder of the family in America, who came to Pennsylvania from Wales in 1687. His father (*q. v.*) was the founder of the Hookless Fastener Company, now Talon, Inc., largest manufacturers of slide fasteners in the world.

Lewis Walker, Jr., attended the Meadville public schools in his youth. After his graduation from high school he studied for one year at Allegheny College and then entered the University of Pennsylvania, where he was graduated from the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce in 1903. The first twelve years of his active career were devoted to the real estate and brokerage business in Pittsburgh as an associate of R. C. Hall, under whom he received a thorough business training and acquired a broad background of experience extremely useful to him in his later responsibilities. Meanwhile, his father, after many discouragements over a long period of years, had brought the slide fastener to a degree of perfection which promised to make it commercially successful. In 1913 the Hookless Fastener Company was organized and in 1915, Lewis Walker, Jr., joined his father in the management of the company, whose plant and headquarters were in Meadville. Leaving immediately for New York as field representative of the company, he organized the sales department of the company, which operated under his direction on the basis of the fundamental sales policies which he laid down. These policies have proved their worth many times over and remain in force today. In 1915 few manufacturers had heard of the slide fastener and fewer still were interested. Earlier types had proved of uncertain reliability, and the whole weight of past tradition had to be overcome before a manufacturer could be persuaded to try the new type of fastener for his product. It was Mr. Walker's task to overcome this reluctance to experiment in order that results might have a chance to speak for themselves. The sales policies which he initiated were designed to do just that. Slowly at first and then with cumulative momentum the volume of business grew and in the 1920s the company entered upon its first great period of expansion. Where sales were made at first in hundreds or thousands of units, they are now made in the millions, an indication not only of the utility of the slide fastener, but of a brilliantly conceived and executed sales program, carried out in close collaboration with manufacturing and engineering departments which spent endless time in adapting the slide fastener to the needs of new customers.

During his latter years in New York, Mr. Walker was joined by his brother, Wallace D. Walker (*q. v.*). In 1919, because of the company's expanding operations, he returned to Meadville to become assistant to his father, president of the company. Subsequently, as assistant to the president and vice-president, he had a major rôle in the management of the company until failing health at the

close of his life forced him to relinquish some of his responsibilities. An enterprising spirit, combined with clear vision and sound judgment were his salient characteristics as a business executive. All through the period of remarkable growth which brought the Hookless Fastener Company undisputed dominance in its field, he participated in the direction of the organization and continued as vice-president and director, as well as a large stockholder in the company, until the close of his career.

To associates and acquaintances, Mr. Walker was known as a man without pretense, quiet, rather retiring and a lover of the out-of-doors, to which he turned for relaxation and recreation. To his fellow-townsmen in the Meadville community he was also known for his enlightened public spirit, typical of his family, and for a generosity which found expression in numerous philanthropies, both public and private. On repeated occasions he gave anonymously to the useful institutions of his community, and scarcely a week went by that he did not extend a helping hand to some family in need and so unostentatiously that few were aware of his giving. Mr. Walker was a member of the Iroquois Club and the Meadville Country Club, both at Meadville; the University of Pennsylvania Chapter of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity; and the Congregational Church.

He married, at Meadville, on December 11, 1911, Martha Stowe Gill, daughter of William and Blanche Gill and a descendant of David Mead, from whom Meadville is named. Mr. and Mrs. Walker became the parents of two sons: Lewis Walker, 3d; and Robert Gill Walker.

Mr. Walker died on February 11, 1935, at Keystone Heights, Florida, where he had spent the winter months for many years. His part in the building of the industrial organization which has meant so much to the prosperity and security of Meadville was a vital one, and both his attainments as a business pioneer and his example as a citizen brought him indisputable claims to public regard. At his death, the "Tribune-Republican" of Meadville wrote of him:

Because ill health in recent years forced him to take a less active part in the management of the company, many people did not realize the extent to which Lewis Walker, Jr., participated in the operations of the Hookless Fastener Company and contributed to its successful expansion and improvement.

He secured the basis of a broad business training while engaged in the real estate and brokerage business in Pittsburgh. This knowledge and experience, plus a keen business insight, marked his successful management of the sales department during its early years and his dictation of a sales policy, the fundamentals of which are still maintained. It served him recent years as an executive of the company, assisting in its management and the direction of its affairs.

As assistant to the president, Lewis Walker, Jr., aided his father, Colonel Lewis Walker, in the development of

the Hookless Fastener Company—a concern which has become the industrial pivot of the Meadville community, giving hope and security to the thousands of local residents it employs.

Personally, Mr. Walker had a quiet and retiring nature. Without notice or acclaim, he distributed large sums among private and public philanthropies in Meadville. Few persons knew the extent of his generosity and the happiness which his giving occasioned. In many instances the recipient alone knew the identity of his benefactor.

Mr. Walker's death in Florida came as a severe shock to his many friends in Meadville. His personal kindnesses and his contributions to the community life will be sorely missed. The Meadville community, enriched and bettered because Mr. Walker lived here, now mourns its loss. . . .

DAVID HARVEY PHILLIPS—To a certain extent the career of David Harvey Phillips was determined by family interests until comparatively recent years. His father and grandfathers were outstanding figures in the Bradford petroleum field, both as producers and manufacturers of oil well tools. The son of this record continued the management of the Phillips holdings after he became of age, but at the present writing devotes the most of his attention to the life insurance business he has built up since 1937.

There have been four successive David Phillips in Northwestern Pennsylvania. The first was the grandfather, born in England, who, as a young man came to the United States and settled for a time at Dunkirk, New York, where he learned the machinist's trade, probably with the American Locomotive Company of that city. From here he moved his family, about 1870, to St. Petersburg, Pennsylvania, in Clarion County, the center of a growing oil boom, and established a blacksmith and machine shop catering to the needs of the oil industry in the making of oil field tools. He went to Coleville in the first oil excitement of 1880 and opened a machine shop, but in 1883 moved to Bradford, where he established his own shop. He specialized in drilling and fishing tools for the oil industry. Soon David Phillips' bits and jars became famous all over the United States, particularly for the excellence of the temper of the tools. He also acquired oil property in and near Allentown, New York, and also in the Bradford field, at Coleville. He was active in both these enterprises until his death in 1895. His son, David Phillips, father of David H. Phillips, of this record, at an early age became active in local civic affairs as well as in the business life of the community. He operated the machine shop until his death in 1903 at the age of twenty-seven years. It was then maintained by the family until 1921, when it was sold to the Bradford Supply Company, who still manufacture the David Phillips drilling and fishing tools. David Phillips, Sr., also owned oil properties in Bradford, West Virginia, and Ohio, until his passing. He was a member of Union Lodge, No. 334, Free and

Accepted Masons; Bradford Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Bradford Council, Royal and Select Masters; Trinity Commandery, Knights Templar. David Phillips was also a great lover and owner of fine racing and driving horses. One horse in particular, Miss Jennings, was known far and wide, and established many track records.

David Harvey Phillips, with whom this review is primarily concerned, was born at Bradford, McKean County, Pennsylvania, October 5, 1901, son of David and Bey (Van Wormer) Phillips. His mother, still living, is the daughter of James H. and Mary (Gamble) Van Wormer, the latter of whom has now attained the fine age of ninety-two years. James H. Van Wormer had been in the lumbering business, then acquired oil properties in Bradford, and in Ohio; he was killed by a train at St. Marys, Ohio, in 1901. As mentioned, David H. Phillips' father, oil producer and tool manufacturer, died at the age of twenty-eight years. After attending Bradford public schools, the Deane School, at Santa Barbara, California, and The Hill School, at Pottstown, Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in 1921, David Harvey Phillips, third of the name in America, completed his education at Princeton University, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Science, with the class graduated in 1925. After graduation he spent the year 1925-26 going around the world on a British freighter with his two school and college roommates. Upon his return to his birth city, he assumed the responsibilities of the direction of the family petroleum holdings. The manufacturing interests had been disposed of in 1921. The oil holdings have continued under his management, and Mr. Phillips remains an important figure in petroleum production, also having production near Wichita Falls, Texas, with Frank E. Van Wormer, an uncle.

In 1937, he became associated with Lyman M. Finney in the insurance business, and since the death of Mr. Finney two years later, he has been even more active in this field as the district agent of the National Life Insurance Company, of Vermont, with a territory that includes McKean and Potter counties. In private life Mr. Phillips is prominent in community affairs. He is a director of the Bradford Community Chest, of the Young Men's Christian Association, of the Kiwanis Club, of the Bradford Chamber of Commerce, is co-chairman of the Bradford Civic Forum Association, and is also president of The Hill School Alumni Association. From 1935-40 he served as secretary of his Princeton Class of 1925. He is a Republican in his political allegiance, although no seeker after public office. In addition to the organizations already mentioned, he is a member of the Bradford Club; the Pennhills Country Club, and the Bradford Gun Club. He is a vestryman of the Church of the Ascension, Protestant Episcopal, and a trustee of the Episcopal Diocese of Erie.

On May 27, 1933, David Harvey Phillips married Mary Louise Parker, of East Aurora, New York, daughter of Wells Woodworth Parker, attorney, and Ella (Nye) Parker, and they are the parents of three children: 1. David Parker, born April 7, 1934. 2. Mary, born August 28, 1935. 3. Susan, born October 24, 1938.

"MERCER DISPATCH AND REPUBLICAN"—

Dunham Barton—Ninety-seven years of uninterrupted service to the community with sixty-eight years of management by the Barton family is the record of the "Mercer Dispatch and Republican," the one surviving paper of many that have sprung up, lived and died in Mercer, the county seat of Mercer County, Pennsylvania. Its one real rival, "The Western Press," (Democratic) one of the first newspapers established west of the Alleghany Mountains, was burned out in 1920 after one hundred and nine years' existence, leaving the field to "The Dispatch."

In January, 1930, the old paper and print shop "stepped out" into an attractive new home, erected by the owner, Dunham Barton, and his wife, who, over the signature, J. B. Barton, had been editing and managing the paper and plant while the former served the Mercer community as postmaster. The building was the first erected in Mercer County specifically to house a newspaper plant.

In name the "Mercer Dispatch & Republican" is only fifty-four years old, though actually the paper is in its ninety-eighth year. It is the product of several consolidations, dating back to the establishment of the "Mercer Whig" on June 15, 1844. Some historians have claimed that it springs from the "Mercer Luminary" established in 1830. This, we believe, cannot be supported, but from the Whig in 1844 to the present the record is clearly marked and indisputable.

According to J. Fraise Richard, in his "History of Mercer County" (1887):

The "Mercer Whig" began on June 15, 1844. The "Luminary" refused to support Henry Clay as the Whig candidate for the Presidency. In consequence a company of prominent Whigs from all parts of the county determined to establish an organ of their own, to be known as the "Mercer County Whig." The outfit was bought in Pittsburgh and shipped by the river and canal to Big Bend, whence it was drawn by an ox team to Mercer. At the same time a delegation went to Pittsburgh to secure for it an editor, John B. Butler, then publishing a campaign paper favorable to the election of General Markle as Governor, called the "Mississinews War Club." Mr. Butler conducted the "Mercer County Whig" until December, 1845, when he sold his interest to William Waugh, of Greenville. Mr. Waugh ran it about two years when it became the property of William Gregory and D. B. Hays, publisher and editor, respectively. On the 15th of December, 1849, Mr. Hays, after a service of two years, retired, leaving the editorial chair to be filled by A. H. Snyder, a young attorney in Mercer. . . .

In 1851 Gregory and Snyder sold their interest to T. T. Irwin. He was manager and editor until the latter part of

1854, when J. H. Robinson and T. J. Nickum became the proprietors, the former being editor and the latter publisher. They continued to guide its destinies through the stormy times of Kansas border ruffianism and the dark days of the Rebellion until December, 1863, when Mr. Irwin again became proprietor and editor. In March, 1864, as already stated, the two rival papers, the "Whig" and the "Dispatch," were united in the bonds of journalistic matrimony, under the title of "Whig and Dispatch." In January, 1865, Mr. Irwin, whose second career as a journalist began with December, 1863, sold his interest in the consolidated paper to Mr. S. H. Miller, who became sole "monarch of all he surveyed." This position he held successfully until February, 1870, when he sold the institution to S. C. Koonce and F. H. Braggins. It ought to be remarked here that Mr. Miller, soon after the consolidation, wisely dropped the name Whig and called the paper simply the "Mercer Dispatch."

Mr. Braggins became editor and business manager. In May, 1873, Mr. Koonce disposed of his interest to Braggins. He in turn on the 1st of the ensuing July, sold a half interest to John I. Gordon, who became and remained a "silent partner," until January, 1875, when he purchased Braggins' interest. Mr. Gordon became the editor early in 1876 and held the position until the close of 1880, when ill health necessitated his retirement, and on January 1, 1881, a new partnership was formed. Mr. D. L. Barton, who had for several years past held the position of local editor and foreman, and Henry Hall, then Recorder of the county, each purchased an interest in the establishment. Mr. Hall became editor and still holds that position.

At this point it is proper to trace the career of another contributor to this journalistic current—the "Mercer Republican."

This bark was launched on the stormy sea of journalism in the month of December, 1881. . . . It was put forth by the Mercer County Publishing Company, of which R. A. Stewart and S. F. Thompson were the controlling stockholders. The plant was purchased by Mr. Stewart in Philadelphia, and was complete in its appointments.

It was edited in succession by W. J. McCloskey, son of Alderman McCloskey, of Philadelphia; George E. Patterson, Esq., subsequently elected District Attorney and deceased during the latter part of 1887; John Robinson, Cashier of the Farmers and Mechanics National Bank, and Rev. C. M. Morse. Mr. Stewart was during the existence of the paper the supervising editor, though his name did not so appear. B. A. Sykes was foreman of the mechanical department, while A. C. Ray served much of the time as local editor and business manager.

The proprietors of the "Dispatch," whose complete outfit was destroyed by the burning of the Miller and Gordon Opera House block, 28th of January, 1887, bought this competitor on the 3rd of March, 1887, and consolidated the two papers under the name of "Dispatch and Republican," changed in 1896 to "The Mercer Dispatch and Republican."

The paper changed hands in 1898, the late Hon. B. J. Haywood purchasing the interests of all its owners and retaining the late D. L. Barton as manager of the property. The latter continued in charge until June, 1910, when he and his son formed the Mercer Dispatch Printing Company, a Pennsylvania corporation, and purchased the paper from Mr. Haywood's widow. Ill health pre-





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vented D. L. Barton from any active participation in its operation. After thirty-one years, Dunham Barton retired to accept appointment as Mercer County's first controller, leaving Mrs. Barton in sole charge.

D. L. Barton, who for so many years guided the destinies of the "Dispatch," was an old-school printer and a man of outstanding character and force. He was born and learned his trade in Ohio and had wide experience in that and other states before coming to Mercer to settle permanently. He came from Cleveland, where he was an assistant foreman of the "Leader," at the invitation of the late John I. Gordon in 1873 and from that time until his death just fifty years later, he dominated the business and political policies of the paper. Skilled in every detail of his craft, he also was a powerful and pungent writer and his editorials on many topics are still remembered by those of the older days now living. His son, Dunham Barton, who took over the management of the paper in 1910, and the latter's wife, Jeannette Barbour Barton, served their apprenticeships in the editorial rooms of the "Pittsburgh Press." They have done their best to uphold the traditions for which the older Barton fought for so many years. Under their direction, and in spite of changing standards and customs, the "Dispatch" remained a typical country paper that is welcomed weekly in many hundreds of homes in Mercer County and in every section of the United States and several foreign lands. Its political policy has been unequivocally Republican.

RALPH EMERSON HOCKENBERRY, M. D.—

For years active in Smethport affairs, Dr. Ralph Emerson Hockenberry has built up a sizable medical practice here and has interested himself in many organizations and their efforts and achievements.

Dr. Hockenberry was born May 16, 1902, son of Charles E. and Dora Ann (Gruver) Hockenberry, both of Butler County. His mother died in 1916. The father, long engaged in farming, makes his home in Butler County.

Public schools there provided Ralph Emerson Hockenberry's early formal education, and afterward he studied at the West Sunbury Vocational School and for a year at Grove City College, in Grove City. For a year he took a pre-medical course at the University of Pittsburgh, where he was awarded the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1930. There followed an internship of one year's duration at St. Francis' Hospital, in Pittsburgh. Then, in 1931, Dr. Hockenberry began a general practice of medicine in Smethport. He has carried on this work since that time, and has taken a lively part in the community affairs of Smethport and its environs. In addition to having built up a good practice here, he serves on the staff of the Kane Community Hospital, and is a member of the McKean County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State

Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

In politics Dr. Hockenberry is a Republican. He served in his college days as a member of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps, and was a first lieutenant in the United States Army Medical Reserve Corps after completing his active service. Dr. Hockenberry was called into service in the army, February 1, 1941, for one year. He was stationed at Camp Blanding, Florida, and as this is written is at Fort Benning, Georgia. Promoted to captain, December 24, 1941, he has been with the 124th Infantry Regiment since being called to active duty. In Smethport he belongs to the Rotary Club. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Phi Rho Sigma medical fraternity and with the Free and Accepted Masons. In the Masonic Order he belongs to McKean Lodge, No. 388, Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Zem Zem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

On December 25, 1931, Dr. Ralph Emerson Hockenberry married Irene Elizabeth Goeddel, of West Sunbury, Pennsylvania.

HON. THOMAS CUNNINGHAM COCHRAN,

LL. D.—The career of Thomas Cunningham Cochran, LL. D., a lawyer of extensive experience and high reputation, has brought fame to northwestern Pennsylvania. A native of Mercer County, he did not find it necessary to seek preparatory and professional education far from the bounds of this county, and since his admission to the bar Mercer has been his home and the headquarters of his practice. He is the type of American who has found scope for his abilities and ambition in the section where he was born and reared, although he has appeared before every class of court in the United States, including the Supreme Court; has been a noteworthy member of Congress, and by personal travel is acquainted with North America and practically all of the European countries.

Thomas Cunningham Cochran was born in Sandy Creek Township, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, November 30, 1877, but since infancy has lived in Mercer. His parents were Wilson Henry and Elizabeth Eve (Robinson) Cochran. His father was of Scotch-Irish origin, although born in Mercer County; his mother was born in Mifflin County. She was of English origin on her father's side, being a descendant of John Robinson, a native of England, who came to America in 1830; and of German origin on her mother's side. Grandfather Thomas C. Cochran was a native of Sandy Creek Township, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, a farmer and merchant of Sheakleyville, widely known and highly successful in his day and generation. His father, Samuel Cochran, was a pioneer settler of Mercer County, who chose a home within its borders before its organization had been effected. He obtained a goodly tract of land, his homestead farm remaining still

in possession of his descendants. Wilson Henry Cochran was born January 4, 1853, and died October 24, 1901. He was a member of the bar, admitted in Mercer in 1880, and practiced his profession until his death. He was district attorney for one term, and assistant to his successor in trying a case which was the first time a person was found guilty of murder in the first degree in Mercer County. His son, as district attorney, tried the second case of the kind to occur in the county. Wilson H. Cochran was a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, and active in the United Presbyterian Church. He married Elizabeth Eve Robinson, and their children were: 1. Thomas Cunningham, of whom further. 2. John K., a civil engineer. 3. Wilson H., an oil producer. 4. Mary E., who married Charles P. English.

Thomas Cunningham Cochran, with whom this record is primarily concerned, won the highest attainable honors in the grade schools, and was graduated from the Mercer High School in 1896, also with the highest honors. During 1896-97 he taught school in Hickory Township, Mercer County, and then matriculated at Westminster College, in Lawrence County, from which he was graduated in 1901, *summa cum laude*, a Bachelor of Arts. He received the honorary degree, Doctor of Laws, from his *alma mater*, in 1937, in recognition of notable achievements and public service. Although a brilliant student, he also was prominent in many campus and other extra curricular activities, being a member of the Adelphic Literary Society; editor of "The Holcad"; manager of the football team; chairman of the Lecture Course Committee; member of Pi Rho Phi and Theta Upsilon Omega fraternities. He won the intersociety debate in his sophomore year, and is a life member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

Mr. Cochran studied law in the office of his father, Wilson Henry Cochran, while at the same time serving as instructor in Greek and constitutional law at Mercer Academy, 1901-03. Admitted to the Mercer County bar in 1903, he has since had his professional offices in Mercer. At various times later, Thomas Cunningham Cochran has been admitted to practice before the bars of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, United States District Court, the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, the Treasury Department of the United States, and the United States Supreme Court.

Mr. Cochran's entrance into public life began with election to the post of district attorney for Mercer County in 1906, an office he filled most capably for three years. Over a long period he has been solicitor for Mercer County (1920-27). In 1926 he was nominated by the Republican, Democratic, Prohibition and Socialist parties for election as representative of the Twentieth Congressional District, in Congress. He served four terms in the Seventieth to the Seventy-third Congress, 1927 to 1935, and did exceptionally constructive work with the Ways

and Means Committee, after prior service on the Committee on Claims, Committee on Elections, Committee on Roads, Committee on Expenditures in Executive Departments, Committee on Codification of the Laws, Committee on Flood Control, and Committee on Military Affairs. He also, as a delegate from the United States Congress, attended the Conferences of Interparliamentary Union: 1927 in Paris, 1928 in Berlin, 1929 in Geneva, 1930 in London, 1934 in Istanbul (Constantinople), and in 1939 as an observer at the conference in Oslo, Norway.

Thomas Cunningham Cochran was thoroughly at home in the debates on the floor of the House of Representatives in the Nation's capital, and many of his best literary, as well as legislative works have been published in the Congressional Record. Among his chief interests and articles are those concerned with the protective tariff, military affairs, national defense and flood control, although he has written frequently on a wide variety of topics, and spoken before professional and scientific organizations and public meetings. He is extraordinarily well informed about national and foreign matters, partly as the result of travels in the British Isles, France, Germany, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Belgium, Italy, Yugo-Slavia, Greece, Spain, Turkey, Norway, Sweden, Mexico, Haiti, Porto Rico, Panama and Canal Zone, the United States and Canada.

Mr. Cochran is a member of the Mercer County Bar Society, the Pennsylvania State Bar Association, and the American Bar Association. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, being a member of different bodies of the order. He is a trustee of Westminster College, and much to the fore in civic and humanitarian projects. In party allegiance he is a lifelong Republican. He attends the United Presbyterian Church. Mr. Cochran's taste in literature is cosmopolitan although especially fond of the English-Scottish poets, Shakespeare, Burns, Scott, the homes of whom he has visited. His recreations include almost any that are identified with action—the automobile, hiking and motorboat racing. As his responsibilities permit he is devoted to travel.

On August 15, 1906, at Vienna, Trumbull County, Ohio, Thomas Cunningham Cochran married Olive Belle Pierson, daughter of Charles Alphonso and Mary (Strain) Pierson. Mr. and Mrs. Cochran are the parents of five children: 1. Wilson H., a graduate of the University of New Mexico and of the University of Oklahoma. He was born September 27, 1907, and is now engaged as a petroleum engineer. 2. Charles E., born February 16, 1909, is a graduate of Westminster College and the University of Oklahoma; now also engaged as a petroleum engineer. 3. Cornelia E., born March 5, 1911, a graduate of American University, Washington, District of Columbia. 4. Olive A., born August 4, 1914, a graduate of National Park Seminary, Forest Glen, Maryland; of Webber Col-

lege, Boston, Massachusetts, and Babson Park, Florida. 5. Thomas C., Jr., born June 4, 1920, a graduate of Mercersburg Academy, is now attending Haverford College, Haverford, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Cochran, a graduate of Westminster College, class of 1903, is very prominent in civic and patriotic societies. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and in 1925 was a delegate to the National Convention held in Washington, District of Columbia.

ALLEN MOORE GIBSON—Except for his years in college and university, Allen Moore Gibson has been a resident of Sheffield, Warren County, since childhood. In business he is best known for his identification with the telephone facilities of the section; he also is connected with oil production and with public life as an official of the town and county. Fraternal orders have also engaged his interest and he is a popular figure in lodge and civic organizations.

Allen Moore Gibson was born in Kane, McKean County, Pennsylvania, September 25, 1898, son of Harry Allen and Lena (Wilson) Gibson. His mother's parents who came originally from Ireland, died in Pennsylvania where her father was engaged as a farmer. Harry Allen Gibson, son of Cyrus Gibson, was born at Highland, McKean County, Pennsylvania, January 4, 1867, and is now living at Sheffield, this State. In early manhood he was a logging contractor, but for three decades was superintendent of Tionesta Valley Railroad. He is president of the Home Telephone Company at Sheffield, and also is associated with his son, Allen Moore Gibson, in the oil producing business. Harry A. Gibson is a Republican in his political allegiance, and has served his city as school director, township supervisor, and constable. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of Sheffield. Harry Allen Gibson married (first) Mary Himes; (second) Lena Wilson. His children, the first two of his first marriage, are as follows: 1. Harry C. Gibson, general sales manager of City Service Oil Company, in New York City, who married Corinne Johnson, of Warren, Pennsylvania, and they have a son, Allen Gibson. 2. Orpha, deceased, who married Albert Avery, of Ridgeway, Pennsylvania, and they had a daughter, Mrs. Mildred Duncan. 3. Allen Moore, of this record.

After being graduated from Sheffield High School, Allen Moore Gibson attended Pennsylvania State College for one year, and was a student at the University of Pittsburgh for two years. For a few months he worked in the oil fields of Texas, but returned to Sheffield and was employed as fireman and lineman for two years with the Tionesta Valley Railroad. He then became manager and secretary for sixteen years with the Home Tele-

phone Company, of Sheffield. Mr. Gibson has always taken a keen interest in civic affairs and in November, 1939, was elected treasurer of Warren County for a term of four years, taking office on January 1, 1940. He also is a partner with his father in the oil producing business, a director of the Home Telephone Company, of Sheffield, a former director of Pennsylvania Independent Telephone Association. Prior to being elected treasurer of Warren County, he had been a school director and secretary of the Board of Education in Sheffield Township. Fraternally, he is affiliated with North Star Lodge, No. 241, Free and Accepted Masons; is a member of the higher bodies of the order including Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; a member of Warren Lodge, No. 223, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His college fraternity is Alpha Sigma Phi, and his clubs include the Conewango Club and the Conewango Valley Country Club. Mr. Gibson is a member and past adjutant of the Frank N. Glendenning Post, No. 503, American Legion. He attends the Methodist Episcopal Church and serves on its official board. He finds recreation in hunting and fishing.

On September 6, 1924, Allen Moore Gibson married Marjorie Lehentaler, a native of Townville, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, daughter of Alfred and Lilly (Altenburg) Lehentaler. Alfred Lehentaler was a lumber merchant, and died at Saratoga Springs, where he had been living retired. Mr. and Mrs. Gibson have four children: 1. Donald Wesley Gibson, born February 11, 1926. 2. Patricia Gibson, born June 8, 1927. 3. Harry Alfred Gibson, born November 21, 1928. 4. Allen Jerome Gibson, born April 12, 1930.

THE DERRICK PUBLISHING COMPANY—

Known for three generations as "the organ of oil," "The Oil City Derrick," which appears as both a daily and a weekly newspaper, dates back to 1871, the year of the incorporation of Oil City itself. The history of the paper has been a romantic, at times an exciting, one; and its files reveal to the studious reader what is said to be the most complete and consistent history now extant concerning this great American industry. In the files of this paper Ida M. Tarbell found much of the material that went into her history of the Standard Oil Company. And from time to time important lawsuits have been decided by testimony from the pages of "The Derrick."

"The Derrick" was founded by C. E. Bishop, W. H. Longwell and H. H. Herpst twelve years after the drilling of the historic Drake Well. Mr. Bishop served as editor until succeeded at his retirement, in 1873, by Frank H. Taylor, who in turn was succeeded in 1877 by R. W. Criswell. Mr. Longwell was the first business manager

of the paper. The original quarters of "The Derrick" were in Seneca Street. Later the paper's proprietors erected the first two floors of the building in Center Street, largely because this site was close to the Oil Exchange. In those days all the petroleum refined was produced in this part of Pennsylvania. Oil City was the oil capital of the world and its Oil Exchange set world prices. From an early period the editors of "The Derrick" saw the need for good statistical services, and accordingly employed expert statisticians and reporters, among whom were Homer McClintock, William Steiger, Henry Gauss, A. L. Snell, Archibald Crum and Joseph W. Orr. One of these experts, John J. McLaurin, of Franklin, wrote "Sketches in Crude Oil," a rare book that is now a prized possession in many a library. At the retirement of W. H. Longwell as business manager, in 1882, The Derrick Publishing Company was formed. Edward Stuck, then editor, was succeeded in December of that year by William H. Siviter, as editor and manager. On August 11, 1885, the late P. C. Boyle bought the paper and made it "the organ of oil." He was associated with the Rockefeller, Daniel O'Day, H. H. Rogers and John D. Archbold, all of them famous in the Standard Oil Company organization; and he became one of the most brilliant and forceful publishers in the United States. "The Derrick" became an essential publication wherever oil was produced or refined. P. C. Boyle, born in Donegal, Ireland, July 22, 1846, was a young child when brought to western Pennsylvania by his parents. He enlisted in the 54th Pennsylvania Volunteers for Civil War service before attaining his majority, and after the war engaged in several branches of the oil industry, notably as an "oil scout" whose function was to gather information on new wells for its effect on the oil market.

Using "The Derrick" as a nucleus, Mr. Boyle became publisher also of the "Bradford Era," the "Toledo Commercial" and a newspaper in Bolivar, New York. When the industry was extended to the mid-continent field, he established the widely known "Oil and Gas Journal," published in its own fine plant in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He sent correspondents to all oil fields then in existence, and brought "The Derrick" to such a stage of modernism that it was the first newspaper west of the Alleghenies to install linotype machines to replace the old-time hand-set method of typesetting. In other ways he introduced up-to-date methods from time to time, and it was through him that "The Derrick" became a charter member of the Associated Press. It is today also a member of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association, the Bureau of Advertising, the Pennsylvania Newspaper Publishers' Association and the Audit Bureau of Circulations. Under P. C. Boyle's management, Charles H. Harrison succeeded R. W. Criswell as editor in 1889, when Mr. Criswell

joined the "New York World" staff. In August of the same year Mr. Harrison was succeeded by Robert Simpson, who later became managing editor of the "Pittsburgh Commercial Gazette." Subsequently P. C. Boyle himself became editor, so serving until his health failed in 1919, when Frank Taylor, who had resumed his work with "The Derrick" as oil statistician in 1911, became editor. P. C. Boyle's work made "The Derrick," without doubt, an important factor in the oil industry's most turbulent days.

"The Derrick" is a conservative newspaper, holding that, if capital is to grow and the country to prosper, business and finance should not be subjected to political punishment, unjust and excessive taxation and governmental regimentation. It has been a consistent supporter of the Republican party and has won State-wide distinction for making Venango the strongest Republican county west of the Susquehanna in this State. "The Derrick" has always promoted sound policies in Oil City.

The printing plant run in connection with the paper is an employer of more than thirty people, specializing in all kinds of form work, color printing, loose-leaf systems, ruling, railroad time-tables and telephone books. Many thousand dollars' worth of business is brought each year to Oil City through this printing establishment—money that is spent chiefly in the city's stores and shops. Through the thirties of the present century, under the guidance of E. R. Boyle, son of the founder, and later under E. P. Boyle, grandson, "The Derrick" forged ahead, expanding its circulation and influence so as to cover the entire suburban area around Oil City. Its forceful editorials have made its opinions respected throughout the State and the Nation, and its paid circulation has mounted to more than twelve thousand. The paper goes into ninety-eight per cent. of Oil City's homes, and in Venango, Clarion and Forest counties has a greater paid coverage than all other newspapers combined. In October of 1941 The Derrick Publishing Company purchased the stock and assets of Oil City Blizzard, Inc., and began publication of "The Blizzard" in the evening field along with "The Derrick" in the morning field. "The Blizzard" was founded in 1882 and has been published steadily ever since.

The Derrick Publishing Company now employs upward of 130 persons with a payroll approximating \$225,000 a year. It is one of the city's steadiest and most substantial industries.

Oil City folk are justly proud of this great newspaper enterprise, enjoying, as it does, the honor and prestige of threescore and ten years of success and leadership.

E. R. Boyle, who died in August, 1938, continued his father's wise policies, devoting himself to the management of "The Derrick" throughout his active-career and serving as president of the publishing company until his passing. He became a familiar figure among Pennsylvania pub-





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lishers, and was an active and unceasing influence for good in his home community. Following his death he was succeeded by his son, E. P. Boyle, the present president of the company, who represents the third generation of the Boyle family to continue the historic newspaper. John O'Donnell has been editor, treasurer, general manager and director since January, 1929. His extensive newspaper experience with the Pittsburgh "Dispatch" in the nineties, as managing editor, brought him to a high place in the profession. In Oil City, Mr. O'Donnell has interested himself extensively in the economic and social affairs of the people. He is a trustee of the Polk State School and a member of the boards of the Salvation Army and Oil City General Hospital. He is a Rotarian; a director of the Petroleum Publishing Company, and a member of the Elks and the Knights of Columbus.

E. P. Boyle, the publishing company head, has been with the company since September, 1931. He served an apprenticeship in different departments, was given executive and managerial responsibilities, then became president at his father's death. He is an Elk; a member of the Rotary Club, the Wanango Country Club, the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Knights of Columbus; and is chairman of the Venango County Board of Assistance; a trustee of the Young Woman's Christian Association, a director of the Venango County Crippled Children's Society, a director of the Oil City Trust Company, a member of the Pennsylvania Society, and vice-president and a director of the Petroleum Publishing Company, publishers of the "Oil and Gas Journal."

HENRY J. SANDBLADE—Since 1923 Henry J. Sandblade has been vice-president of the Thomas Flexible Coupling Company, of Warren, manufacturers of shaft couplings for transmission machinery.

Mr. Sandblade was born May 18, 1884, in Warren, Pennsylvania, son of Swan and Helen (Carlson) Sandblade. His parents, both born in Sweden and died in Warren, Pennsylvania, were married in the German Lutheran Church in this city. His father was at one time associated with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and at another period of his life was associated with the old tannery in Warren. He was a Republican in politics and a member of the Swedish Lutheran Church.

Henry J. Sandblade was formally educated in the Warren schools, and after graduation from high school here became associated with the Jacobson Gas Engine Company, of this city. Remaining for one year with them, he then went to Salem, Ohio, where he found employment in the drafting room of the Buckeye Engine Company and remained for a year. He next became connected with the C. & G. Cooper Company, of Mount Vernon, Ohio, working in their drafting room and engineering department

and staying for two years before his return to Warren. Coming again to Warren, Mr. Sandblade was with the Struthers-Wells Company, working in their drafting department for eighteen years. It was in 1922 that he came to the Thomas Flexible Coupling Company as a mechanical engineer, and he has remained with this organization down to the time of writing, serving continuously since 1923 as vice-president of the company.

In addition to his work with this firm, Mr. Sandblade is a trustee of Oakland Cemetery, in Warren, having so served since 1922. He is a member of Warren Lodge, No. 339, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he is a Past Grand of his lodge and is affiliated with Kossuth Encampment No. 98 and is a Past Chief Patriot of the Encampment. He is also a Past Grand of Council No. 1 of Odd Fellows. He is active, too, in the First Lutheran Church of Warren. In spare time he enjoys outdoor recreations, particularly walking, motoring, visiting strange places and scenes, and, in quiet moments, gardening on the grounds about his own home.

Henry J. Sandblade married, October 28, 1908, Elizabeth Keller, who was born in Germany, daughter of Philip and Marie Keller, both natives of Alsace-Lorraine, who came to America with a large family and died in Warren. Her father was engaged for many years in farming activities. Mrs. Sandblade studied in Germany and in the public schools of Warren County. She is a member of the First Lutheran Church of Warren and of the different women's organizations of this congregation. Mr. and Mrs. Sandblade became the parents of the following children: 1. Robert Henry Sandblade, born December 9, 1910, a machinist by trade, associated with the Struthers-Wells Company; he was graduated from Warren High School, and attended Pennsylvania State College for two years. 2. Helen Marie Sandblade, born May 23, 1915, graduated from Warren High School; became the wife of Robert De Long, of Warren, Pennsylvania; they have a daughter, Betty De Long, who was born February 25, 1939.

ORLO JAMES HAMLIN—Active in banking since 1892 in his native community of Smethport, where his family has long been seated, Orlo James Hamlin is president of the Hamlin Bank & Trust Company and is connected prominently with a number of Smethport business enterprises.

Mr. Hamlin was born June 23, 1873, in Smethport, McKean County, Pennsylvania, son of Henry and Hannah L. (McCoy) Hamlin and a descendant of an old and distinguished family. He was of the ninth generation in direct line of descent from James Hamlin, who lived in London, England, in 1623, but who founded the family in Barnstable, Massachusetts, where he was admitted a freeman March 1, 1641. He died in 1690. By his first wife,

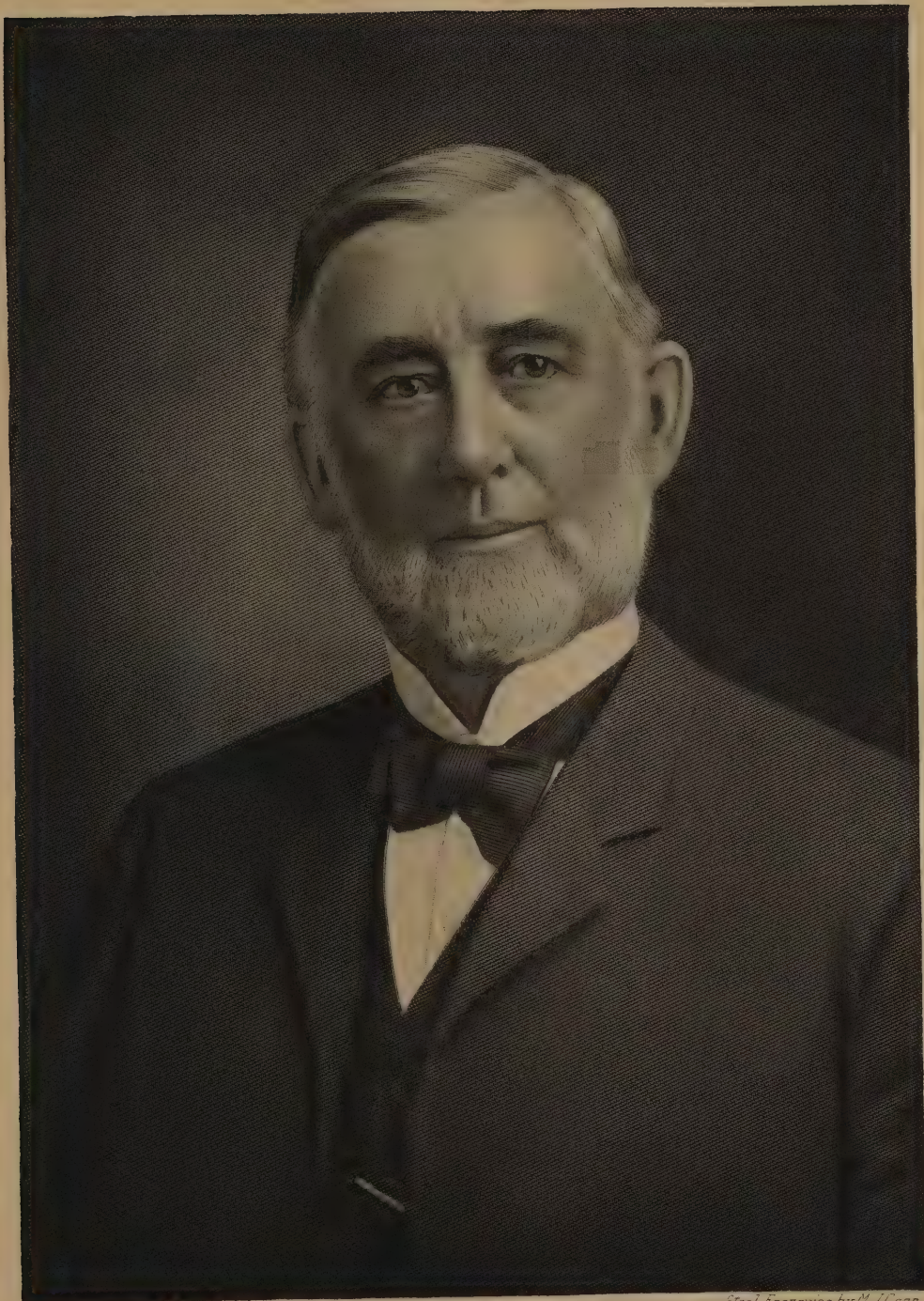
Ann, he had several children, one of whom, also bearing the name of James Hamlin, was baptized at St. Lawrence, Reading, Berkshire, England, April 10, 1636, and came to America in 1642 with his mother and sisters, settling at West Barnstable, Massachusetts; he married Mary Dunham. Their son, Deacon Ebenezer Hamlin, who succeeded to his grandfather's property and his father's, later removed to Rochester, Massachusetts, where he became a deacon and an original member of the first church, but in 1742 removed to Sharon, Connecticut; he married (first) Sarah Lewis. Their son, Thomas Hamlin, born in Barnstable, Massachusetts, May 6, 1710, represented the fourth generation. His son, Nathaniel Hamlin, born June 7, 1738, in Agawam, Massachusetts, died in Sharon, Connecticut, was a merchant, and kept a house of entertainment for travelers at Sharon Mountain, was a first lieutenant in the 3d Company of Sharon, and later was a private in the Colonial forces in the War of the American Revolution; he married (first) Lucy Foster, and they had twelve children. The ninth of these, Asa Hamlin, born March 30, 1780, in Sharon, Connecticut, died September 8, 1835, in Smethport, Pennsylvania, received a sound education, studied medicine, and practiced his profession at Sharon with considerable success until about 1814, when he removed to Fairfield, New York, going to Salem, Pennsylvania in 1816, and in 1833 to Smethport, where he died September 8, 1835.

This founder of the line in Smethport, Dr. Asa Hamlin, practiced medicine often under difficult conditions, finding it hard to collect bills of money due him and leaving his family with little funds at his death. He was a Federalist in politics and a Presbyterian in his religious faith. He married, December 26, 1802, Asenath Delano, who was born April 6, 1780, in Sharon, Connecticut, daughter of Stephen and Huldah (Doty) Delano. They had eight children.

The eldest, Orlo Jay Hamlin, grandfather of Orlo James Hamlin, was born December 2, 1803, and died February 13, 1880, in Smethport, Pennsylvania. Though a native of Sharon, Connecticut, he lived in Wayne and Bradford counties, Pennsylvania, from the age of eleven years, in 1814, and in Smethport after 1826. In 1824 he became a teacher of the pioneer school at Towanda, Bradford County. Disliking the work, he supported himself by sign painting, surveying and mapping and, against his father's wishes, read law twelve or fourteen hours daily until he gained the sobriquet of "the pale village student." In September, 1826, surmounting seemingly insurmountable hurdles placed in his way, he was admitted to the bar at the age of twenty-three. Soon afterward he came to McKean County. He had many interests, including agriculture and public affairs, and served as township collector, deputy postmaster and postmaster, deputy prothonotary, register and recorder. Later he be-

came attorney-general for Potter and McKean counties, Deputy United States Marshal to take the 1830 census, and State representative (elected in 1832). In the winter of 1832-33 he urged a bill appropriating \$20,000 for improvement of the east-west State road through McKean County, and espoused extension of the canal up the north branch of the Susquehanna. Both bills were at first defeated, but the canal bill was afterward passed. He also introduced a bill to organize the Eighteenth Judicial District, embracing Potter, McKean, Warren and Jefferson counties. He practiced law only until 1851, when the condition of his health necessitated his retirement from active practice. Then he studied French, German, astronomy, geology and economics while confined with illness for thirty years. He did much writing, including a translation of "La Marseillaise" and much material on nature and the McKean County scenery. His description of McKean County is preserved in "Hazard's Register," and his speeches and writings are to be found in a history of his life and works, privately published in 1914. Orlo Jay Hamlin married, January 13, 1828, in Norwich Township, McKean County, Orra Lucinda Cogswell, born September 10, 1804, in Griswold, Connecticut, died April 17, 1881, in Smethport, Pennsylvania, daughter of John and Dolly Cogswell and member of an old Connecticut family. Orlo Jay and Orra L. (Cogswell) Hamlin became the parents of four children: Harriet, Henry, John C., and Pauline E. Hamlin.

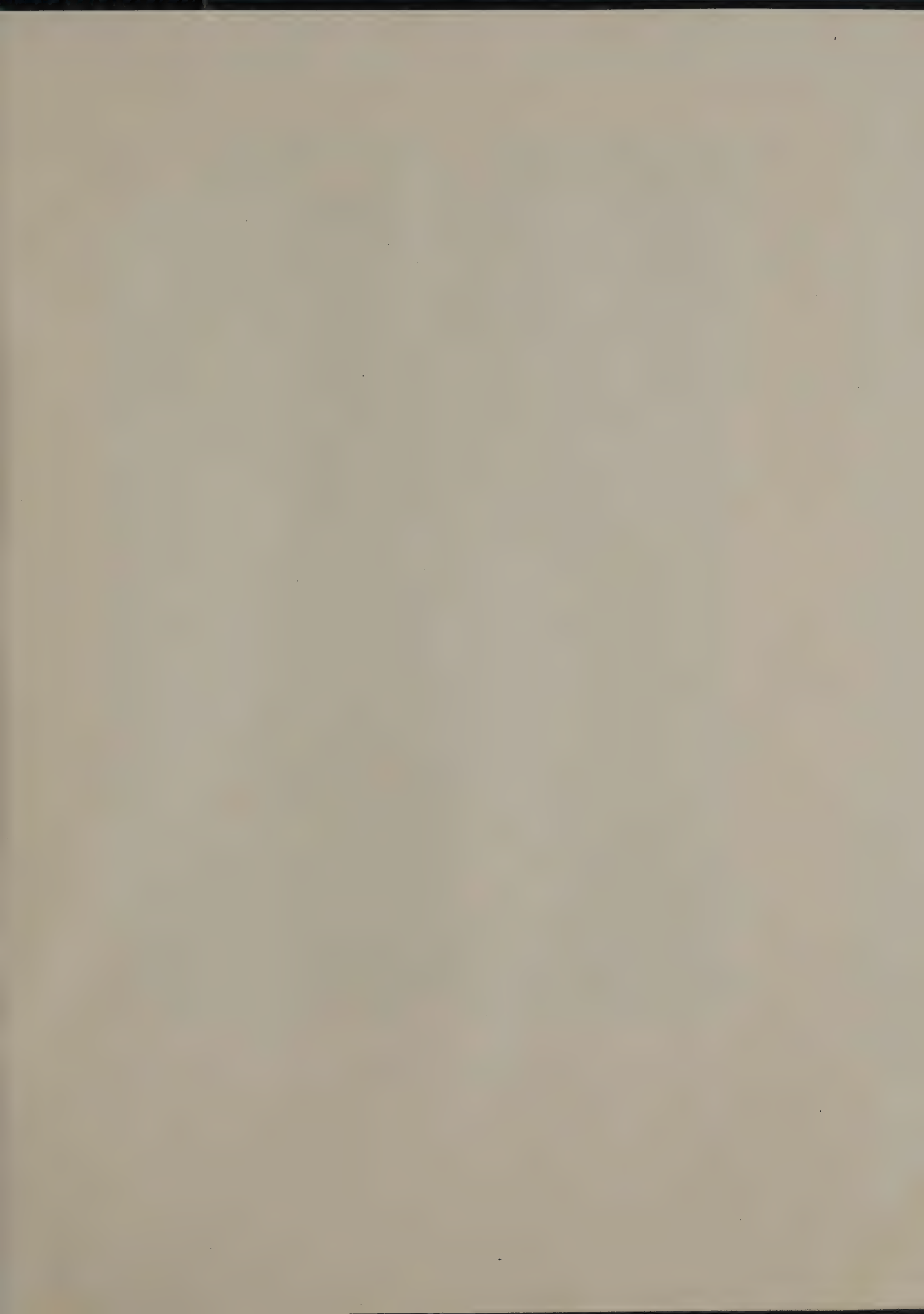
The second-named of these, Henry Hamlin, Orlo James Hamlin's father, was born April 9, 1830, in Smethport, and he early became active in business affairs in association with his father and others. He ran general stores at Clermont and Eldred, then interested himself in the oil and lumber industries. Perhaps his most important business activity was his association with others in the Great Southern Lumber Company, which built a modern city in Louisiana, under the name of Bogalusa, where the company's work was centered. There Mr. Hamlin and the others were active in the creation of schools, churches, houses and many progressive institutions. He was also instrumental in erection of one of the South's leading railroads, connecting New Orleans with Jackson, Mississippi. Henry Hamlin also founded the Hamlin Bank & Trust Company, of which his son is president. Henry Hamlin was president of the First National Bank of Port Allegany, and he organized the Smethport Water Company, helped to extend the B. B. & K. railroad to Smethport, and was a director of the Coudersport & Port Allegany Railroad Company, the Logan, Newark and other gas companies, the Fulton and Phoenix Gas Company of New York State, the Conklin Wagon Company of Olean, and the Great Southern Lumber Company. He was president of the Buckeye Gas Company of Cincinnati, and a trustee of the Fidelity Trust & Guarantee Company

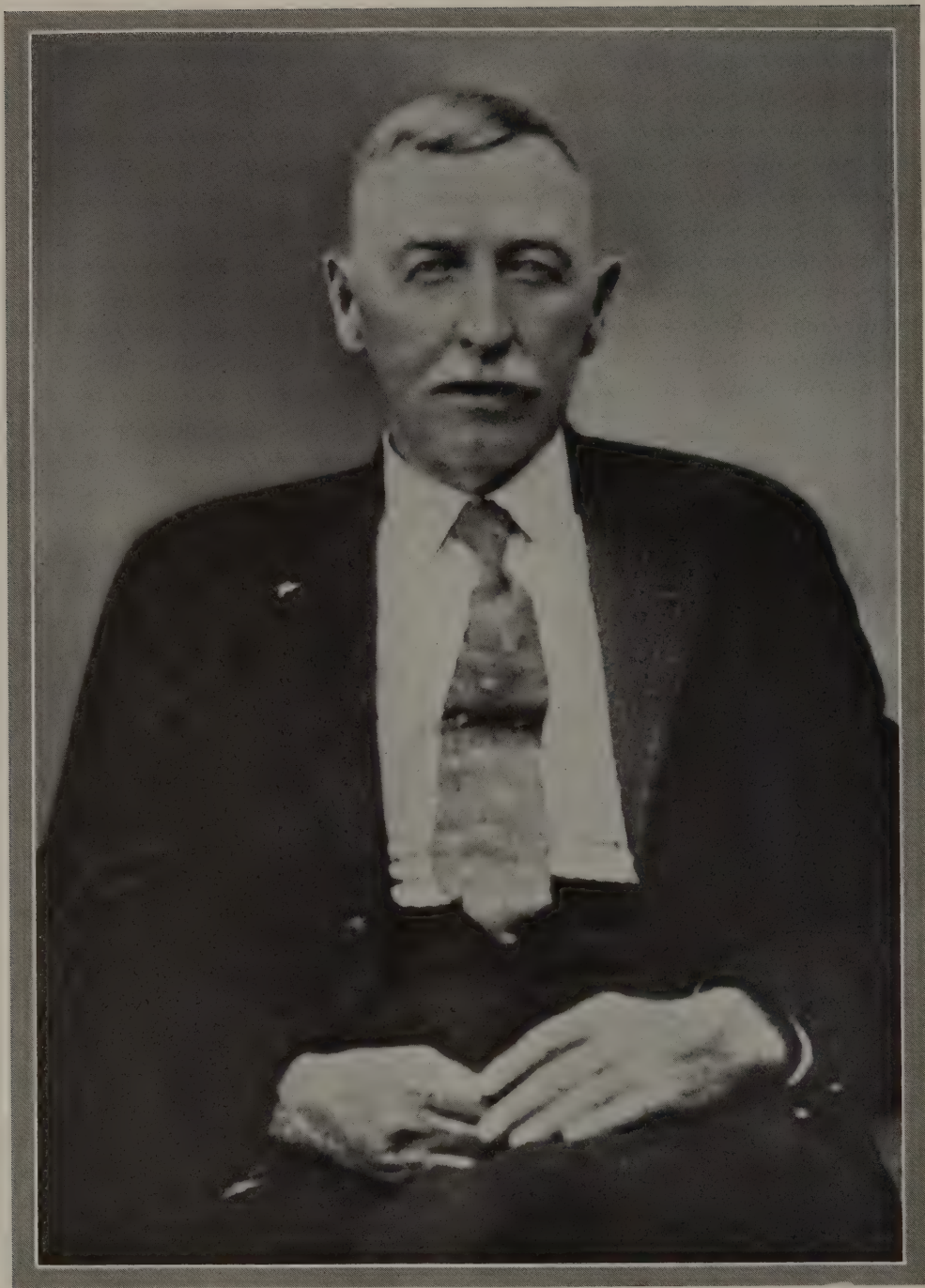


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of Buffalo and the Minona Mining Company of Colorado. He was a Democrat, but became a Republican when the new party was organized because he approved freeing the slaves. Henry Hamlin married, August 14, 1854, Hannah L. McCoy, of Smethport, daughter of Dr. William Y. and Charlotte Augusta (Darling) McCoy. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Laena Darling Hamlin, born June 7, 1856, wife of Robert Hutchinson Rose, a McKean County lawyer and later a State legislator; they took up their residence in Binghamton, New York. 2. Emma Marion Hamlin, born December 26, 1857, wife of the Rev. John Heber McCandless. 3. Eugenia May Hamlin, born December 2, 1865, wife of Howard E. Merrill, a leading nurseryman of Geneva, New York. 4. Orlo James Hamlin, of further mention.

Orlo James Hamlin received his early education at St. Paul's School, Concord, New Hampshire, where he was graduated in 1889. He then became a student at Hobart College, in Geneva, New York, where he was graduated in 1894, after which he studied at Lowell's School of Business, in Binghamton, New York. Even before he completed his formal studies, Mr. Hamlin entered into business with his father as an associate in the firm of Henry Hamlin & Son, Bankers. This enterprise later came to be known as the Hamlin Bank & Trust Company. Mr. Hamlin's broad knowledge of conditions existing in Smethport and McKean County established him in a position of leadership and confidence in the district, and he rose in the organization of the Hamlin Bank & Trust Company until he became president in 1918.

Not only does Orlo James Hamlin continue effectively to head this banking institution, but he interests himself officially in other banking and business houses. He is a director of the First National Bank of Eldred; the Great Southern Lumber Company, of Bogalusa, Louisiana; the Bogalusa Paper Company; the Big Indian Oil Company; and the Hamlin-Tanner Oil Company. A Republican in his political views, he has extensive fraternal and civic interests, belonging to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, holding the thirty-second degree and being affiliated with the Knights Templar in the Free and Accepted Masons, and holding memberships in such organizations as the Conopus Club, the Bradford Club, the Masonic Club and the Smethport Country Club. One of his very recent business interests is as a director of the Gaylord Container Corporation, Inc. He is senior warden and a regular attendant at St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal Church.

Orlo James Hamlin married, at Geneva, New York, January 4, 1899, Mirabel Depew Folger, of that place, daughter of Charles J. and Susan (Depew) Folger. The Hamlins became the parents of three children: 1. Mirabel M., wife of Robert A. Digel (*q. v.*). 2. Hannah McCoy, wife of E. O'Neill Kane, 3d. 3. Susan, wife of Lowell S. Oakes.

SILAS H. ELDER—There are few remaining living pioneers of the petroleum business in McKean County even though its history extends over little more than six decades. Some of the old names continue as the title of companies, such as S. H. Elder & Company. All the original members of the firm have passed on excepting Robert A. Digel (*q. v.*), its present head, and the grandson of the founder.

Silas H. Elder, the founder, and a self-made man, was born at Parker's Landing, Pennsylvania, June 16, 1854. When hardly more than a boy he followed the oil rush into McKean County, and located at Coleville nearly sixty years ago. This early boom passed; oil operators went to new fields, and Coleville shrunk to a small hamlet. Mr. Elder believed that the oil industry would be rehabilitated and remained through the long, lean years of diminishing production by wells and unstable markets. The profits were small until the first World War raised prices and later came the application of flood methods, and Mr. Elder proved to be one of the county's biggest producers. His interests grew to be of such importance that his sons and grandsons were associated with him, and S. H. Elder & Company was formed, consisting of Mr. Elder, his wife, Mary C. Elder, and his grandsons, Robert A. Digel and Howard M. Digel.

Besides heading his own company, Silas H. Elder was the owner of the Farmers' Valley Gas Company; vice-president of the First National Bank of Fort Allegany; director of the Producers Bank & Trust Company, of Bradford, and took an active interest in the McKean County Fair, of which he was vice-president. He attended the Seventh Day Adventist Church of Bradford, and for many years was affiliated with the Smethport Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Somewhat delicate of health as a youth, he had spent a year in the woods building up his physique. At that time was born a love of the out-of-doors that grew stronger with the years. He was a skilled fisherman and enjoyed hunting. At the time of his death, March 5, 1934, a contemporary wrote: "Mr. Elder was a man of sterling qualities, a true oil country pioneer, a commoner and a gentleman, who was not changed by riches. He was a kindly, companionable individual who had a legion of friends in all walks of life. His passing was mourned by all."

On September 3, 1880, Silas H. Elder married Mary C. Snyder, of Butler County, Pennsylvania, and they were the parents of three children, all of whom are deceased: Mrs. Herman Digel, and Floyd and Frank Elder.

ROBERT A. DIGEL—The owner and last surviving member of the original firm of S. H. Elder & Company, Robert A. Digel, is one of the important oil men and public-spirited citizens of Smethport, Pennsylvania.

He is not only prominently identified with the production of petroleum and natural gas in the Bradford and Alleghany fields, but is a leader in the financial, civic and fraternal affairs of Coleville and McKean County.

He was born at Coleville, Pennsylvania, March 19, 1900, son of Herman and Grace (Elder) Digel. His father, an oil man, was born in Farmers Valley, Pennsylvania. His mother was a daughter of Silas H. Elder and his wife, Mary C. Snyder, of Butler County. Mrs. Digel died when her son was eight years old and he was reared thereafter by Grandfather Elder who was a firm believer that a boy could not begin learning some business too early in life. Thus it was that Robert A. Digel did odd jobs on oil properties while he was acquiring an education in the local public schools and private academies. As he grew more experienced heavier responsibilities were placed upon his shoulders.

In 1922, Grandfather Silas H. Elder organized S. H. Elder & Company, consisting of himself, his wife, Mary C. Elder, Robert A. Digel and younger brother, Howard M. Digel, the latter of whom died in 1929. Mr. Elder passed on March 5, 1934, and his wife died August 25, 1936. Since the latter year, 1936, Robert A. Digel has operated the company as its sole owner. Out of respect to the memory of his grandparents the name of the concern has never been changed. The firm is interested in gas and oil in the Bradford field.

Mr. Digel is a member of the board of directors of the Bradford District Pennsylvania Oil Producers Association and member of the Pennsylvania Grade Crude Oil Association. He is vice-president and a director of the Smethport Water Company; a director of the Hamlin Bank & Trust Company, of Smethport, since 1933, and of the First National Bank of Port Allegany, since 1934. Although an influential figure in the Republican party, his only office is member of the Smethport Board of Education. Following in the footsteps of his grandfather, he is a director and vice-president of McKean County Fair Association. Mr. Digel is a member and past president of the Smethport Rotary Club, and fraternally is affiliated with the Duke Center Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, the Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Zem Zem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Erie, Pennsylvania. Other connections include membership in the Smethport Country Club and the Valley Hunt Club. He is active in the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

On February 6, 1923, Robert A. Digel married Mirabel McCoy Hamlin, daughter of Orlo J. Hamlin, of Smethport. Mr. and Mrs. Digel are the parents of five children, the four oldest attending Smethport public schools: 1. Hannah Catherine, named after her two great-grandmothers who were living at the time of her birth; she

attends Smethport High School. 2. Mirabel Grace, named after her grandmothers. 3. Anne Hamlin. 4. Robert A., Jr. 5. Howard Elder.

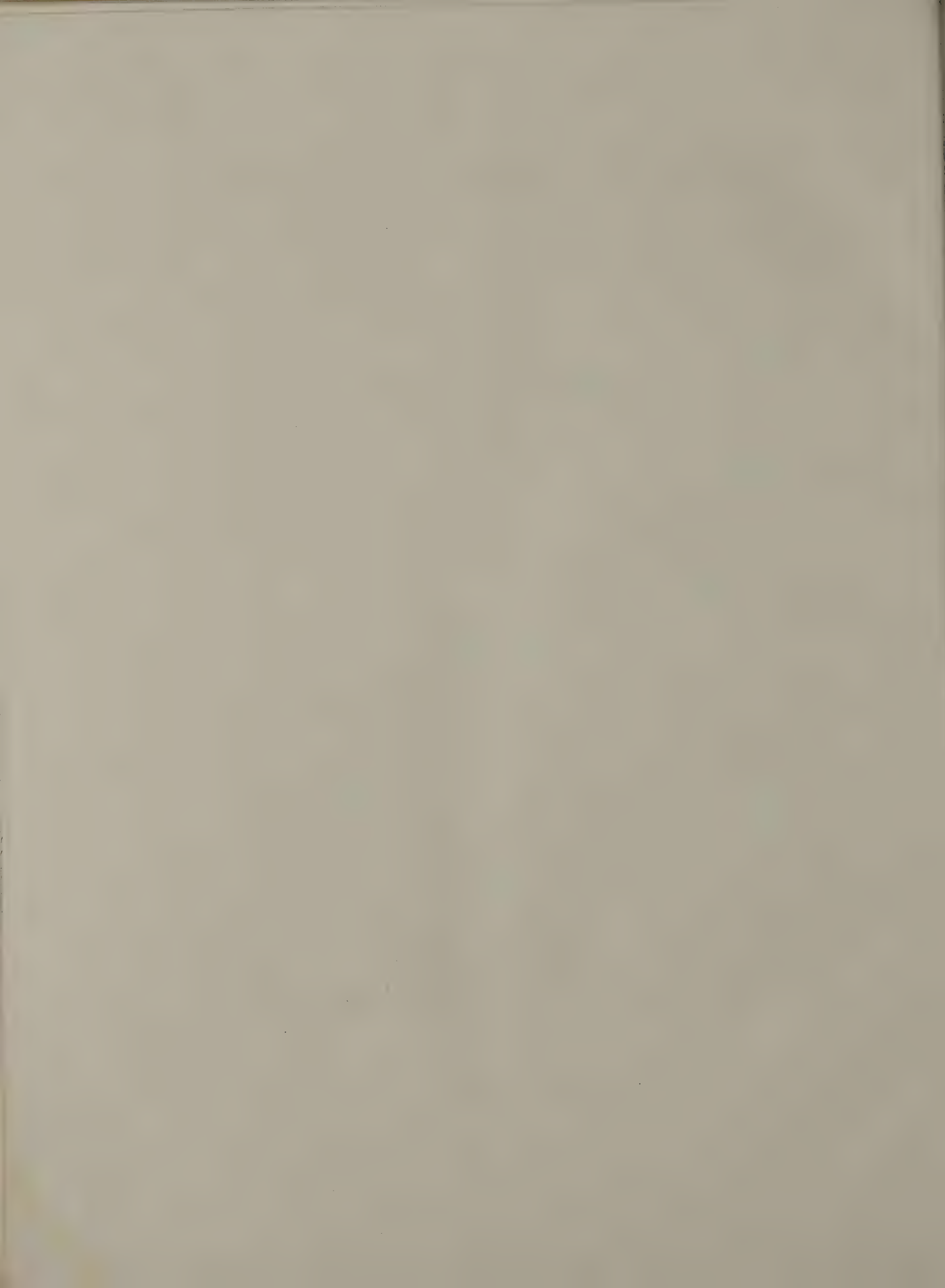
CLARENCE LINWOOD WHITE—Since 1935 Clarence Linwood White has been executive director of the Erie County Board of Public Assistance, and he has deeply interested himself in the civic and social affairs of the city of Erie.

Mr. White was born June 24, 1888, in Topsham, Maine, son of Elmer E. and Emma Edith (Canham) White and member of an old family. The line dates back to William White, who came to America on the historic voyage of the "Mayflower" in 1620 and landed with the Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock to start a new era in history. John White, great-great-grandson of the immigrant ancestor, had a son, William White, who married Judith Blethen. Both natives of Topsham, who lived and died there, they became the parents of Jordan White, Clarence Linwood White's grandfather. He was born in Topsham in 1835 and died there in 1913, and was a bridge-builder by trade, though in later years he was engaged in farming and the operation of a sawmill; he married Nancy Jane Cook, who was born in 1842 in Lisbon, Maine, and died in 1915 on a farm in Topsham. Their son, Elmer E. White, Clarence L. White's father, was born July 6, 1862, in Lewiston, Maine, and died in Buffalo, New York, December 28, 1937. He was a contractor and builder throughout most of his active life, and in his political views was a member of the Prohibitionist party. He was a member of the Methodist Church. He married Emma Edith Canham, daughter of George and Elizabeth Canham, natives of Norwich, England, who both died in Lisbon, Maine. George Canham was a weaver in a woolen mill. Mrs. Emma Edith (Canham) White, Clarence L. White's mother, was born in November, 1866, in Vassalboro, Maine, and now makes her home in Auburn, that State.

Clarence Linwood White received his early education in the schools of Topsham, Maine, his birthplace, and there was graduated from high school in 1905. In 1908 he was graduated from Pratt Institute, in Brooklyn, New York, as an industrial mechanical engineer. Becoming associated with the E. R. Thomas Motor Company, automobile manufacturers, as a draftsman to serve as helper to the assistant engineer, he remained there for two years, then became associated with the Young Men's Christian Association. In 1911 the "Y" gave him charge of all technical school courses, and he continued that service until July, 1918, when he was placed in charge of truck-master training at Purdue University, in Lafayette, Indiana, but with offices in Washington, District of Columbia. Until the signing of the Armistice, November 11, 1918, following the World War, Mr. White carried on that work. Then he reorganized the Detroit Institute of



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Technology, in Detroit, Michigan, and was so engaged there for four months. At the conclusion of that period he returned to Buffalo, New York, where he became associated with the Pierce-Arrow Motor Company as chief of the organization staff, serving directly under the president of the company. In November, 1921, Mr. White went to Bradford, Pennsylvania, as president and manager of the C. L. White Motor Company, Inc., Ford car dealers. During the twelve years in Bradford Mr. White was active in many organizations of a character-building and civic nature. He was a member of the Rotary Club, Board of Commerce, Airport Club (which he organized), McKean County Motor Club, Boy Scout Council (of which he was vice-president) and on the board of directors of the Young Men's Christian Association. As chairman of a committee of the Board of Commerce, he initiated the movement which resulted in the organization of Bradford's Community Chest.

Mr. and Mrs. White were in a disastrous automobile wreck which occurred in La Grange, Indiana, on January 11, 1932, and which resulted in the enucleation of both of Mrs. White's eyes. This was a chief contributing factor in causing the voluntary bankruptcy of his company and his change to another line of work.

In 1933 he came to Erie.

Here his work was first that of code commissioner representing 375 automobile dealers in nine counties of northwestern Pennsylvania. In June, 1935, the codes set up under the NRA were declared unconstitutional, whereupon Mr. White entered upon a new work with the Pennsylvania State Emergency Relief Administration, in 1935 under the State administration of Robert L. Johnson. He had a month of training for this work, then, by selection of the Erie County Relief Board, came back to Erie from Harrisburg, the State capital, to carry on the activities assigned to him. In 1938, through civil service selection, he was made executive director by the Erie County Board of Assistance, and he so continues today. Politically Mr. White is a Republican. He belongs to the Erie County Motor Club, the Erie County Sportsmen's League and the Kiwanis Club, and is a member of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church. In leisure time Mr. White is fond of the out-of-doors, enjoying as a major recreation motoring, boating and fishing. He has made many delightful trips with his car and trailer.

On October 18, 1913, Clarence Linwood White married Charlotte Lange, who was born in Hyde Park, New York, daughter of Edward and Susan (Boelstridge) Lange, both of whom are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. White have one daughter, Kathryn L. White, wife of J. Edwin Baker, superintendent of the Harry Anna Home for Crippled Children, at Umatilla, Florida. The Bakers have two sons: John Edwin Baker and Robert Raymond Baker.

REV. JOSEPH H. DIAMOND—Father Diamond was born November 12, 1884, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, son of John and Mary (Diamond) Diamond. His father, a native Scotsman, reared in Ireland, came early to America and became engaged in the manufacture of shoe blackening, ink, laundry blueing and mucilage. During the Civil War he served as a private in the Union Army, and he was active in many organizations, including the Roman Catholic Church. When he was president of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Agatha's Church, over a fifteen-year period, he made remarkable headway in his work with the parish. He was for thirty years a member of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, and belonged to the Knights of Columbus and the Grand Army of the Republic. His many-sided contribution to the life of his times was the more unusual in view of his struggle to establish himself in the New World after coming here from Ireland. For years he was a salesman. Then he returned to Ireland, married Mary Diamond, who like himself, was reared and educated in that country, and brought her back with him to the United States. She also died in Philadelphia.

Their son, Father Joseph H. Diamond, attended parochial schools connected with St. Agatha's Church, Philadelphia, and was graduated from the Catholic High School. For his theological studies he went to St. Bonaventure's College, in Allegany, New York, where he was graduated, and on June 10, 1911, he was ordained to the priesthood. His first professional assignment was as assistant to Monsignor Sheridan, of Oil City, where he remained for eighteen months. He then went to St. Catherine's Roman Catholic Church, at Du Bois, Pennsylvania, as assistant to Monsignor Bernard McGibney. After three months there, he removed to Warren, Pennsylvania, where he was for six months assistant to the Rev. Joseph W. Sieverding. Next he went to Driftwood, Pennsylvania, as pastor of St. James' Church, where he remained for six years. On May 30, 1924, he began his work as pastor of St. Joseph's, here continuing down to the time of his death, July 24, 1941.

So far-reaching was his work at St. Joseph's that no record of Father Diamond would be complete except against the background of this church's history. The first baptismal record of the parish was dated 1858. Before that time Warren's Catholics were attended by a Benedictine priest from St. Mary's, Elk County. St. Joseph's, when first established, included all the Territory from Corry to Tionesta and to Kane and Wilcox—a territory that now has seven Catholic churches. St. Joseph's, situated in Beech Street, had as its first pastor, the Rev. de la Roque, who served from 1858 to 1893, and was followed in succession by the Rev. Father Tracy, 1893-1895; Father McCabe, 1895-1900; Father Joseph Sieverding, 1900-23; Father Becker, 1923-24; and Father Diamond, beginning in 1924. The first parochial school was

housed in the remodeled structure that had been the original church. It began in 1883, being opened in two rooms in September of that year, in charge of the Benedictine Sisters of St. Marys, Pennsylvania. Father McCabe built the present parochial school in 1895, containing four school rooms and an upstairs. From 1910 to 1921 St. Joseph's had a high school. In 1923 Father Becker had the school remodeled. In addition to his work with St. Joseph's Church and related organizations, Father Diamond was a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, and Warren Lodge, No. 223, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He was a past State chaplain of the Elks in Pennsylvania. Father Diamond endeared himself to the people of Warren and this district. He has three brothers: Frank P. Diamond, who is sales manager of the Seder & Seder Store, in Philadelphia; Edmund Diamond, of Lansdowne, this State, who succeeded his father in business, but specializes now in the manufacture of laundry blueing; and Daniel Diamond, also of Lansdowne, head of the women's shoe department of Litt Brothers, Philadelphia.

HERBERT F. OLDS—As vice-president of Sakura Mills, Inc., at Kane, Herbert F. Olds has large responsibilities in the operation of a company which is now one of the leading manufacturers of glove silk underwear in the country. He has been associated with this organization and its predecessors since 1920 and has held his present office since 1934.

Herbert F. Olds received his education in the public schools of Youngsville and in August, 1904, after completing his high school course, began his active career as a railroad man at Sheffield, Pennsylvania. He remained in this connection until 1912, was then transferred to Kane as a railroad clerk and subsequently became chief clerk. In 1920 he resigned to enter the service of the Sakura Silk Company as bookkeeper. This company was established in 1910 by Jacob Thissen, under the name of the Thissen Silk Manufacturing Company, makers of silk goods in general and especially of silk gloves. Mr. Thissen's chief financial backing was furnished by James McDade, an active Kane man. In 1914 construction of the present plant was begun and one year later it was occupied by the company. Meanwhile, in 1914, Mr. Thissen withdrew from the organization and was succeeded as manager by R. R. Rhines. It was decided to adopt a new company name at the time and the word Sakura was suggested by one of their principal importers of raw silk. This term signifies "Cherry Blossom" in Japanese.

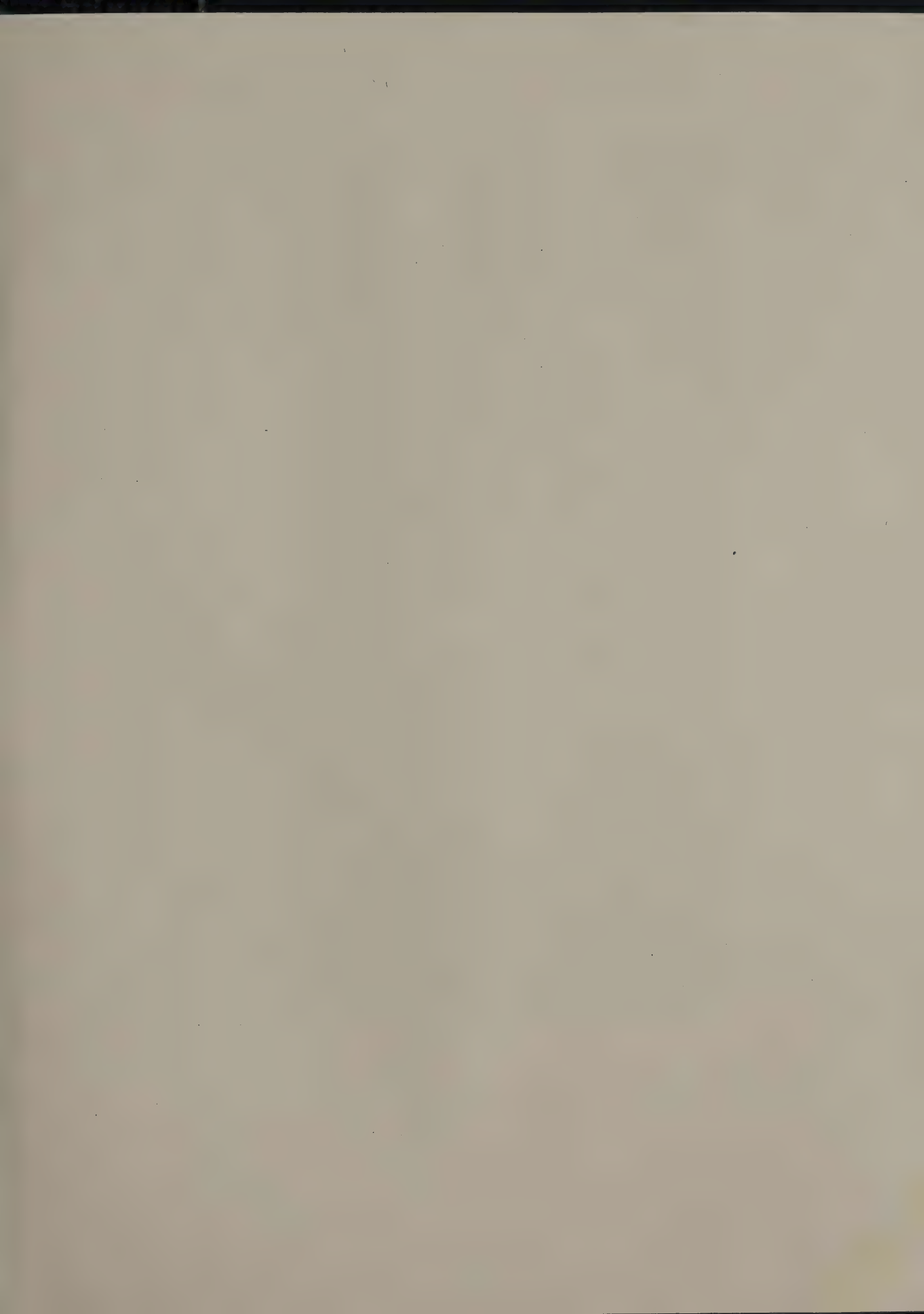
On November 1, 1919, Mr. Rhines left the organization to become associated with the Mohawk Glove Company, and Harold P. Hue, who had been superintendent

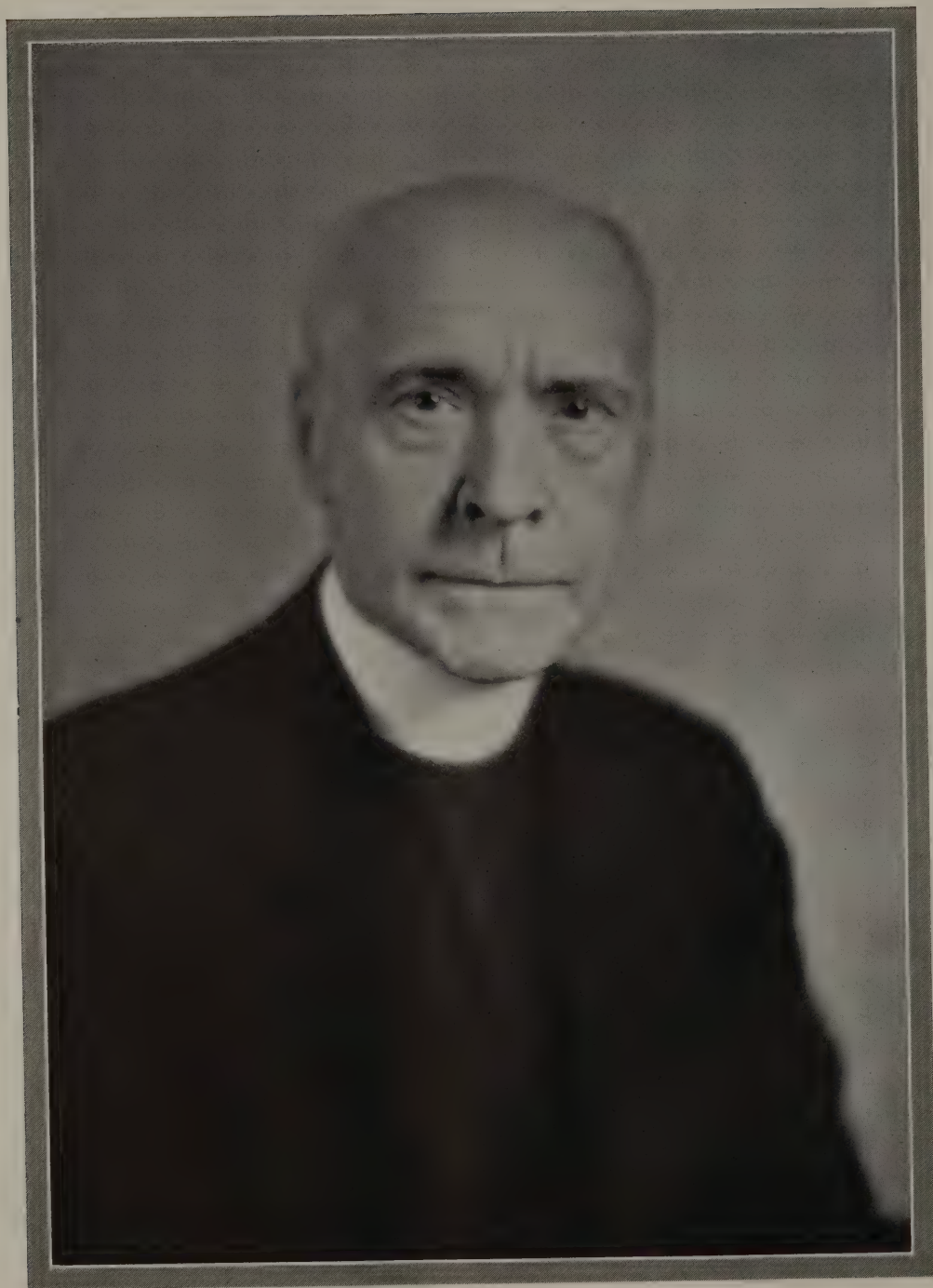
of the Jamestown plant established a short time previously, became manager of the company. In March, 1927, he was succeeded by W. R. Geary and less than a year later, on January 1, 1928, H. F. Olds, who had been bookkeeper since 1920, became manager. The business, however, had declined, due to changing fashions which made silk gloves a drug on the market. As a consequence, early in 1927, it was decided to change the product and the manufacture of glove silk underwear was begun. This was an almost new fabric and in the first year of new production the company made 4,673 dozens. This figure was steadily increased, but not rapidly enough to rescue the company from the financial difficulties into which it had fallen before the change of product. In 1934, therefore, the company was reorganized with new financing and a new name, Sakura Mills, Inc., was adopted. W. R. Friedman, of New York City, became president of the company; Mr. Olds was elected vice-president and also assumed the offices of treasurer and general manager; A. J. Fisher became secretary. Immediately following the reorganization, the business of the company underwent a rapid development and at the present time the company manufactures over one hundred thousand dozens of glove silk underwear per year. All machinery and equipment is modern and the employment rolls of the company now include 160 persons working full time, in contrast to about twenty-five part time employees who worked with the organization in 1929. The product of the company is merchandised under the trade name of "Marion Rohr" and is sold in all the finest stores throughout the East and Middle West. Expanding business, which has made the company one of the leading manufacturers in its field, has necessitated several additions to the plant, which now comprises about twenty-six thousand square feet of floor space.

As vice-president, treasurer and general manager of the company, Mr. Olds is its principal operating officer, and the record of the company under his guidance reflects the strength of his leadership. Mr. Olds is also treasurer of the Olympic Luggage Company of Kane. He is a leading figure in the life of Kane, where his interests and activities have centered for more than a quarter of a century.

Mr. Olds is a member of the Kane Chamber of Commerce and is a Republican in politics and a member of the Methodist Church.

On June 11, 1913, he married Clara M. Hollander, of Jamestown, New York, a native of Sheffield, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Olds have three children: 1. Marie A., a graduate of local public schools and West Chester Teachers' College, now a teacher in the Kane public schools. 2. Robert H., a graduate of Kane High School and at present a student in Pennsylvania State College. 3. James A., now attending the local schools.





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RT. REV. MGR. DAVID F. HICKEY, LL. D.—

The Catholic Church became established in northwestern Pennsylvania long before petroleum added to the population and progress of this section of the State. Its foothold was relatively small, outside of Erie and the few large towns, until folk from all over the United States and Europe flocked to the region, seeking a livelihood in oil or the growing industries. The Rt. Rev. Mgr. David Hickey, LL. D., has been identified with this part of the State for more than a half century of clerical activities, or since his ordination, and the frequent commendation of his career is, "No man has done more to make this region a better place in which to live than Father Hickey." This is especially true of Bradford. He has risen high in the church, and has shouldered ever increasing responsibilities, but he remains the simple pastor of his people, a useful citizen, and an inspiration and example to all who come in contact with his personality and life.

David F. Hickey was born at Erie, Pennsylvania, April 2, 1867, son of Matthew C. and Mary Elizabeth (O'Callahan) Hickey, both natives of Ireland, who were brought to the United States when children. He attended the parochial schools of Erie, the public high school, and was graduated from St. Bonaventure College, New York State, in 1888, a Bachelor of Arts. His theological education was obtained in St. Bonaventure Seminary and the American College at Louvain, Belgium. He was ordained in Erie, Pennsylvania, on July 5, 1891. His first charge was as assistant in the Cathedral of his birth city, but within a few months he went to Titusville, this State, again as assistant. He served also at Tidioute, Warren County, before becoming pastor of the Emlenton parish, and was priest in Johnsonburg, prior to December 15, 1915, since when he has had the oversight of St. Bernard's parish in Bradford.

Honors have come to Father Hickey down the years. He is a Doctor of Laws, St. Bonaventure College. On May 13, 1928, he was made a domestic prelate with the title of monsignor, and since 1939 he has been vicar general of the Erie diocese. Likewise he is dean of the district comprising McKean, Elk, Potter and Cameron counties. In April, 1941, the Holy Father appointed him Protonotary Apostolic. As already indicated, the Rt. Rev. Mgr. David F. Hickey is an active and constructive factor in the life and affairs of communities. He is the true friend and counsellor of thousands. Few men in this part of the State have a wider acquaintance. He has insight into human traits and motives, and no one could possess a richer store of wisdom and human kindness.

ERNEST GURDON POTTER—As a practicing member of the McKean County bar, Ernest Gurdon Potter, of Smethport, member of the law firm of Gallup, Potter and Gallup, has done much for the betterment of

his community. He is also engaged in business as an oil and gas producer and has other business interests.

Mr. Potter was born July 20, 1893, in Elk County, Pennsylvania, son of Frank and Harriet (Fowler) Potter. His father, a native of Massachusetts, is now deceased. He lived for many years in Kane, Pennsylvania, and was a drilling contractor. The mother, born in Fredonia, New York, is now a resident of Olean, New York.

Public schools provided Ernest Gurdon Potter's early education in Kane, and he had a year of postgraduate study at Kane High School, then attended Bucknell University, at Lewisburg, and was graduated in 1915 from Dickinson Law School, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, as a Bachelor of Laws. Admitted to the McKean County bar on July 8, 1915, he began the practice of his profession in March, 1916, in the office of Fred D. Gallup, in Smethport. His work was of a general nature, covering all phases of the profession, and he continued it until April 27, 1917, when the entry of the United States into the World War changed his plans and he entered military service. After the war, in May, 1919, he resumed his association with Mr. Gallup, the two men establishing the law partnership of Gallup and Potter. This firm so remained until, at the admittance of Mr. Gallup's son to the organization, the name became Gallup, Potter and Gallup. Mr. Potter was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania on January 30, 1922, and to the Supreme Court of the United States on April 25, 1927.

In addition to many other activities in his profession, Mr. Potter is a member of the McKean County Bar Association, the Pennsylvania State Bar Association, and the American Bar Association. He also has extensive business interests, notable as an oil producer, as noted above. He is a director of the Smethport Water Company and trust officer of the Hamlin Bank & Trust Company. A Republican in politics, Mr. Potter is a local committeeman of his party. He served as district attorney from 1920 to 1927 and again in 1934 and 1935. He belongs to the Smethport Country Club, the Pennhills Country Club and the Smethport Rotary Club (of which he is a past president). In the Free and Accepted Masons he is affiliated with Smethport Lodge, of which he is a Past Master, and is also a member of Coudersport Consistory of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and Zem Zem Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. In the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks he belongs to Bradford Lodge. Mr. Potter is treasurer of the vestry of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Smethport.

Mr. Potter's enlistment in the United States Army came on April 27, 1917, when he was assigned to the First Officers' Training Camp, at Niagara, New York. He then served at Camp Meade, Maryland, and Camp

McClelland, Alabama, after which he went to Camp Hancock, Camp Jackson and Camp Wadsworth. On August 6, 1918, he was sent to France with the 53d Pioneer Infantry Regiment. After a winter of service there, he returned to the United States on April 29, 1919, and was honorably discharged May 2 that year with the rank of first lieutenant. For two years he continued in the Army Reserve Corps. He became the first commander of Bucktail Post, No. 138, of the American Legion, and is a past correspondent of the "40 and 8."

Ernest G. Potter married, July 6, 1918, Marion Gallup. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Gurdon G. Potter, born April 29, 1919, graduated from Smethport High School and, in the class of 1941, from Allegheny College, Meadville. 2. William F. Potter, born December 15, 1925, a junior at Smethport High School at the time of writing. 3. John Franklin Potter, born June 21, 1929, a student in the local schools. 4. Elizabeth Ann Potter, born June 22, 1934, also a student in Smethport.

JOHN BRANDOW WALTERS—Extensively engaged in the oil producing business as operator of the J. A. Walters estate and as a partner in the Tallyho Oil Company, John Brandow Walters is widely known and respected in the Bradford district and particularly in his home community of Red Rock.

Mr. Walters was born August 2, 1891, in Red Rock, Pennsylvania, son of John A. and Cora Belle (Brandow) Walters. His father, John A., who was born in Germany, came to the United States when only two years of age, accompanying the grandfather, and was for years a successful oil producer, active in local affairs in Red Rock and the Bradford district, and belonging to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Pythias. The mother, Mrs. Cora Belle (Brandow) Walters, came from New York State to this area.

John Brandow Walters attended the Derrick City graded school and Bradford High School, and in boyhood he went into the oil business. He has continued work along these same lines ever since that time. His father's death, in July, 1915, left the younger Mr. Walters to carry on the work independently and, as operator of the J. A. Walters estate, he is one of the active producers of the territory. He also is a partner of E. H. Sage (*q. v.*) in operation of the Tallyho Oil Company.

In addition to his other activities, Mr. Walters is a director of the Bradford district unit of the Pennsylvania Oil Producers' Association. Active in a variety of local affairs, he is an independent Democrat in his political views, casting his support in favor of men and measures of his choice rather than for any partisan considerations. He served for eighteen years as a director of the Foster Township School Board. Fraternally, Mr. Walters is a

member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he is affiliated with Northern Star Lodge, No. 555, of Duke Center; Bradford Chapter of Royal Arch Masons; Bradford Council of Royal and Select Masters; Trinity Commandery of Knights Templar, of Bradford; Coudersport Consistory of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and Zem Zem Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (of Erie). He attends the Derrick City Methodist Church. In leisure time he is fond of baseball and bowling.

John Brandow Walters married, October 4, 1913, Helen McIntire, of McKean County, Pennsylvania, daughter of Dewitt Clinton and Elizabeth (Wheeler) McIntire, both now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Walters became the parents of four children: 1. Helen Jeanne Walters, who attended local schools and Bradford High School, later studied at Denver General Hospital and took postgraduate work in anesthesia at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, and also was anesthesiologist at Tucson, Arizona, General Hospital; she married, in May, 1941, Dr. Kenneth Grant, and is now serving at Michael Reese Hospital, Evanston, Illinois. 2. Elizabeth Ann Walters, attended local schools and spent two years at Grove City, where she took a commercial course; now connected with the clerical department of Bradford Hospital. 3. John Dewitt Walters attended local schools and Bradford High School, now a sophomore at the University of Oklahoma. 4. Frances Louise Walters, who died at the age of nine years.

JOSEPH PATRICK KERVIN—In devoting his career to the oil industry, Joseph Patrick Kervin follows the example of his father, who first made the family name prominent in the northwest Pennsylvania fields. He has been a producer in this area for many years and is also active as a drilling contractor.

Mr. Kervin was born in Butler County, Pennsylvania, on December 12, 1879, son of Thomas Henry and Clara Belle (Hartman) Kervin. His father, who was born in Prescott, Canada, and died in 1930, came to the Pennsylvania oil country at the age of sixteen years and started in the industry at the bottom. Working through every phase of the industry, he became a large operator and one of the best known men in the oil region. He married Clara Belle Hartman, who was born in Crawford County and died in 1935. They became the parents of nine children, five of whom lived to reach maturity, as follows: Joseph Patrick, of this record; Clara Belle, who married Emanuel Daly, of Bradford; Thomas H.; Leo J.; and Margaret, who is now a Sister at the Convent of St. Mary's in the Woods.

Joseph Patrick Kervin received a public school education. Having a decided ability to handle horses, even as a boy, he early became a teamster for his father and





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thought seriously of following a career as a veterinarian. After careful consideration, however, he decided that the greater opportunities of the oil industry outweighed his love for animals and at the age of twenty he struck out for himself as an independent oil producer. He has continued his operations ever since. In addition, he operates seven strings of tools as a drilling contractor and has drilled many wells in this region for the Forest Oil Company and others, as well as his own. During the early years of the century he was also associated with his father in the management of a glass factory established by the elder Kervin at Eldred and continued until 1912.

Joseph Patrick Kervin has always taken an active part in local affairs generally. Although he has never held public office, except for a term as supervisor of Otto Township, he is influential and has been associated with many of the principal civic enterprises of the locality. Mr. Kervin is a Democrat in politics. He has been affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and the Knights of Pythias and is a member of St. John's Roman Catholic Church in Duke Center, where he makes his home. As in his boyhood, horses have been one of his greatest interests and he has owned and exhibited some of the finest in this region. He is a director of the McKean County Fair Association.

On July 29, 1908, Mr. Kervin married Jessie Mabel Schraeder, of Eldred, daughter of Henry and Pauline Schraeder. They are the parents of four sons: 1. Joseph Patrick, Jr., a graduate of St. Bernard's Parochial School in Bradford and of St. Bonaventure's College, now associated with his father in the oil business. 2. Theodore Frederick, a graduate of St. Bernard's Parochial School, and St. Bonaventure's and Pennsylvania State colleges. He is also associated with his father in the oil business. 3. Kenneth Jack. 4. Jerry Henry. The two younger sons are now attending St. Bernard's High School in Bradford.

COLONEL EDWIN VAN DEUSEN SELDEN

—The history of the family of Selden goes back to very early years of American Colonial life. Its representatives have shed luster upon the name, one of the most distinguished of families contributing to the foundation and preservation of the Republic.

(I) Thomas Selden, first of the family to arrive and settle in America, came from Wadhurst, County of Essex, England, about 1635. The family were located in the western part of Sussex as early as 1210. The following year he is listed among the pioneer settlers of Hartford, Connecticut, with his cousin, Thomas Hosmer, son of his aunt, Dorothy (Selden) Hosmer. He was made a free-man and constable, and became a man of prominence and considerable wealth for those days. A monument erected

in Hartford to the memory of the original proprietors bears his name also. Thomas Selden married Hester Wakeman, and they were the parents of seven children, of whom was Joseph, see further. He died in 1655, and his widow married (second) Deacon Andrew Warner, and with him and five of her children removed to Hadley, Massachusetts.

(II) Joseph Selden, fourth child and second son of Thomas and Hester (Wakeman) Selden, fought in King Philip's War, and was in the engagement at Deerfield, Massachusetts, to which town he removed in 1684. Ten years later he returned to Hadley, and then to Lyme, Connecticut, where, on January 31, 1696, he bought out the heirs of Hon. John Leverett. He also owned other lands. In 1687 he was fined for permitting his wife to wear a silk dress. The property on which he built the original Selden homestead at Hadlyme, Connecticut, is still in possession of his descendants. Joseph Selden married Rebecca Church, daughter of Deacon Edward Church, of Hatfield, Massachusetts. They were the parents of ten children, of whom was Samuel, see further. The father of this family died July 14, 1724, at Hadlyme, Connecticut.

(III) Captain Samuel Selden, third son and eighth child of Joseph and Rebecca (Church) Selden, was born May 17, 1695, died February 8, 1745, and is buried in the village of Hamburg, New London County, Connecticut. He was successively ensign, lieutenant and captain of the 3d Company of Foot in Lyme, Connecticut. He married Deborah Dudley, daughter of Lieutenant Joseph Dudley, whose marriage proposal, posted on the meetinghouse door, to Noahdiah Brainerd, Captain Selden had altered to include his own name as the successful suitor; and on the day named, the wedding took place with no untoward events or scene. The wedding ring is now in the possession of Colonel Selden, of Oil City. They were the parents of eight children, of whom Samuel (2) was the eldest, see further. After the death of Captain Selden, his widow married the Noahdiah Brainerd, of that memorable first wedding date "proposal." She died in Saybrook, Connecticut, in 1799, in her ninety-eighth year.

(IV) Colonel Samuel (2) Selden, son of Captain Samuel and Deborah (Dudley) Selden, was born at Hadlyme, Connecticut, January 11, 1723, and died November 11, 1776, while a soldier of the Revolutionary Army, in New York City, where he was confined as a prisoner of war. He rose from lieutenant to major, then to colonel, of the 4th Battalion, Connecticut Militia, Wadsworth's Brigade. He was taken prisoner when the British attacked New York, September 15, 1776, near where Thirty-fourth Street now is, and was confined in the Brick Church until his death. He is said to have been the first person buried there. In civil life he had been a justice of the peace, deputy to the General Assembly and auditor of the Connecticut Colony accounts. He was a

deacon of the Haddam (Connecticut) Church, and was a man of great wealth for the times and of social distinction. Colonel Selden married, May 23, 1745, at Hadlyme, Elizabeth Ely, and they were the parents of thirteen children, of whom was George, see further.

(V) Dr. George Selden, tenth child and fifth son of Colonel Samuel and Elizabeth (Ely) Selden, was born at the old family homestead at Hadlyme, February 27, 1763. He received the degree of Master of Arts from Yale College, from which he was graduated in 1786. He next took up the study of medicine and upon completion of his course left for the West. While descending the Ohio River he was captured by Indians, who took him beyond the Mississippi River and held him captive for some time. He eventually escaped and went to New Orleans, Louisiana, whence he returned to Connecticut. Subsequently he located at Vienna, Virginia, whence he removed to Millersburg, Kentucky, in 1803, and there died May 27, 1817. He was a successful and highly esteemed practitioner, and numbered the family of Henry Clay among his patrons and admirers. Dr. George Selden married, May 10, 1795, Olive West, a native of Stockbridge, Massachusetts, and a descendant of Deacon Francis West, of Duxbury, Massachusetts, who died in 1694. She died June 10, 1831, at Paris, Kentucky. There were five children, of whom was George (2), the eldest, see further.

(VI) George (2) Selden, son of Dr. George and Olive (West) Selden, was born in Vienna, Virginia, August 17, 1796. He became a prominent lawyer, having been admitted to the bar at Philadelphia in 1817. He practiced successively at Meadville, Pittsburgh, and again at Meadville, where he died at the peak of a successful career, in April, 1835. He married, February 21, 1820, Sophie Louise Shattuck, born April 24, 1801, in St. Thomas, West Indies, died August 28, 1868, at Meadville, Pennsylvania. They were the parents of four children, of whom was George Shattuck, see further. Mrs. Sophie Louise (Shattuck) Selden was a daughter of Jared Shattuck, merchant, a descendant of William Shattuck, who died in 1762 at Watertown, Massachusetts. Her mother was a daughter of General Alexandre de Vincent de Mazade, Marechal des Camps, chevalier de St. Louis, Governor-General of Santo Domingo (Haiti), 1787, 1789, under Louis XVI of France, a scion of one of the noblest families of France. General de Vincent de Mazade married Marie Therese Sophie de Chappotin, descended, through her mother, from a very ancient family of Burgos, members of the Castilian nobility—The Velasco—in the Kingdom of Castile and participants in the various historical events in Spain (one of her forebears was at the siege of Granada in 1492, another was Rodrigo Diaz, "The Cid") and a descendant of Jean de Chappotin, a captain in the service of Francis I of France, who distinguished himself at the battle of Marignano in 1515. For his bravery and his serv-

ices he received letters of nobility from that monarch. General de Vincent de Mazade was descended from one of the noblest families of France, an ancient house, of which there is record as early as the eleventh century in Languedoc and Dauphin, they being instrumental in the Cession of Dauphin to the French Crown.

(VII) George Shattuck Selden, Esq., son of George and Sophie Louise (Shattuck) Selden, was born at Meadville, Pennsylvania, December 3, 1822, and was admitted to the bar at Pittsburgh, December 17, 1843. He made a specialty of patent law, and was also of inventive capacity himself. He was a pioneer in the extraction of oil from cannel coal, but his business was demolished by the discovery of natural oil in great quantities. He returned to Meadville, and later to Philadelphia, where he practiced law with marked success and distinction. He married, September 22, 1842, Elizabeth Wright Clark, daughter of Connor and Jane (Brooks) Clark, her father a merchant of Meadville, her mother a daughter of Judge John Brooks, and a great-granddaughter of Lieutenant Aaron Wright, who served in the War of the Revolution and the War of 1812. To Mr. and Mrs. George Shattuck Selden were born ten children, of whom Edwin Van Deusen was the ninth, see further. The father of this family died, September 27, 1894, at Homestead, Pennsylvania.

(VIII) Colonel Edwin Van Deusen Selden, fifth son of George Shattuck and Elizabeth Wright (Clark) Selden, was born at Lawrenceville, now a part of Pittsburgh, December 23, 1858. In 1861 the family removed to Meadville, and thence, six years later, to Philadelphia, where he received his early training in private and public schools, finishing his education at the Episcopal Academy in Philadelphia. He emulated his father and grandfather and entered the study of the legal profession, which after a year he abandoned to engage in business.

It is an interesting coincidence that Colonel Selden was born less than a year after that historic event when Uncle Billy Smith said to Colonel Edwin L. Drake, "You've struck oil, Sir," and there was started one of the Nation's largest industries. Colonel Selden was eighteen years old when in 1877 he went to Parker's Landing, then one of Pennsylvania's major oil centers and initiated his career as an oil producer and refiner. At first he was associated with a brother, learning the rudiments of a future tremendous industry. Within a year he had moved to Oil City which was thereafter his home and headquarters. Here, in 1878 he became a member of the Oil Exchange, where petroleum and oil "paper" transactions were carried on in a big way. In the words of an earlier biographer, "Colonel Selden quickly found his place in this seething whirl of competition. His own operations rendered him one of the foremost exponents of the business, and he was president of the exchange for several years, taking a leading part in its activities during the most exciting periods

of the oil market, and participating in some of the most memorable scenes ever witnessed in a commercial exchange. For a score of years or more he was a notable figure on the floor. One of the first of the petroleum brokers to grasp the fact that speculation in oil certificates had had its day, Colonel Selden withdrew from that line of endeavor and thereafter devoted himself chiefly to the refining of Pennsylvania oil."

Colonel Selden was much to the fore in the organization of the Crystal Oil Works at Rouseville, Pennsylvania, in which he has since retained a large financial interest. The establishment of this enterprise grew out of a partnership entered into with the Hon. James A. Fawcett, in 1897. From the work of these two men stemmed much of the endeavors that were carried through to such splendid success down years of competition, of changing methods and panic years, that stand out boldly in the annals of petroleum production and refining. Over a period that covers practically the most exciting and most depressing features of the development of the oil industry in Pennsylvania, his personal achievements wrote many interesting and important pages in its history. Like other "oil men," he never has withdrawn from the industry, even when he began leaving the more active responsibilities to others, to be free to enjoy the leisure he had so well earned. Colonel Selden for some years was president of the Venango Security Building & Loan Association, and long has been president of the Home Saving & Loan Association.

Since he was twenty years of age, Colonel Edwin Van Deusen Selden has been interested in the adequate defense of our country. In 1888 he was appointed by Colonel W. J. Hueling as first lieutenant of the 16th Regiment of the Pennsylvania National Guard. From 1898 to 1900 he was colonel in command of the 21st Regiment of Infantry, Pennsylvania National Guard; and from 1900 to 1906 he was a lieutenant-colonel and division inspector of rifle practice, serving on the staff of Major-General Charles Miller.

Faternally Colonel Selden is affiliated with Petrolia Lodge, No. 363, Free and Accepted Masons; Oil City Chapter, No. 236, Royal Arch Masons; Talbot Commandery, No. 42, Knights Templar; Venango Lodge of Perfection; Pittsburgh Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, in which he holds the thirty-second degree; and Zem Zem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Erie, Pennsylvania. By reason of lineage and patriotism, he is a member of the Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the Revolution; Pennsylvania Society of Founders and Patriots of America; the Colonial Society of Pennsylvania, and among his clubs are the Venango Club, the Ivy Club, Wanango Country Club, and the old Oil City Boat Club. A communicant of the Oil City Protestant Episcopal Church, he has served as

vestryman and senior warden. From 1913 to 1937 he was a delegate from the Diocese of Erie to the General Conference of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America. Likewise Colonel Selden was a member of the Council and honorary president of the Clarion and Venango Council of the Boy Scouts of America, from 1920 to 1937, a laudatory record in Scout work. From 1933 to 1938 he was a director of the Public Charities Association, and during that same period was a member of the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, and president of the Venango Chapter.

On January 2, 1901, at Oil City, Pennsylvania, Colonel Edwin Van Deusen Selden married Cornelia Fuller Earp, born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, August 22, 1873, daughter of the Rev. Dr. Samuel Earp, a native of England, a veteran of the War Between the States, a leading minister of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and finally a foremost educator at Oil City, being thus engaged until his death. Mrs. Selden's mother was Mary Elizabeth Smith Johnston, daughter of Colonel Robert and Jane (Kirkpatrick) Johnston and a descendant of Major John Johnston, of Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, a Revolutionary Army officer. Colonel and Mrs. Selden are the parents of five children: 1. John Earp, born January 28, 1902. 2. Edwin Van Deusen, Jr., married Hartley Fritz, born July 5, 1903. 3. Elizabeth, born March 27, 1905. 4. George Samuel, born February 1, 1907, married Elizabeth Norris, and they have one child, Cornelia, born August 29, 1939. 5. William Kirkpatrick, born November 11, 1911, married Virginia Barr.

Again to quote an earlier biographer: "Colonel Selden's record is of that brilliant and widely ramifying quality that gives point and emphasis to any biographical work of this nature, and should never be absent from any review of the achievements of those stalwart representative Americans who have constituted—and continue to be—the pillars of the economic and civic structure of the great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania."

J. ALFRED JOHNSON—Authors who have written upon "the American way of life" have constantly drawn attention to the fact that it owes much of its strength to the continuous influx of people from abroad. Men like J. Alfred Johnson, who for more than three decades has been a resident of Smethport, McKean County, have exemplified this truth. Coming from his native Sweden as a boy, he learned a trade and became a hard-working conscientious citizen of the New World. He went on to win important standing in the construction business and the community with which he has been for so long identified.

J. Alfred Johnson was born at Halland, Sweden, July 19, 1883, son of John Parson and Anna (Larson) Johnson, both natives of Sweden and both now deceased. He

already had acquired a sound education in his birthplace before migrating to the United States at the age of seventeen, and in this country learned a new language and the trade of carpentering at the same time. He pursued his trade for a time at Levina, Pennsylvania, but in 1905 moved to Smethport. He did carpenter work at first, but when conditions turned bad he went into a window glass factory and quickly rose to be manager of the plant.

Although Mr. Johnson was a substantial success in an industry of which he knew nothing until he came to Pennsylvania, it is probable that he was not especially happy in it and had determined to change when it became possible. It was not until 1924, however, that he went in business for himself as a general contractor and builder. Time established his repute, and progress was marked down the years. In 1936 he added plumbing, heating, painting and several other enterprises connected with construction. He also opened a hardware store. Since that time Mr. Johnson has been ready to start a building and turn a house over to the prospective owner complete in every respect. He has built some of the finest homes in an area within thirty miles and more from Smethport, and when so contracted the place is ready to be moved into without any delay.

The thoroughness with which Mr. Johnson has attended to his business has prevented him from taking as active a part as he wanted in organizational activities. He was a charter member of the city Rotary Club and prominent in its meetings until their time was changed from night to noon. Fraternally he is affiliated with McKean Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a Past Master; Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and he has gone through all the chairs of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, including the Encampment. During the World War he joined the Home Guards. He is a member, a trustee and treasurer of the Swedish Lutheran Church, in Smethport.

On August 1, 1907, J. Alfred Johnson married Hulda Carolina, of Smethport, and they are the parents of three children: 1. Alice, graduated from the local school, and then received the degree of Bachelor of Science from a Buffalo college; she married Arnold Peterson. 2. Elsa, who married Edward Baker, and is the mother of three children: Donna Jean, John Edward, and Barry Neal. 3. Charles Alfred, a graduate of local schools, who is now engaged in business with his father. He married Madeline Webber.

HARRY G. GERMAN—One of the outstanding chemical engineers in northwestern Pennsylvania, Harry G. German has been an executive of the Norwich Chemical Company since 1912. He was born at Doylestown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, February 2, 1884, son of

David L. and Kate L. (Grimm) German, both natives of Bucks County. His father is deceased; his mother is living at the age of seventy-eight years.

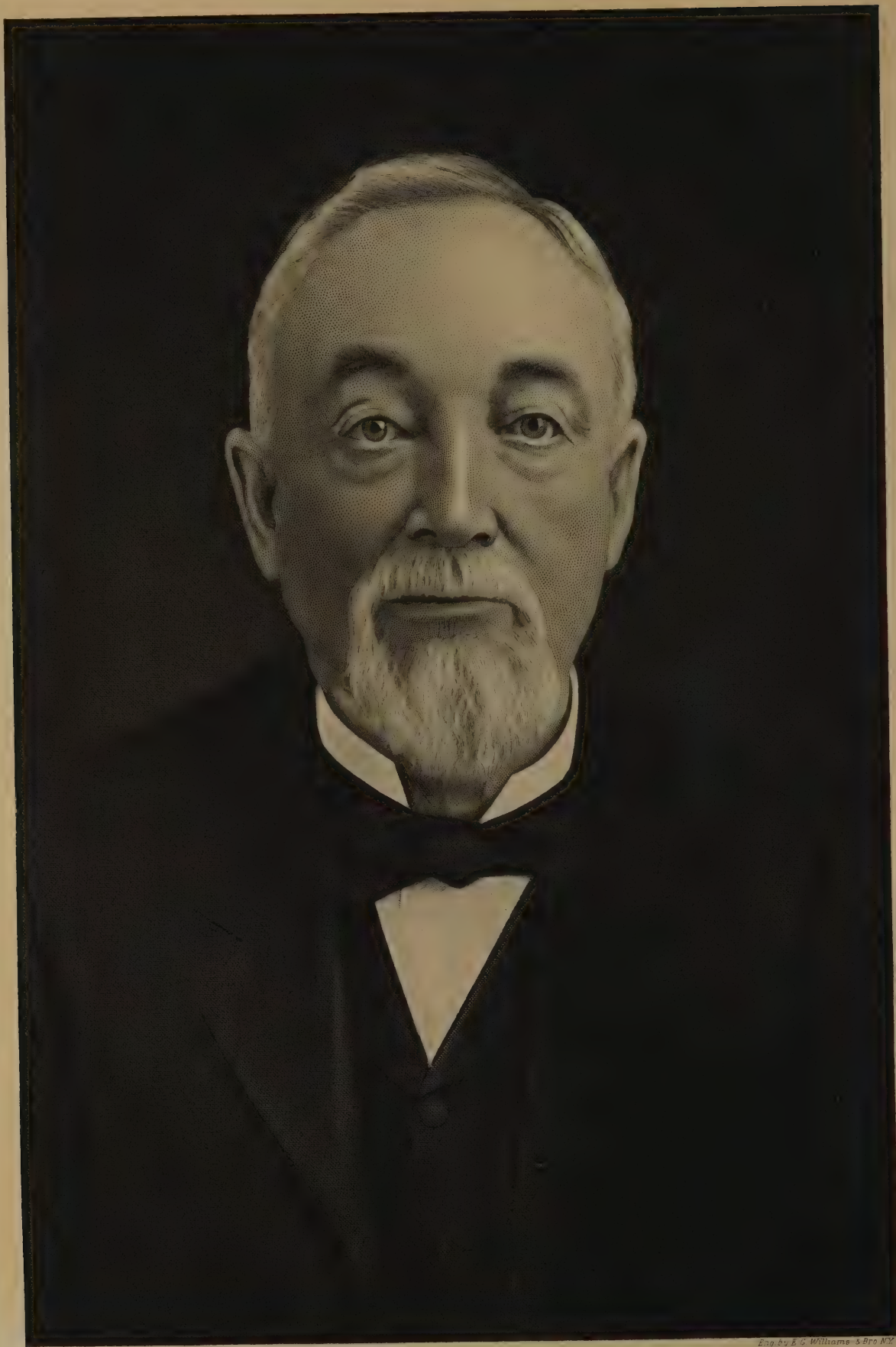
Mr. German was educated in the elementary and high schools of North Wales, Pennsylvania, and Pennsylvania State College, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Engineering. At one time he taught a class in petroleum engineering at the Smethport High School, as a section of the extension courses sponsored by his *alma mater*. His first employment of note was as a chemist with a powder concern at Emporium. Shortly afterward he was located at Indianhead, Maryland, with the Naval Smokeless Powder Company, going from there to the Kalbfleisch Chemical Company, at Waterbury, Connecticut.

In 1907, Mr. German joined the Luzerne Chemical Corporation at Nordmont, Pennsylvania. Five years later he came to the Norwich Chemical Company, at the time it was reorganized by Rafael Kessler, Sr. Some of the history of this corporation is related in the record of Rafael Kessler, Jr., published in this volume. Harry G. German came with the company as superintendent. Since 1919 he has been secretary, treasurer, general manager and one of the important factors in the development of this industrial concern. Public-spirited and progressive, he has always been keenly interested in civic affairs. He is a Republican in his political allegiance, and president of the Smethport Borough Council over a period of four years. Fraternally he is affiliated with Olean Lodge, No. 252, Free and Accepted Masons; member of the Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and Zem Zem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Smethport Club and of the Protestant Episcopal Church, which he serves as a vestryman.

On January 12, 1910, Harry G. German married Maude Thomas, of Emporium, Pennsylvania, and they are the parents of three children: 1. Harold, a graduate of local schools, Penn State College, and of R. C. A. School in New York City. He is a lieutenant, junior grade, United States Navy, and now serves as assistant naval attaché at the American Embassy in London, England. 2. Ronald, a graduate of local schools, and now employed by the Quaker State Refining Company. He married Patricia Sample, of Clermont, and they have three children: Ronald Thomas, Jr., Patricia Ann, and Harold Clyde. 3. Harry G., Jr., a graduate of local schools, who died in 1936.

REV. URBAN S. BARRETT—A man of noteworthy gifts, the Rev. Urban S. Barrett has subordinated all things to his main purpose in life—the service and religious help of his fellowmen. For a decade he has been the pastor of St. Elizabeth's Church, Catholic, at





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Smethport, McKean County, and an influential figure in civic and public affairs.

The Rev. Father Barrett was born at Franklin, Pennsylvania, August 5, 1892, son of Stephen and Catherine (Carew) Barrett, both of whom are deceased. His mother was a native of St. Johns, Newfoundland; his father, born in Ireland, came to the United States at an early age. For many years he was engaged in the hotel business. The son attended the parochial and public schools of his birth city. Made ready for higher education in the Villanova Preparatory School, he matriculated at St. Bonaventure College, New York State, where he was graduated with the class of 1916, a Bachelor of Arts. He spent four more years of study in St. Bonaventure Theological Seminary and was ordained a priest on April 20, 1920, at St. Bonaventure.

The first charge of the Rev. Urban S. Barrett was at Bradford, Pennsylvania, as assistant in St. Bernard's Church. In 1926 he went to St. Timothy's parish, at Curwinstown, this State, where he remained until October 15, 1930, when he assumed charge of St. Elizabeth's Church, in Smethport. He is greatly esteemed by his parish and equally respected by the people of the city without regard to religious affiliations, for there is nothing that touches human affairs that is alien to him. This has given him intimate associations with all sorts and conditions of men. He is welcomed by any group and is everybody's friend. Fraternally he is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Columbus, and of the Smethport Country Club.

BYRON D. HAMLIN—Long a leading lawyer in Smethport and McKean County, Byron Delano Hamlin specialized from an early period in land title work. His activities extended into many branches of business and public life, and in his private affairs and in public office he performed services of great value throughout the second half of the nineteenth century and the opening few years of the twentieth. His friends were many and loyal.

Mr. Hamlin was born May 7, 1824, at Sheshequin, Pennsylvania, son of Dr. Asa and Asenath (Delano) Hamlin and a descendant in the seventh generation from James Hamlin, who came to these shores in the early seventeenth century. The name was introduced into America by both English and French immigrants and into England by a follower of William the Conqueror, and lines of descent have been traced back to very ancient times to prominent figures in medieval Europe. The American immigrant ancestor from whom Byron D. Hamlin's line has been directly traced was James Hamlin. The line proceeds as follows:

(I) James Hamlin, of Hamblen, lived in London, England, in 1623, and in the spring of 1639 came to New England and settled in Barnstable, Massachusetts, where he was a proprietor. His will was dated January 23, 1683, and proved October 22, 1690. His wife was named Ann.

(II) James Hamlin, their son, the last of his parents' children born in England, was baptized April 10, 1636, at St. Lawrence, Reading, Berkshire, England. He came to New England with his mother and sisters before 1642, and grew up at Barnstable, Massachusetts, becoming a farmer and living on his father's property for some years. By 1702 he had removed to Hamblin Plains, in West Barnstable. He was also a proprietor at Falmouth, though he could not have lived there more than temporarily. He died May 3, 1718, at Tisbury. He married, November 20, 1662, at Barnstable, Mary Dunham, born in 1642, died April 19, 1715, daughter of John and Abigail Dunham.

(III) Deacon Ebenezer Hamlin, their son, born July 29, 1674, at Barnstable, grew up there, operated his father's farm at Coggin's Pond, and was prominent in his community. Going to Rochester (now Wareham), Massachusetts, about 1729, he was a deacon of the church there. In 1742 he was a pioneer settler at Sharon, Connecticut. He was twice married, first to Sarah Lewis, of Barnstable, April 4, 1698.

(IV) Thomas Hamlin, their son, born May 6, 1710, in Barnstable, removed before 1729 to Rochester, and later lived in Wareham and Sharon, and presumably in Agawam. He was twice married, first to Ruth Gibbs on December 10, 1734, at Agawam.

(V) Nathaniel Hamlin, their son, born June 7, 1739, at Agawam, removed early to Sharon Village, Connecticut, and became owner of a large farm at Sharon Mountain, where he kept a store and an inn and was active in the military. He was twice married, first to Lucy Foster, born in 1740, died January 5, 1785.

(VI) Dr. Asa Hamlin, their son and Byron D. Hamlin's father, was born March 30, 1780, at Sharon, Connecticut, and died September 8, 1835, in Smethport, Pennsylvania. The Hamlins lived during his lifetime in several Pennsylvania centers before finally settling in Smethport. In 1814 Dr. Hamlin removed from Connecticut to Fairfield, New York, and thence to Salem, Pennsylvania. In 1833 he came to Smethport. He was a Federalist in politics and a member of the Presbyterian Church. Dr. Hamlin married, December 26, 1802, at Sharon, Connecticut, Asenath Delano, born there April 6, 1780, daughter of Stephen and Huldah (Doty) Delano and a descendant in the sixth generation from Philip Delano, who was born in 1602 in Leyden, Holland, and founded that family in America. Dr. and Mrs. Hamlin became the parents of the following children: 1. Orlo Jay Hamlin, born December

2, 1803, at Sharon, died February 13, 1880, in Smethport; married, January 13, 1828, Orra Lucinda Cogswell, of Griswold, Connecticut. 2. Eliza Maria Hamlin, born October 31, 1806, at Sharon; married, December 16, 1827, to James Madison Noble, of Sterling, Pennsylvania. 3. Edward W. Hamlin, born January 11, 1809, in Fairfield, New York, died in early youth. 4. William Edward Hamlin, born June 7, 1811, at Fairfield, New York, died January 7, 1888, in Sterling, Pennsylvania, where he was a merchant and lumberman and served as postmaster. 5. Asenath Jeanette, born August 27, 1817, in Salem, this State; married, at Smethport, September 10, 1840, to the Rev. Moses Crow, of Geneva, New York, where she died October 20, 1843. 6. Asa Darwin Hamlin, born February 16, 1820, in Salem, died February 2, 1880, at Smethport, where he was a surveyor and civil engineer; married Viola Chapin, of Chenango County, New York. 7. Byron Delano Hamlin, of further mention.

(VII) Byron Delano Hamlin, the last-named of these children, was nine years old when his family settled in Smethport in 1833. He studied in the schools of Sheshequin and Smethport. Then, at his father's death, he began his active work as a peeler of hemlock bark from fallen trees. This bark was then disposed of in the trade. Soon afterward he became mail carrier between Smethport and Olean, receiving a wage of seventy-five cents for two trips per week. These trips, especially in icy winter months, were often a severe hardship, but he endured them uncomplainingly, at low remuneration, meanwhile studiously reading and acquiring his own ever-growing library. He attended school for a few weeks at a time, and was only sixteen when he was qualified as a teacher and was assigned to a school at Marvin Creek. His three-month contract provided for a salary of \$10.00 per month and board, the meager sum providing a basis for further education. Eventually he entered Allegheny College, at Meadville, where he studied for eighteen months. He then returned to Smethport and formed a partnership with his brother, Orlo J. Hamlin, with whom he studied law until he was admitted to practice in McKean County in 1846.

Quickly Byron D. Hamlin took a special interest in land and land title law, and he was accepted as an authority on this branch of his professional practice. People from miles around came to him for help along these lines. In 1855 he accepted an agency for Keating & Company, who owned about three hundred thousand acres of land in McKean, Potter, Cameron, Clinton and Clearfield counties, continuing his work with them for almost thirty years. Mr. Hamlin then purchased what remained of these vast holdings and conducted the business with little change under the name of Byron D. Hamlin, Henry Hamlin and John Forrest (*q. v.*). Through this period

he also continued his law practice and rose to prominent place in business circles.

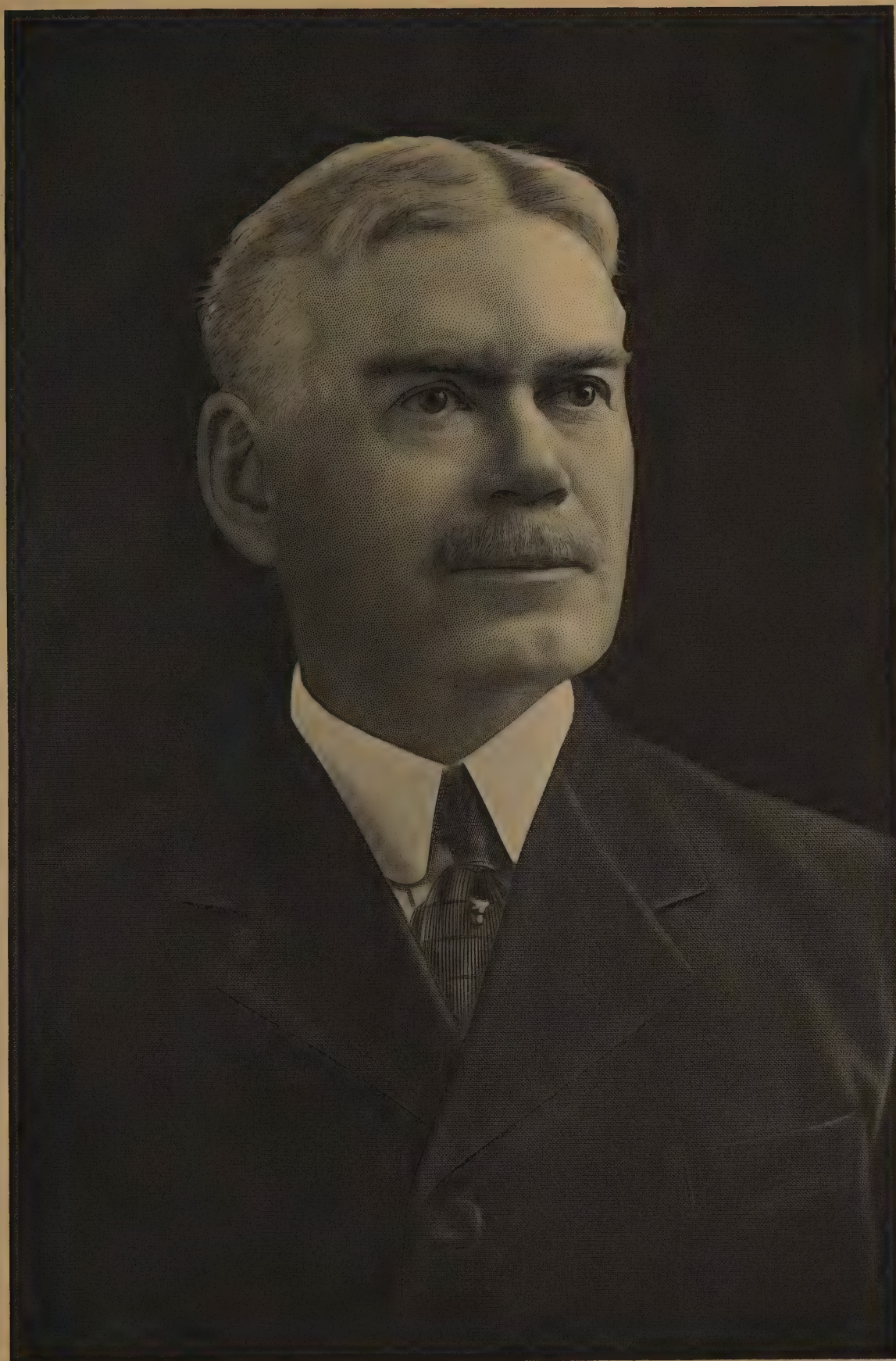
For years Mr. Hamlin was a constant contributor to civic causes affecting Smethport's welfare, and he was particularly active in Democratic politics. His word was accepted very seriously in political circles, and, despite his hearty independence and obvious opposition to certain aspects of life involved in political practice, he was chosen to occupy different public positions. In 1850 he became treasurer of McKean County. In 1852 he was elected to the Pennsylvania State Senate, at Harrisburg, and served his district faithfully there for some years. In 1852, the year in which he first went to the Senate, he was specially honored in being elected president of the Senate. In 1856, when his term was ended, he declined to be a candidate again, though he was assured of reelection. He retired at that time to his own large private interests. At the time of the Civil War, Mr. Hamlin was rejected for service because of physical disability. He rendered valuable help to General Thomas L. Kane, however, in organizing and equipping the famous "Bucktail Regiment" and furthering other patriotic movements. In 1888 he received the honor of being elected an honorary comrade in this regiment in recognition of his devotion to the Union cause.

Byron Delano Hamlin married, November 17, 1846, Harriet Holmes, born January 1, 1826, in Chenango County, New York, daughter of John and Nancy (Richmond) Holmes, long-time residents there. Mr. and Mrs. Hamlin became the parents of three children: 1. Delano Richmond, born August 10, 1847, died May 30, 1884. 2. Jennette, born September 18, 1852, married, January 30, 1896, to Horace Victor Redfield. 3. Mary Holmes, born September 29, 1856, married, August 1, 1878, to John Forrest.

The death of Byron D. Hamlin, September 4, 1907, was an occasion of deep sorrow in Smethport and throughout this region of Pennsylvania, where he was so widely known and was so substantial a contributor to the life of his times. His influence was felt in State and Nation, too, and his record is one to inspire the citizens and leaders of the future.

JOHN FORREST—Long active in professional and business affairs in Smethport, John Forrest was a member of the bar of McKean County and an individual whose interests here steadily widened and grew. He gained a position of high standing as an official of different banking and corporate organizations, and came to be known throughout northwestern Pennsylvania for his high dependability and unusual accomplishments.

Mr. Forrest was born February 8, 1851, in Brooklyn, New York, son of John and Ann (Wright) Forrest,



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natives of Scotland. His family were living in Brooklyn in 1845.

Brooklyn schools provided John Forrest's early education, and at the age of sixteen years, in 1867, he entered the law office of Edwin C. Deleven, studying for his profession there until 1868, when he removed to Falls Brook, Pennsylvania. There he was a clerk in the Falls Brook Coal Company's office until, in 1875, he became paymaster for the Buffalo Coal Company, at Clermont, McKean County. He went to Buffalo in the employ of the same organization in 1876, serving as bookkeeper, and in 1877 came to Smethport. In Smethport he entered the law and land office of Byron D. Hamlin (*q. v.*), and was engaged in law practice for the rest of his life. In September, 1879, he was admitted to the bar, and subsequently he was active in the McKean County Bar Association and other organized professional groups.

As time went on, his interests widened to include public service and business affiliations. He became a director of the Hamlin Bank & Trust Company, vice-president of the Coudersport and Port Allegany Railroad and a director of the Smethport Water Company. He was a member of the executive board of the Pennsylvania Council of Defense and the Committee of Public Safety, and these organizations adopted, at the time of his death, a resolution which said:

Whereas, John Forrest was an untiring, zealous and truly loyal member of the Pennsylvania Council of National Defense and Committee of Public Safety, and faithfully performed his patriotic duties as a member of the Executive Board of the McKean County Branch of said Council and Committee; therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the desire of the members of said Executive Board to render tribute to the memory of our deceased fellow-citizen. Keen and talented of mind, sympathetic and true of heart, richly endowed with the attributes of character of the true Christian gentleman, John Forrest always faithfully fulfilled his responsibilities to beloved companions, to friends, to the community in which he lived and to his country which he loved with the devotion of a patriot. His memory will endure like the breath of the flowers, which he loved.

A resolution emanating at the same time from the Hamlin Bank & Trust Company referred to Mr. Forrest as one of the five incorporators of that institution and a director from the very beginning, March 17, 1902. The first director of that bank to die, he was highly commended by the directors for his "high Christian character, his recognized ability, and invaluable services to the company . . . his attainments, benevolences and achievements." The Coudersport & Port Allegany Railroad Company paid him similarly high tribute in formal resolutions adopted at that time.

John Forrest married, August 1, 1878, Mary Holmes Hamlin, daughter of Byron D. and Harriet (Holmes) Hamlin. They became the parents of the following chil-

dren: 1. Helen, died February 19, 1918, wife of Arthur W. Mitchell, of Erie, Pennsylvania, and mother of their two children: John Forrest Mitchell and George Warren Mitchell. 2. Ruth, married (first) to E. T. Newman, and they had three children: Jerome Newman, Philip Newman, and Marion Newman; married (second) to Lincoln Green, and they became the parents of a daughter, Mary Lincoln Green, of Smethport.

The death of John Forrest, August 13, 1918, was an occasion of profound regret wherever he was known. Many glowing tributes were paid him, among them the following from the pen of an old friend, Sheridan Gorton:

No community has ever experienced greater loss or felt deeper grief at the passing of its citizens than has ours in the death of John Forrest. Have known him intimately for over forty-one years. He has lived with us during all that time. His uniform courtesy, kindness and charity is well remembered by all. Starting early in life in business, his untiring industry, honesty, executive ability and knowledge of men and business methods have brought to him success.

No enterprise for the benefit of the citizens of this borough has ever been advanced but had his strong and hearty support, not only in words, but deeds. The call for individual as well as public welfare have brought forth his earnest efforts. Notwithstanding his many and varied business interests, he was always ready and willing to listen to the call of others for help, comfort, sympathy and advice, and was vigilant in his works of help and cheer. With a wonderfully clear mentality he could easily grasp the great affairs of life, and with calmness and consideration act upon them for others as well as for himself. I know of no man with whom I better enjoyed consultation and companionship, and we shall miss him as one highly respected and best loved.

MAURICE ALBINUS BREWSTER—For more than thirty years, Maurice Albinus Brewster has been associated with the Pennsylvania oil industry, to which he came by way of the profession of accountancy and in which he has risen to important executive office. He is now first vice-president, treasurer and director of "The Pennzoil Company."

Mr. Brewster was born in Forest County, Pennsylvania, on January 22, 1883, son of Nathan W. and Loucetta Jane (Shaffer) Brewster and a grandson of Joseph Brewster, born in New York, who settled in Clarion County, Pennsylvania, where he was a farmer. Nathan W. Brewster, who was born in Pennsylvania, was also a farmer in early life, but was later associated with a lumber manufacturing company. He died in Forest County on May 27, 1939. His wife was born in Forest County and died there on March 22, 1940.

Maurice A. Brewster was educated in the county schools of Forest County and at Hoff Business College in Warren, Pennsylvania. He also completed correspondence courses, through which he qualified as a certified public accountant and was admitted to practice in

both Ohio and Pennsylvania. Meanwhile, his active career was well under way. After finishing his education he was employed for one year as a clerk in a general merchandise store in Forest County, spent the following six months as bookkeeper with a tannery company in Forest County and then became associated with a Warren County lumber company, for which he was bookkeeper during a period of five years. At the end of this time, on August 4, 1909, he came to Oil City to enter the employ of the Penn Oil & Supply Company as auditor. Since that date his activities have centered in the oil industry. Mr. Brewster remained with the Penn Oil & Supply Company as auditor until 1917. Afterward he served in the same capacity with the Penn American Refining Company and during a period of seven years spent in this organization, was advanced to the office of treasurer. In October, 1924, he joined the executive personnel of The Pennzoil Company, nationally known refiners and marketers of oil, as treasurer and first vice-president. He has since been active in its councils of management and continues today as first vice-president, treasurer and director of the company.

Mr. Brewster, who is well known in the oil industry, is also a director of The Pennzoil Company of California; treasurer and director of The Pennzoil Company, Ltd., of Canada; and treasurer and director of the Victor Gasoline & Oil Company of Butler, Pennsylvania. At Oil City, where he makes his home, he is a director of the Oil City Trust Company. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and other community institutions, is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and is a member of the Wenango Country Club. Mr. Brewster is a Republican in politics and although he has never entered public life, he has taken an active interest in community affairs and has lent effective support to enterprises designed to promote the cause of civic progress. He is a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in Oil City.

On September 21, 1904, Maurice A. Brewster married Ellen Blanche McCarthy, who was born in Forest County, Pennsylvania, daughter of Thomas and Catherine McCarthy. They are the parents of two children: 1. Maurine, who studied for four years at St. Joseph's Academy at Titusville, was graduated from Mercyhurst College at Erie with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1930, and completed a secretarial course at Margaret Morrison School, Carnegie Institute of Technology, from which she received the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1931. She is now the wife of Dr. Kenneth G. Kapp, an osteopathic physician at Coraopolis, Pennsylvania. 2. Leo M., born September 14, 1914, an attorney at Oil City, who was graduated from Georgetown Preparatory School in 1932; Georgetown University with the degree

of Bachelor of Arts in 1936, and from the University of Pennsylvania Law School with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1939.

JOHN VAUGHN LEDDEN, M. D.—Carrying on a general practice of medicine in Oil City, Dr. John Vaughn Ledden has come to occupy a position of leadership and standing among his fellow-citizens in all departments of life.

Dr. Ledden was born October 2, 1906, in Ridgway, Elk County, Pennsylvania, son of Thomas Henry and Mary Ann (Vaughn) Ledden. His paternal grandfather, Patrick Ledden, who was born in Ireland, and died in Salamanca, New York, was a locomotive engineer for many years with the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railroad. On the maternal side of the house the grandparents were John and Mary Ann (Healy) Vaughn, both native Pennsylvanians, who died in Ridgway, this State, where John Vaughn operated a hotel. Thomas Henry Ledden, Dr. Ledden's father, was born January 6, 1869, in Dunkirk, New York, and died February 8, 1935, in Ridgway, Pennsylvania. He was a man who performed many public services of value, acting at one time as sergeant-at-arms in the Harrisburg Legislature (1913), then as fire marshal for the State of Pennsylvania, and for thirty years as county commissioner until his death. His religious affiliation was with the Roman Catholic Church. His wife, Mrs. Mary Ann (Vaughn) Ledden, Dr. Ledden's mother, was born in 1872 in Ridgway and died December 27, 1926, in Erie.

Their son, Dr. John Vaughn Ledden, attended school at Ridgway, his Pennsylvania birthplace, and in 1923 was graduated from St. Leo's High School there. He then became a student at the University of Pittsburgh, where he remained for one year, and he was for two years a student at St. Bonaventure's College, in Olean, New York. In 1930 he was graduated from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, as a Doctor of Medicine. There followed a period of internship at Philadelphia General Hospital, lasting two years, at the conclusion of which Dr. Ledden came to Oil City to establish himself in medical practice.

Here he has carried forward a general medical practice down to the time of writing, covering all phases and branches of his profession. He is also deeply interested in the general affairs of his profession as a member of the Venango County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He is a member of the medical staff of Oil City Hospital. A Republican in politics, Dr. Ledden belongs to the Alpha Kappa Nu, Phi Kappa and Phi Beta Pi fraternities, which he joined in his student days, and to St. Stephen's Roman Catholic Church, in Oil City. In



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spare time he enjoys the out-of-doors and healthful out-door recreations such as hunting and fishing, as well as the raising and training of bird dogs.

Dr. Ledden is unmarried.

JAMES VILLARD FRAMPTON—Since 1918, when he came to Oil City to continue his career at the bar, James Villard Frampton has taken his place among the city's leading lawyers. His wide professional and business interests and his numerous civic connections make him one of the most active figures in the life of his community.

Mr. Frampton was born at Strattanville, Clarion County, on July 24, 1883, son of B. Hayes and Nellie (Mohney) Frampton. He is a grandson of Samuel and Evaline (Reynolds) Frampton, born respectively in Clarion and Armstrong counties, and a descendant of William Frampton, a Quaker, who came from England and associated with William Penn and became Register General of the Province of Pennsylvania. Mr. Frampton's grandfather was an extensive farmer in Clarion County and had large holdings there in real estate, coal and timber. He was also a director of the First National Bank. The father, B. Hayes Frampton, was born in Clarion Township, Clarion County, and died in Clarion on January 6, 1918. He was a business man at Clarion, an active Democrat in politics, served for eight years as postmaster of his community and was a trustee of the Clarion Baptist Church. Nellie (Mohney) Frampton, the mother, was born at Strattanville and died at Pittsburgh on March 9, 1938. She was a daughter of Peter Mohney, a merchant in Strattanville, and Sarah (Cowan) Mohney, both born in Clarion County.

James Villard Frampton received his preliminary education in public and private schools at Clarion, Pennsylvania, and subsequently entered Bucknell University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy in 1903. He read law in the office of F. J. Maffett, a Clarion attorney, and after completing his preparations for the bar, was admitted to practice in 1907. Until 1918 he remained in Clarion, devoting himself to various professional responsibilities. When he came to Oil City in the latter year, he was an experienced attorney and rapidly established his professional reputation at the Venango County bar. With Peter M. Speer and James H. Courtney, he organized the firm of Speer, Frampton and Courtney, whose practice has become one of the largest and most important in the city. It has been continued by Mr. Frampton and Mr. Courtney under the firm name of Frampton and Courtney, after the withdrawal of Peter M. Speer to become counsel for the Standard Oil Company in New York.

Mr. Frampton has appeared successfully in all courts and has represented many leading interests, having been

admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States and the United States Circuit and District courts and the Supreme and Superior Courts of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. He is president of the Venango County Bar Association, a distinction reflecting his professional standing, and is a member of the Pennsylvania State Bar Association, the American Judicature Society, and the Lawyers' Club of Oil City. In addition to his professional connections, he is a director of the Oil City National Bank and member of its Trust Investment Committee; and vice-president and director of the Charles N. Hough Manufacturing Company, of Franklin. With several associates he is interested in oil and gas production on the Hyde and Egbert farm leases in Petroleum Center. Mr. Frampton has also given generously of his time and effort to many civic and benevolent enterprises. He is now chairman of the board of directors of the Venango Association for the Blind; a vice-president of the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind; president of the board of trustees of Polk State School; and first vice-president of the board of directors of Grandview Institute.

Mr. Frampton is affiliated fraternally with the Masonic Order, in which he is a member of the higher bodies, including the Commandery and the thirty-second degree of the Consistory, and a member of Zem Zem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member and past first president of the Oil City Lions Club; member of Fort Venango Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution; member of the Sigma Chi fraternity; a social member of Francis B. Prichard Post, No. 464, Veterans of Foreign Wars; and a member of the Pennsylvania Society of New York, the National Travel Club of New York and the Wanango Country Club. During the first World War he was a "four-minute man," speaking for the Red Cross and Liberty Loan drives in Clarion County. Mr. Frampton's diversion is the out-of-doors and he has a farm which is his recreation and hobby.

On October 19, 1910, he married Lavinia Magee, who was born in Clarion County, daughter of John A. and Anna (Sloan) Magee, both now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Frampton are the parents of one son, William, III, born in February, 1917, now associated with the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company in New Orleans, Louisiana. He married Ellen Louise George, of Keswick, Virginia.

CHARLES G. WILLIAMS—Dean of the financiers of Mercer County, Charles G. Williams, president of the First National Bank, of Mercer, has spent more than fifty-three years in the service of this strong institution, which has been in business for seventy-seven years. It is probable that there are few bankers in the United States who can equal the length of his identification with a single

bank, or have been privileged to look back upon a career of similar distinction.

Charles G. Williams was born September 11, 1866, in Hickory Township, Mercer County, Pennsylvania. He is the son of Benton A. and Lizzie (Shilling) Williams, both now deceased. Benton A. Williams was born October 10, 1831, in Center County, Pennsylvania, son of William and Mary (Poorman) Williams, natives of Center County. They were married in that county in 1818, and five years later removed to Clarion County, and from there to Trumbull County, Ohio. After a short time they went back to Pennsylvania, settling in Mercer County. They were the parents of ten children. The father died, aged seventy-six years, in 1876, and the mother in 1885, aged eighty-eight years. Benton A. Williams was reared on a farm, received a common school education, and at the age of twenty-three years began farming on rented land in Hickory Township. He purchased a farm in Jackson Township in 1872 and later sold it and bought other farms, finally settling on a farm in East Lackawannock Township, which he eventually sold some years ago. Upon retiring from active life, Benton A. Williams moved to Mercer. As a farmer and stock raiser he was very successful. Politically he was a Democrat. He and his family attended the United Presbyterian Church. His children were: Mary E., Charles G., John F., and Jennie M. Williams.

Charles G. Williams grew up on his father's farm, attended the local district schools, and was a student at Mercer High School. On April 16, 1888, he started work as a messenger in the First National Bank of Mercer. Down through more than a half century he has filled every office in the institution from bookkeeper to president, "All with the sterling worth and ability that is his chief characteristic." This institution is so completely identified with his career that a word concerning its history is in order:

The bank had first been a private institution, owned and conducted by Messrs. Stevenson, Van Horn and Hanna, and located in the brick building beside the Humes Hotel, long the home of Ina Stewart. Absorbed by the newly established First National Bank, it occupied a room where the Mercer Gas & Water Company offices are today until after the opera house block burned on the corner next door. In the building erected to replace it, the bank occupied the middle room, between the post office and the Donaldson-Zahniser Dry Goods Store, when Mr. Williams joined the force.

In 1906 the bank expanded, absorbing the post office quarters to double its floor space and occupying the corner with a double frontage. In 1916 it expanded again, taking in rooms to the rear of the front store rooms. In 1926 the building was extensively remodeled to give the entire floor space, save for one suite of offices, to the banking institution.

The institution has had six presidents in its seventy-seven years: Dr. A. G. Egbert, Hon. Samuel Griffith, William Logan, A. J. McKean, R. R. Wright and C. G. Williams. Its employees also have long records of service. D. W. Zahniser, assistant cashier, has been with the institution for forty-five years; W. V. Anderson, cashier, joined the force thirty-two years ago, although his service was interrupted by a number of years in West Middlesex; Theodore Craig, also an assistant cashier, has served close to a quarter of a century.

The First National Bank of Mercer is one of the strongest in the county, "The soundness of the institution," wrote an editor, "was shown when President Franklin Delano Roosevelt declared the bank holiday. This bank was among those allowed to continue in business at the expiration of the holiday." (This was largely the result of the leadership of Mr. Williams.) "His ability as a banker is recognized throughout this part of the United States."

Charles G. Williams married (first), in 1906, Mary S. Laferty. In 1915 he married (second) Minnie M. Montgomery, who died December 18, 1940.

JOSEPH P. WILLSON—Since 1932 Joseph P. Willson has carried on a general practice of law in Smethport, and has interested himself extensively in local affairs.

Mr. Willson was born January 7, 1902, in Bath, New York, son of William J. and Wilhelmina (Putnam) Willson. His father was an Episcopal minister in Bath. The mother, who came from Crosby, was a daughter of Ivy A. Putnam, a farmer, and of Louise (Heineman) Putnam, both of Crosby.

Norwich Township schools, in McKean County, furnished Joseph P. Willson's early formal education, and he was a student for a time at Cazenovia Seminary, where he was graduated in 1922. He then matriculated at the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, where he took his degree of Bachelor of Science in Economics in 1926. While there he was a member of the crew and in 1925 was captain of the 'varsity football team. Starting his law course at the University of Buffalo, he soon afterward transferred to Temple University, in Philadelphia, where he was graduated in 1931 as a Bachelor of Laws. For a time Mr. Willson was clerk in a law office in Philadelphia, where he was admitted to the bar in 1931. In 1932 he became a member of the McKean County bar, beginning a general law practice in Smethport in March of that year. He has continued active along these lines since that time, and is a member of the McKean County Bar Association and the Pennsylvania Bar Association. He is licensed to practice in the McKean County courts and the Pennsylvania Appellate courts and the Federal courts.

Intensely active in Smethport affairs, Mr. Willson is a director of the Grange National Bank. He is a Republican in politics. He belongs to the Smethport Rotary Club, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Delta Upsilon fraternity. He is active also in the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Joseph P. Willson married, December 19, 1928, Leonora Sloan, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. They became the parents of two children: 1. Joan Doris Willson, born in 1929. 2. Deborah Mary Willson, born in 1938.

MRS. HELEN (CORSE) GRAFFE—Actively engaged in the management of her late uncle's oil properties, which she inherited from him, Mrs. Helen (Corse) Graffe is recognized as one of Oil City's leading business women. Her participation in the affairs of her city is a noteworthy and valuable one extending into many branches of local life, and she is widely known and respected in this region of Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Graffe was born August 14, 1900, in St. Mary's, West Virginia, daughter of Charles K. and Grace (Barrick) Corse. Her great-grandfather on the paternal side of the house spelled the name "de Corse," and was a native of the French island of Corsica. The grandfather, George Washington Corse, who adopted the Anglicized form of the name, was born in Clarion County and died in Oil City, Pennsylvania, where he was an oil producer. As operator of the famous Loomis House, in Clarion County, named after Captain Loomis, he had his part in keeping alive certain early traditions of America. He married Catherine Grier, a native of County Donegal, Ireland, who died in Oil City. Their son, Charles K. Corse, Mrs. Graffe's father, was born February 19, 1861, in Callensburg, Clarion County, and died March 2, 1924, in Oil City, after a career as drilling contractor and oil producer. He belonged to Christ Episcopal Church and was a Democrat. He married Grace Barrick, who was born October 16, 1875, in St. Mary's, West Virginia, daughter of Judge William Oliver and Fannie (Smythe) Barrick. Her father was born at Barricksville, Virginia, and died in St. Mary's, West Virginia, after a brilliant career as a lawyer and Circuit Court judge in West Virginia. Her mother was born in Pleasant County, Virginia, and died in Beaumont, Texas.

Helen Corse, who became Mrs. Graffe, attended public schools in Oil City and studied at high schools in both Oil City and Texas. She was a graduate of St. Vincent's College, in Shreveport, Louisiana, class of 1917. Her first work was as a teacher. She taught for three years in public schools at both Shreveport, Louisiana, and Goose Creek, Texas. In 1920 she became associated with her uncle, the late William James Corse, of Oil City, who was one of the community's leading oil

producers until his death. William James Corse was born at Rimersburg, Clarion County, Pennsylvania, in 1853, and started drilling in 1866 at thirteen years of age, for his father on what was then known as Hosson Flats. He, along with his father and younger brother, the father of Mrs. Graffe, boated oil down Oil Creek to Allegheny River to Pittsburgh by means of pond freshets and a tow path, in which the raft holding the oil barrels was drawn by a boy-ridden horse attached to the raft. It is safe to say that W. J. Corse drilled more wells than any man during his activities around Oil City, Bradford and Clarion, not counting Kentucky, West Virginia, and other fields. At the time of his death, at eighty-one, in 1934, he was the oil man with the longest and most extensive individual record. When he passed away, Mrs. Graffe took over the operation of his properties, which she inherited from him and which she still owns and conducts. During the East Texas oil "boom" of 1931 and 1932, she worked as an oil broker and "lease hound," distinguishing herself in the oil business in many departments and earning the warm respect of her colleagues and all who knew her work.

Mrs. Graffe has taken a lively interest in public affairs. She is technically affiliated with the Democratic party, though she votes independently. She is a member of Christ Episcopal Church. She is active also in the Central Pennsylvania Crude Oil Association. During the World War she was employed by the United States Government and was stationed at the Gerstner Aviation Field, Lake Charles, Louisiana, where she was secretary to the major of the post, continuing that work for about a year.

She became the wife of Justin A. Graffe, of Beauport, Louisiana, on May 27, 1932. He was a civil engineer, who died near New Orleans in the course of duty, being employed there by the United States Government on a dredging project. A graduate of Notre Dame University and also of Louisiana State University, he served twenty-eight months overseas during the World War, experiencing active service and holding the rank of first lieutenant. He was a son of the late Justin A. Graffe, Sr., a large plantation owner in Louisiana, south of Alexandria. Mrs. Graffe has one daughter, Justyn Corse Graffe, who was born March 24, 1933, in San Antonio, Texas.

JAMES O. BREENE—Engaged in the production of oil, James O. Breene is an independent producer and also is associated in the work with his father. He is president and general manager of the Petroleum Explosives Company, of Oil City, which is engaged in oil well shooting and deals in all types of explosives.

Mr. Breene was born January 21, 1905, in Oil City, Pennsylvania, son of Edmond C. and Anna A. (Almen)

Breene. His father, a native of Venango County, lives in Oil City and is a lawyer here, senior member of the law firm of Breene and Jobson, of this place. He is also president of the First National Bank, of Oil City, and belongs to Christ Protestant Episcopal Church. His wife was born in Oil City and is now living here.

Public schools of Oil City provided James O. Breene's early formal education, and he also attended high school here and the Hill School in Pottstown. Graduated from the Hill School in 1924, Mr. Breene became a student at Yale University. When he completed his studies there, he went to Oklahoma and became a drilling contractor in the oil fields there for three years. At the conclusion of that period, he became an oil producer in Oil City, associating himself in business with his father and at the same time entering the oil business as an independent producer. He has so continued down to the time of writing. The Petroleum Explosives Company, mentioned above, was incorporated in 1935.

He takes a lively interest also in civic affairs in Oil City, where he is a member of the Rotary Club and other local organizations. He belongs to Christ Episcopal Church here. Hunting and fishing are his favorite recreations.

James O. Breene married, October 15, 1929, Janet Belle Monier, a native of Champaign, Illinois, daughter of William and Susan (Woody) Monier. Mr. and Mrs. Breene became the parents of a son, James O. Breene, Jr., who was born in February, 1932.

GEORGE ALMEN BREENE—Different branches of the oil industry provided the business background of George Almen Breene, of Oil City, well equipping him for his present work as a partner in the Industrial Colloids Company, of Emlenton, and as secretary-treasurer of the Petroleum Explosives Company, of Oil City.

Mr. Breene was born October 3, 1910, in Oil City, Pennsylvania, son of Edmond C. and Anna A. (Almen) Breene. His father was born in Venango County, and is now a lawyer in Oil City, senior partner in the law firm of Breene and Jobson. He also is president of the First National Bank of Oil City, and a member of Christ Protestant Episcopal Church. The mother, Mrs. Anna A. (Almen) Breene, was born in Oil City, which is her present place of residence.

George Almen Breene attended public schools in Oil City, his birthplace, where he was graduated from high school. He was graduated from the Hill School, at Pottstown, in 1931, then took a summer course in petroleum refining at Pennsylvania State College. For a time he was associated with the Venango Ice & Coal Company of Oil City, but after a year with that organization he became a field representative of the Pennsylvania Grade Crude Oil Association, with headquarters

in Oil City. For about eighteen months he continued in that work. Then he was connected with the oil brokerage business for a similar length of time through an association with the Refiners' Marketing Company here. Until January 1, 1939, Mr. Breene was with the Pennzoil Company in Oil City, serving in their sales engineering department.

At the beginning of 1939 he came, however, to the Industrial Colloids Company of Emlenton, manufacturers of colloidal lubricants, remaining with this organization down to the time of writing. Since the inception of the Petroleum Explosives Company, formed in 1935 for oil well shooting and for dealing in all types of explosives, Mr. Breene has served as its secretary and treasurer. His brother, James O. Breene (*q. v.*), is president and general manager. George Almen Breene is also active in other business enterprises, notably the Citizens' Banking Company, of Oil City, of which he is a director. Civic and social affairs in this community have received the full measure of his coöperation and helpful effort. He is a member of the American Ceramic Society. In the Free and Accepted Masons he is affiliated with Allegheny Lodge, No. 552, of Emlenton; Venango Lodge of Perfection, of Oil City; and New Castle Consistory of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, in which he holds the thirty-second degree. He attends the First Presbyterian Church in Emlenton. In leisure time he is principally fond of outdoor life, especially enjoying hunting and fishing.

On June 11, 1938, George Almen Breene married Katharine Jane Crawford, a native of Emlenton, Pennsylvania, daughter of Harry J. and Elizabeth (Hafele) Crawford, of that place. Mrs. Breene is a graduate of Emlenton High School, the Ogontz School, and National Park College, Washington, District of Columbia. She is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Emlenton, of the Daughters of the American Revolution and of the sorority that she joined in her college days. Mr. and Mrs. Breene became the parents of a daughter, Elizabeth Louise Breene, who was born March 5, 1940.

RAPHAEL KESSLER, Jr.—One of the greatest original natural resources of Pennsylvania was the forest. The history of almost any old settlement west of the Delaware River started with the cutting and use of timber. Then came the commercial development of forest products, the last of which was the chemical wood industry. With this industry Raphael Kessler, Jr.,* of Smethport, is one of the few surviving pioneers. In youth he came into contact with it and at maturity

* The foregoing and what follows is condensed, or taken almost verbatim, particularly as pertaining to the history of an important American industry, and Mr. Kessler's long and constructive part in it, from a brochure written by request of his children.



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engaged himself actively in this field, and has seen, and participated in its growth. He was active in the industry before steam was ever used in the process of distillation and when the only power to convey the distillates about a plant was the old-fashioned overshot water wheel. He has been actively interested not only in the development of wood distillation, but also in the conversion of its products for commercial use. In this field the production of acetone from acetate of lime became very inviting. He is president of the Norwich Chemical Company, and its founder and head as a manufacturer of acetone, although this is only one of the various concerns in which he has at times been active.

Raphael Kessler, Jr., was born July 6, 1868, at St. Louis, Missouri, son of Raphael Kessler and the former Nancy Hannah Brandt, both now deceased. His mother was born in New York State, daughter of Henry William Brandt (of whom further). Mr. Kessler, Sr., was a native of Germany, educated in a German university and came to the United States in his twenties. He was not in accord with the German Government of 1848, so left his native land for one which practiced the principles in which he believed. After finding employment in the New World, and becoming a member of the Presbyterian Church, his education and ability attracted the attention of some of his associates and he was persuaded to prepare himself for the ministry. He completed a course at the Auburn Theological Seminary and entered the Presbyterian ministry. His first charge was a German Presbyterian Church in New York City. However, he did not wish to preach in the German language; he wanted to preach in English and to American congregations. He wished to be free from a foreign accent and the association with German-speaking people and the weekly speaking in German was not conducive to this. He, therefore, resigned his pastorate in New York and accepted a call to a smaller church in Wayne County, Pennsylvania. This was after serving in the Christian and Sanitary Commission with the Northern Army in the Civil War. He later severed his pastorate in Pennsylvania and succeeded Dr. Starr, one of his former theological professors, upon the death of the latter, in the North Presbyterian Church in St. Louis. Some years later, due to failing health, he was compelled to give up the ministry as a profession, although he preached and spoke frequently when requests came to him. Of his father, Mr. Kessler, Jr., says:

Eliminating the natural esteem and admiration which a son feels for a father, I am free to say that my father was the best educated man I have ever known. His familiarity with the romance languages, his knowledge of history and his memory were remarkable. I have met a number of men in school and college, all able and qualified for their work, but I have never met a one who had the general knowledge, the keen perception, the

retentive mind which was his. But for his modesty, his retiring disposition and his health he might have gone much farther. His mastery of English was fine, his pronunciation of English was equal to any native American. I very seldom heard him converse in German, and then only when called upon to do so by the occasion. I have often regretted that he did not teach me German, but more that I did not inherit a memory equal to his. Instead of German he taught us Latin and I have retained more of that subject than of any other which I studied in school or college.

After retiring from an active ministry, Mr. Kessler, Sr., engaged in business, less sedentary than the confining work of the study, and in his day was considered a successful business man. He was to the end a greatly respected and beloved citizen, the friend of all and the helper of the needy.

Beside the fine influence of a home where culture and religion reigned, the son was given, as were his brothers and sister, the advantage of a broad education. He was a student in the old Holland Patent Academy, Phillips-Andover Academy, and the Pennsylvania State College, from which he was graduated, with first honors, in 1892, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Science in Engineering. He then began his noteworthy career in the wood chemical industry.

To understand the background of that career one must go back many years to the grandfather, Henry William Brandt, and his lifelong business partner, Jacob Schlager, who owned and operated the second wood chemical plant in our country located at Brandt, in Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania. Messrs. Brandt and Schlager owned tanneries at Brandt and Lanesboro, Susquehanna County, and Scott Center (Sherman), in Wayne County, Pennsylvania, and large stands of timber in these localities. The first American wood chemical plant was erected near Binghamton, New York, managed and manned by a group of Scotchmen, who came to this country in the fifties. One of them, Angus Smith, had associated himself with some Americans and had built a plant at Brandt, Pennsylvania. This plant was purchased by Brandt & Schlager and was the second wood chemical plant in the United States. Thus Henry William Brandt became a pioneer in this business.

The brochure before mentioned brings to the attention of the writer of this sketch some of the principles which governed the life and actions of Henry William Brandt, principles which in this day should be of special interest.

Mr. Brandt would never employ an alien. Having adopted the United States of America as his new home and having very soon after his entrance into his adopted country become a naturalized citizen, he believed that all foreigners who would profit by the wonderful benefits offered by the country, should become its citizens and be willing to give their best for the country, not only take the best they could get from it. When a foreigner applied for a job the

first question asked him was: "Are you an American citizen?" If the answer was "no," "do you wish to become an American citizen?" If the answer to this question was in the affirmative, his verdict was that when the applicant had taken out his first papers for naturalization, he had a place for him, but that until he had declared his purpose of becoming an American citizen his name could not go upon the pay-roll. Many a time he drove in his horse and buggy some twenty-five miles to the county seat, taking with him a foreigner to apply for citizenship.

Mr. Brandt had strict ideas as to church attendance. Each Sunday he and his family, rain or shine, drove five miles in the family coach to attend the Presbyterian Church at Susquehanna, Pennsylvania, of which he was for many years an elder. Not only did he and his family go to Susquehanna to church, but he admonished all of his employees to attend some church, Protestant or Catholic. He not only admonished them to church attendance but he supplied the means of their getting there. Each Saturday at noon certain teamsters with their respective teams were allocated to take employees to Susquehanna to church (the teamsters and teams being given Saturday afternoon for rest to compensate for their Sunday morning duties). On Monday morning any men who had been absent from church the day previous gave their excuses for their non-attendance. The families of employees were given the same transportation. Later Mr. Brandt and his partner, Mr. Schlager, built a handsome church at Brandt. They not only built the church, but they endowed it, and today the church still carries on with a much diminished membership. In this day Mr. Brandt and his partner would be called autocrats, but their autocracy was conducive to a kindly feeling between employer and employee, better living conditions and the happiness of both.

After completing his education, Raphael Kessler, Jr., became associated with his elders in the wood chemical industry. Some instruction in chemistry, which was a part of his engineering courses, was a decided help to him. He never was or claimed to be an analytical chemist. He was a manufacturing chemist. Analytical work he left to chemists under his employ. His start was as superintendent of the Melrose Acetate Company, at Melrose, Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania, a plant owned by his father, his elder brother, and A. J. Schlager, son of Jacob Schlager, heretofore mentioned. Three years later, in 1896, he went to Indiana, Pennsylvania, and built a factory at nearby Twolicks. His father backed him in this enterprise, which was known as the Indiana Chemical Company. Such backing was accepted as a loan and fully repaid. (His associates were his father; J. W. Sutton, of Indiana; Mr. Artley, superintendent of bridges for the Pennsylvania Railroad; and J. B. Taylor, a banker of Indiana. There had been a plant at Twolicks owned by the three last-named, but

it had burned and the owners, none of whom were conversant with the business, wanted a practical man to join them, rebuild the plant and assume the management.) It was in this plant that Mr. Kessler, Jr., got his first experience in refining, installing a refining column, and producing a grade of methanol which was suitable for general commercial uses. During the following years Mr. Kessler built, acquired an interest in, and operated plants at Emmons, Sullivan County, Pennsylvania; Nordmont, Pennsylvania, and other places.

In 1903 the Nordmont plant was sold to a new corporation known as the Nordmont Chemical Company, which had just been organized to engage in the wood chemical business. This company was composed of some business men of Scranton, Wilkes-Barre and Pittston, who had the idea of engaging in the wood chemical business on a large scale. These same men organized the Luzerne Chemical Company, purchasing four plants in New York State. Mr. Kessler purchased an interest in the Nordmont Company and was made general manager. Soon after the two companies were combined and he was made general manager and member of the board of the combined companies. The office of the company was at Pittston and Mr. Kessler moved his family to West Pittston, one of the most attractive and desirable residential towns in the Wyoming Valley. During his association as general manager of the Luzerne and Nordmont companies he doubled the capacity of the Nordmont plant and rebuilt each of the Long Eddy, Fishes Eddy, Horton and Arkville plants. He also planned and built an up-to-date methanol refinery at Pittston. The board of directors of the Luzerne consisted of: T. G. Wolf, general manager of the Lackawanna Steel Company, up to the time that company moved from Scranton to Buffalo; L. A. Waters, ex-Lieutenant-Governor of Pennsylvania; C. M. Hileman, H. G. Bryden and R. Kessler, Jr.

After some four years with the Luzerne, Mr. Kessler began to realize that the prospects of the company and his own prospects with the company were none too bright. It was his opinion that the corporation was over capitalized but under financed, so he decided to tender his resignation as general manager.

In 1909 Mr. Kessler joined the firm of Harshaw, Fuller & Goodwin, of Cleveland, Ohio. This was a very pleasant association with a chemical concern composed of high-class, able and successful business men. For two years he was in charge of the development of the apparatus and plant for the production of certain lead salts by a new process. But a salaried position in any concern in which he did not hold a substantial interest did not fulfill his ambitions. He had been for some years engaged in the production of wood chemicals, and had long since had a desire to go further and convert

some of these chemicals into a finished product. He, therefore, left Cleveland and went to McKean County, Pennsylvania. He had bargained the purchase of an idle plant at Crosby, which had been erected a few years before for the manufacture of acetic acid, and was owned by a corporation known as the Norwich Chemical Company. This he planned to reëquip for the manufacture of acetone. An agreement was reached, but before the transfer of the plant was concluded the sellers suggested that they take an interest. An agreement was reached under which the stockholders of the Norwich Chemical Company sold to Mr. Kessler stock in the company to the amount which had been agreed upon as the purchase price of the plant, while they retained an equal amount of the stock. The Norwich Chemical Company, organized to convert calcium acetate into acetic acid, thus became the Norwich Chemical Company, reorganized to convert calcium acetate into acetone. The stockholders of the reorganized company were: Messrs. N. W. Heinemann, John Troy, M. F. Quinn, F. C. Olds, H. G. German, and R. Kessler, Jr. Mr. Troy retained, for a time, the presidency of the company and Mr. Kessler became secretary-treasurer and general manager.

Here production of acetone and its by-products began in 1912. Some newly designed apparatus produced an excellent yield and the quality of the product was equal to that produced either in the United States or Germany. From the start the Norwich had a considerable advantage over competitors in the saving of freight on the raw material and production was placed on a profitable basis. In 1914 Mr. Kessler obtained the consent of the directors to increase the capacity of the plant at Crosby and erect another plant at East Smethport.

Of the increased demands for acetone, growing out of the first phases of the World War, of the commandeering of the plants by order of the Secretary of War of the United States after America entered the war, of the fixing of prices on raw and manufactured materials by the War Industries Board and of the allocation of all shipments by that board, there is no place here for the long story. It is, however, a pertinent part of this narrative that the Norwich Chemical Company contributed importantly to the chemical supplies of our country and especially to the supplies of the British, to whom better than seventy-five per cent. of production was allocated. It should also be mentioned that there was no attempt at profiteering when the price of acetone was fixed by the War Industries Board. Mr. Kessler appeared before the board at Washington and requested that the price be fixed at the price which had prevailed before there was any increased demand for war purposes. The board very quickly agreed to his request. Also worthy of mention is the fact that both while selling

direct to England and later while shipping under order of the War Industries Board, not a single delivery was behind schedule and most deliveries from two to three months ahead. It should be of interest to state that from 1914 to about 1923 the Norwich Chemical Company was the largest producer of acetone in the world. It was only when a large quantity of acetone, produced by a new and cheaper process, partially developed by the United States and English governments at great expense, and later commercially developed by private enterprise, came upon the market, that Mr. Kessler realized that the manufacture of acetone from calcium acetate was at an end. He accepted the verdict gracefully. He had for some years been at the top of an industry and only the combined efforts and resources of two governments followed by the scientific research of the ablest of men, had developed an abundant and cheaper source of the material in which he had been so deeply interested. This is progress. But his company was not dead. Efforts were made to enter some new field. He and his active associates, having had some experience in the refining of crude methanol, and having the apparatus required, now turned their attention to that part of the wood chemical industry. His son, Raphael Kessler, III, had joined the company as plant superintendent and under his management the Norwich was soon operating in a new field, and refining for a number of wood chemical plants was soon being successfully carried on. Mr. Kessler still remains at the head of the company which he started in 1912, as president, although for some years he has been retired from active participation in operations, leaving this in the hands of the general manager, H. G. German, and his son, a graduate chemical engineer.

Mr. Kessler, before his removal from the State of Pennsylvania to the State of Ohio, was a director of the City National Bank of Susquehanna, of which his father was president, and of which his grandfather was the organizer and first president. His grandfather had been a banker as well as a tanner and chemical producer ever since he had begun his activities at Brandt, first as a director of a Binghamton, New York, bank, then as president of the First National Bank at Susquehanna, and then as president of the City National, as mentioned above. R. Kessler, Jr., was a director and treasurer of the Reeser-Kessler Wieland Company at Sayre, Pennsylvania; a director of the predecessor of the present Manufacturers' Charcoal Company, the American Charcoal Company, of Bradford, Pennsylvania; for a time president of the Keystone Hat Company of Brandt, Pennsylvania; and president of the Vulcan Die Casting Company of Syracuse, New York. In his earlier days he joined the American Chemical Society and The Society of Chemical Industry. He is listed in "Who's Who in Chemistry." He was also a member of the Chemists

Club in New York City. He is a member of Beta Theta Pi, a college Greek letter fraternity. He is a Republican and a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Kessler looks back with pleasure upon the years of his connection with the wood chemical industry, the time when he was one of the pioneers and an experimenter in that industry and can take some justifiable pride in his achievements. Perhaps his greatest satisfaction is on the pleasant and friendly relations with his employees. He has stated that he would never ask an employee to do a piece of work, hazardous or otherwise, which he would not attempt to do himself. He very seldom had an occasion to discharge an employee, and he nearly always found his men loyal to him and the company for which they worked. He always believed that employees and employer had mutual interests. When changing from one location to another there were always employees who followed him. Most of the employees of the Norwich have been with the company for years. The present foreman at the East Smethport plant, as a youth from England, did his first day's work in America at the Melrose Company in the nineties.

On October 1, 1897, Raphael Kessler, Jr., married Mabel R. Books, of Indiana, Pennsylvania, daughter of J. W. and Clara (Repine) Books, now both deceased. Mrs. Kessler was a graduate of the Indiana Teachers College and, prior to her marriage, was a teacher in the public schools in Indiana, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Kessler, Jr., are the parents of the following children: 1. Raphael Kessler, 3d, educated in public schools at Cleveland, Ohio, Pittston, Pennsylvania, and Smethport, prepared for college at Mercersburg Academy, two years at Cornell University, and two years at Pennsylvania State College, from which he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree as a chemical engineer. After graduation he was with the National Analine, at Buffalo, as a plant superintendent, and later with the Norwich Chemical Company as superintendent. 2. Ruth Coe, educated at the Emma Willard School at Troy, New York, and a graduate of Wellesley College; she married J. C. Edwards, of Utica, New York, a graduate of the University of Michigan and now assistant superintendent of production for the Texas Company, at Houston, Texas. They have two children: i. John Charles. ii. Robert James. 3. Nancy M., graduate of the Emma Willard School and the Boston Conservatory of Music; she married A. E. Price, a graduate of Cornell University, School of Architecture, now architect for the Texas Company, in New York City. Mr. and Mrs. Price reside at Hastings-on-Hudson, New York, and have a son: i. Albert L. 4. Clara Louise, a graduate of the Emma Willard School and of Fairmount College, Washington, District of Columbia. She married Morgan R. Norton, a graduate of the University of Michigan, and

now engineer for the Texas Company Experimental Plant at Beacon, New York. They have two children: i. George K. ii. Nancy Ray.

WILSON HOWARD FLANN—Figuring prominently in the oil industry in Oil City and vicinity, Wilson Howard Flann is superintendent of telegraph for the Northern Group of Pipe Lines, embracing pipe lines in the states of New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana. His contribution to community life has been a significant one from many points of view, particularly in education and in the promotion of athletic sports and facilities in connection with the schools during his service as president and member of the Oil City School Board.

Mr. Flann was born April 8, 1881, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, son of Joseph Edward and Elizabeth (Martin) Flann. His father, who was born in Scotland and died in Pittsburgh, was a silk merchant for many years in Ireland, but after coming to this country he became associated with a large Fifth Avenue department store in Pittsburgh and so continued until his death in that city in 1883. He had charge of the silk department in that store, was a Republican in politics, and belonged to St. Peter's Protestant Episcopal Church. His wife, Mrs. Elizabeth (Martin) Flann, Wilson Howard Flann's mother, was born in Belfast, Ireland, and died in Beaver, Pennsylvania.

Wilson Howard Flann was formally educated in public schools in Pittsburgh, his birthplace, and while still very young he served as a messenger with the Postal Telegraph Company. Next he served as press boy with the Duquesne Theatre. Then he was associated with the National Transit Company, U. P. L. Division, in the Vandergrift Building, in Pittsburgh, as a messenger. Beginning as an extra messenger in 1894, he worked his way through various departments of the oil business, pumping oil in the McDonald field, buying oil in Washington, Pennsylvania, and working at a pump station at Meadow Lands, this State, as operator and gauger. In Pittsburgh he served as telegraph operator and field man at the same time, staking out and building telegraph lines in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee and Ohio. He was with the Ohio Fuel Supply Company at their headquarters in Columbus, and also was associated with the United Fuel Gas Company with headquarters in Charleston, West Virginia.

It was in 1912 that Mr. Flann came to Oil City as assistant superintendent of telegraph, here working his way forward to his present position as superintendent of telegraph of the Northern Group of Pipe Lines, as indicated above. He has taken part, not only in the upbuilding of the oil industry, but in Oil City has given freely of his time to civic betterment and to different public works that he has undertaken from time to time.

Notable among these activities has been Mr. Flann's work on the school board, of which he became a member in 1926. While serving as the board's president, as already noted, he took a special interest in promoting the construction of a much-needed athletic field for Oil City's school children. This field is now conveniently situated on the city's west side, and Mr. Flann continues his efforts to expand opportunities for sports among Oil City's young people.

Politically Mr. Flann is a Republican. He is a charter member of Oil City Lodge, No. 710, of the Free and Accepted Masons; a past officer of the Venango Lodge of Perfection; a leader in the work of New Castle Consistory of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and a member of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Syria Temple, Pittsburgh. He holds the thirty-third degree, that rarely extended honor of Masonry, and has done much good and productive Masonic work. Mr. Flann also belongs to the Oil City Masonic Club, the Young Men's Christian Association and other local groups. In spare time he enjoys such sports as bowling and other games, or is happy when working in his garden or indulging in his favorite hobby—photography.

Wilson Howard Flann married, September 12, 1901, Alice Arnold, a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, daughter of Robert W. and Nancy (Morgan) Arnold, both born in Washington County, Pennsylvania. Robert W. Arnold died in Youngstown, Ohio, and his wife in Pittsburgh. Mr. and Mrs. Flann became the parents of the following children: 1. Lillian Jane Flann, wife of Harry Berry Wood, of Greenville, Pennsylvania, agent for the United Natural Gas Company; the Woods have three sons—Harry Berry Wood, Jr., Wilson Flann Wood, and Charles Arleigh Wood. 2. Alice Rhea Flann, who died in July, 1912, aged five years.

LAKE DANIEL STEFFEE—One of Oil City's finest undertaking establishments is owned and operated by Lake Daniel Steffee, a funeral director in this city for more than a quarter of a century and sole proprietor of his present business since 1925.

Mr. Steffee was born at Seneca, Pennsylvania, a son of John P. and Hattie Belle (Kennedy) Steffee and a grandson of Daniel Steffee, native of Westmoreland County, cabinetmaker and veteran of the Civil War. His paternal grandmother, a member of the Pierce family, was also born in Westmoreland County, as was John P. Steffee, the father, who died at Seneca on March 4, 1939. John P. Steffee was a farmer throughout his active career. He was a member of the school board, was otherwise prominent in civic affairs and was a leading Methodist layman of his community, serving for thirty-five years as superintendent of the Methodist Sun-

day School. Hattie Belle (Kennedy) Steffee, the mother, was born in Cranberry Township, Venango County, and died at Seneca on February 4, 1920. She was a daughter of John and Amanda (Downing) Kennedy, farmers of Venango County.

Lake Daniel Steffee completed his education with his graduation from Oil City High School in 1914 and shortly afterward became associated with R. G. Koch, who was engaged in the furniture and undertaking business here. This connection was continued from 1914 to 1924, when the furniture business was sold. During the following year Mr. Koch and Mr. Steffee jointly operated the undertaking business, but at the end of that time Mr. Steffee purchased his partner's interest and has since been sole owner of the enterprise. With modern equipment and a long record of satisfactory service as a funeral director, there are many demands upon him, which he meets in accordance with the highest standards of his profession.

Mr. Steffee also served as coroner of Venango County for four years, from 1930 to 1934. He is active in many civic, social, and fraternal connections and has played an important rôle in local veterans' affairs. During the World War, Mr. Steffee served overseas for twenty-two months with Headquarters Company, 27th Engineers. As a member of the American Expeditionary Forces, he saw action at Chateau Thierry, St. Mihiel and in the Meuse-Argonne Offensive. During his service he was promoted to the grade of first sergeant and was honorably discharged with that rank at Camp Dix, New Jersey, following his return to this country after the war. Since the war he has been a member of Oil City Post, American Legion, of which he is Past Commander; the "40 & 8" and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is prominent in the Masonic Order, in which he is affiliated with Oil City Lodge, No. 710, Free and Accepted Masons; Oil City Chapter, No. 263, Royal Arch Masons; Oil City Commandery, Knights Templar, of which he is Past Commander; the higher Scottish Rite bodies, including Oil City Lodge of Perfection and Pittsburgh Consistory; Zem Zem Temple, at Erie, Pennsylvania, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and the Royal Order of Jesters. Mr. Steffee is also affiliated with Oil City Lodge, No. 589, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In addition to these connections he is a member of the Oil City Chamber of Commerce, the Kiwanis Club, the Oil City Young Men's Christian Association, in which he has long been interested; the Wanango Country Club; and the Pennsylvania Undertakers' Association. Mr. Steffee is a Republican in politics and a member of Good Hope Lutheran Church in Oil City.

He married here, on May 17, 1922, Louise Thrun, of Oil City, daughter of Albert Thrun, a machinist, now

deceased. Both her parents were born in Germany, but were residents for many years of Oil City, where the mother still resides. Mr. and Mrs. Steffee are the parents of one son, Richard D., born December 14, 1925, now a student in Oil City High School.

HARRY JENNINGS CRAWFORD—The development of banking in Venango and Clarion counties owes much to the efforts of Harry Jennings Crawford, founder of many banking institutions in Northwest Pennsylvania and now president of the Oil City National Bank and the First National Bank of Emlenton. For more than half a century he has also had important interests in the oil fields of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Crawford was born in Emlenton on January 19, 1867, son of Samuel W. and Jane C. (Truby) Crawford. His father, who was born near Emlenton on August 20, 1829, was a pioneer in the gold fields of California, where he went with the pathbreakers of 1849. After twelve years in the West, however, he returned to Pennsylvania and became active as an oil producer. His wife, Jane C. (Truby) Crawford, was born at Emlenton on November 27, 1837. Both died there.

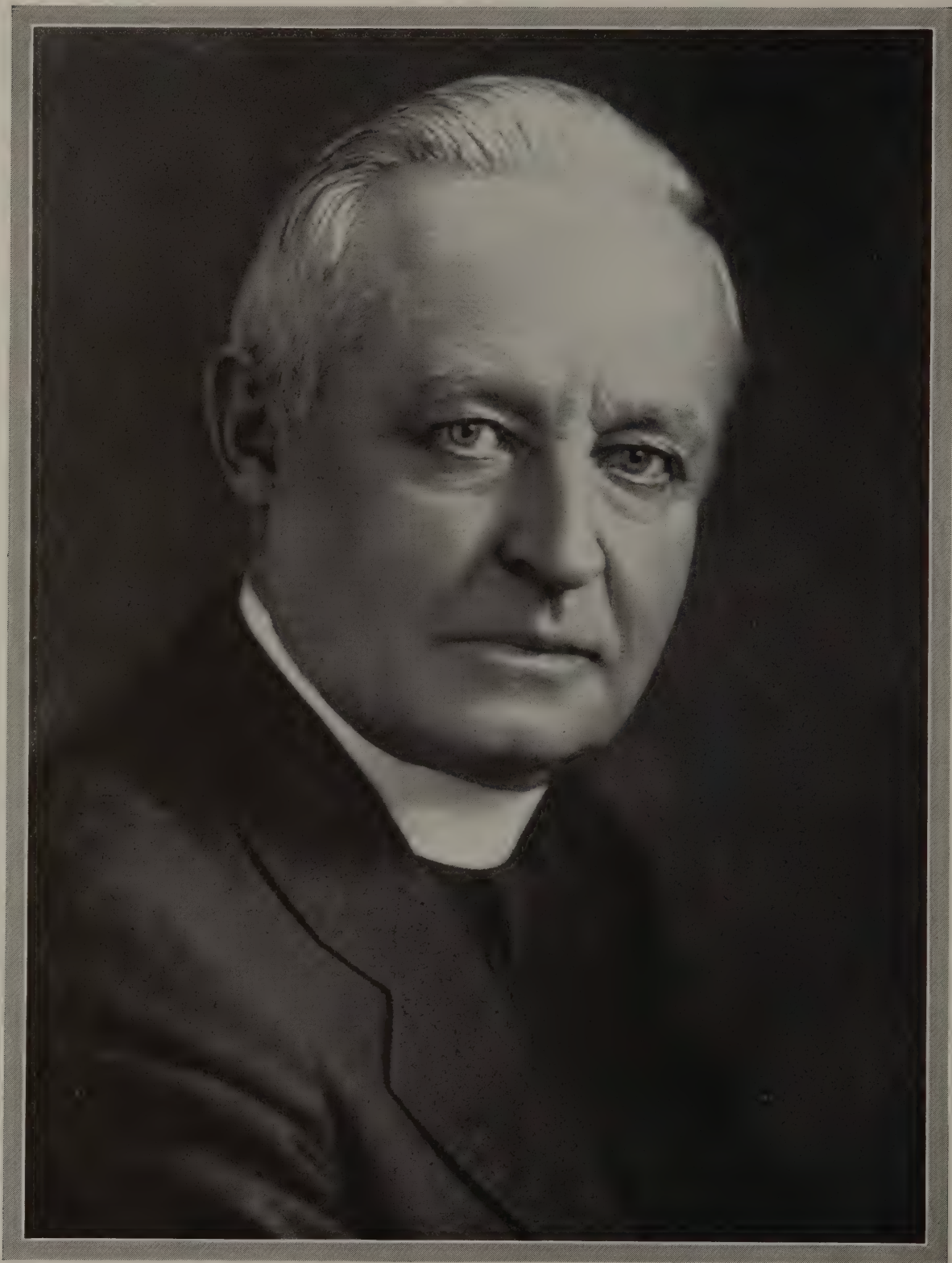
Harry Jennings Crawford was educated in the public schools of Emlenton. In his youth he spent a number of years pumping oil wells for his father and then became manager and treasurer of the Emlenton Gas Company, a connection he continued for five or six years. Afterward he was foreman for the South Penn Oil Company for a brief period, returning at the end of this time to the Emlenton Gas Company as manager and treasurer for a decade and a half. Meanwhile, as director of the First National Bank of Emlenton, he had already embarked upon his career as a banker. When the cashier of this institution became seriously ill, Mr. Crawford came in to take charge and has since been active in the field of banking. Eventually he became president of the First National Bank of Emlenton, which he still heads. This development he followed by assisting in the organization of six or eight local banks in Venango and Clarion counties. Until the Bank Act prohibited the holding of more than three directorates at the same time, he served as director of all these institutions. Mr. Crawford's record as a banker brought him a wide reputation and led to his subsequent election as president of the Oil City National Bank and the Citizens Banking Company of Oil City. In 1939 he resigned as president of the latter institution in compliance with the law forbidding the holding of two bank presidencies in the same community by one individual, but continues as president of the Oil City National Bank and the First National Bank of Emlenton, whose affairs he has guided for so many years.

Despite the responsibilities he has assumed as a banker, Mr. Crawford has never relinquished his early interests in the oil and gas industry. Some forty years ago he formed a partnership with T. B. Gregory, of Emlenton, under the name of Crawford and Gregory, to engage in oil operations, a business continued until the present time. His interests include not only the production but the refining of oil and the production of natural gas. He is president of the Quaker State Oil Refining Company of Oil City and a director of a number of its affiliates; a director of the Columbia Gas & Electric Corporation of New York City; a director of the Manufacturers Light & Heat Company of Pittsburgh and the Pennsylvania Fuel & Supply Company of Emlenton; vice-president and director of the Union Heat & Light Company and the Slippery Rock Heat & Light Company of Slippery Rock; director of the Mountain Fuel Supply Company of Salt Lake City and Ogden, Utah; and a director of the Devonian Oil Company of Tulsa, Oklahoma; the Reno Oil Company of Sistersville, West Virginia; the Talon Fastener Company of Meadville, Pennsylvania; the Lightning Fastener Company of St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada, and many others. The scope and importance of these interests have made him widely known throughout the petroleum and gas industries.

Mr. Crawford has other claims upon the regard of his State. He is one of Pennsylvania's most prominent Masons, being affiliated in this order with Allegheny Lodge, No. 552, Free and Accepted Masons, at Emlenton; with Syria Temple of the Mystic Shrine in Pittsburgh, and with all higher bodies of the Scottish Rite, including the Consistory. In recognition of his long service in the order and his devotion to its ideals, he was elected to the honorary thirty-third degree of the Scottish Rite, Masonry's greatest distinction. Mr. Crawford is a Republican in politics and although he has never entered public life, he has given effective support to many civic causes in Oil City and at Emlenton, where he continues to make his home. In doing so, he has always recognized and fully honored the responsibilities of good citizenship. As a gift to the city in 1934 he built the Emlenton School, called Crawford Memorial School, in memory of his father and mother and wife. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Emlenton and is vice-president and trustee of Grove City College, an institution in which he has long been actively interested, and whose administration building was dedicated in 1937 as Crawford Hall.

Mr. Crawford married Elizabeth Hafele, now deceased, who was born at Foxbury, Pennsylvania, daughter of Mathias and Elizabeth (Kline) Hafele. They became the parents of two daughters: Elizabeth Louise, who married Paul H. Biery, of Oil City, and has three





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daughters: Beth, Jane, and Sue; and Mrs. George A. Breene (see p. 42), of Emlenton, who has one daughter, Elizabeth Louise.

THE REV. JOSEPH LEO McCABE, Litt. D.—

Shortly after his ordination as a priest of the Roman Catholic Church, the Rev. Joseph Leo McCabe, Litt. D., was transferred to the Erie diocese, under Most Rev. John E. Fitz Maurice, D. D., Bishop of Erie, where he has now rounded out more than forty years of service. As pastor of St. Brigid's Roman Catholic Church in Meadville since 1918, he has continued the labors of distinguished predecessors and maintained the fine traditions of the parish in both its material and its spiritual growth.

Father McCabe was born in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, on May 26, 1873, a son of John and Catherine (Smith) McCabe. His father, who was born in County Cavan, Ireland, son of John McCabe, came to this country in early life and settled in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, where he died on September 17, 1909. He served in the Union Army during the Civil War and afterward was engaged in the trucking business. John McCabe's father never came to the United States, but his mother, whose maiden name was McGuire, spent her last years here. She died in Pawtucket. Catherine (Smith) McCabe, Father McCabe's mother, was born in New Brunswick, Canada, and died at Pawtucket on October 16, 1886. She was a daughter of John Smith, another of New England's Irish immigrants, who became a successful soap manufacturer and an influential citizen of Pawtucket. Smith Street, Pawtucket, is named in his honor.

Father McCabe, reared in a devout Catholic household, attended the Lincoln Avenue public school in Pawtucket until 1887 and during the following two years was a student in parochial school. At the end of this time, on September 20, 1889, he enrolled at St. Charles College, Ellicott City, Maryland, and pursued the course of study there until his graduation in the summer of 1895. From 1895 to 1898 he was a student in St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, and following that, at St. Bonaventure's College, Allegany, New York. On June 9, 1900, at St. Joseph's Church, Buffalo, New York, he was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Quigley and returned to Pawtucket, where he served one month as assistant pastor of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church. On July 10, 1900, he was transferred to the Erie diocese and appointed assistant pastor of All Saints' Church in Mercer, with missions at Stoneboro, Raymilton, Pardoe and Grove City. Father McCabe built the first Catholic church at Hallville (Grove City) and in the autumn of 1900 was appointed first resident pastor of St. Columba's Church in Stoneboro. He was installed on January 17, 1901, and for eighteen years

ministered to the people of this parish, demonstrating not only spiritual leadership but also fine gifts as an administrator. The rectory there was built by him and finished in March, 1902. On March 10, 1918, Father McCabe was transferred to Meadville to begin his present pastorate at St. Brigid's Church, succeeding the Most Rev. John Mark Gannon, D. D., who was elevated to the See of Erie from this parish.

The history of St. Brigid's dates back to the Civil War period when the parish was organized under the Rev. Mark De La Roque in 1862. He was followed by Father Giliberti in 1863; Fathers Titta and Fayella in 1864; the Rev. James Perry in 1865; and the Rev. James Haley in 1866. From 1868 to 1870 the Rev. J. L. Finucane was pastor of St. Brigid's and from 1871 to 1874, the Rev. J. L. Madigan. In 1874 the Very Rev. Mgr. James J. Dunn came to St. Brigid's to begin his long ministry to the Catholic people of Meadville. His pastorate, covering forty-one years, marked an epoch in the development of the parish. The present church was built by him in 1878 and became the nucleus around which all the other buildings center. A notable addition was the new rectory, a well-equipped house of twelve rooms, built by Mgr. Dunn in 1893. Other improvements followed and toward the close of his long pastorate, Mgr. Dunn secured an addition of 11.5 acres to the cemetery of St. Brigid's on Neason Hill. This more than doubled the available space. Mgr. Dunn's successor at St. Brigid's was the present Bishop Gannon, whose pastorate there covered the years from 1916 to 1918. During this period the new school was built on Liberty Street and Clinton Court, providing eight large, well-lighted and well-ventilated classrooms, a fine gymnasium and all conveniences for pupils and teachers. This building was begun and completed in 1917.

Father McCabe's pastorate, now approaching the quarter century mark, has witnessed the continuation of improvements in church property and facilities. In 1927, under his direction, St. Brigid's Church was remodeled and both the interior and exterior of the church were completely renovated. A larger sanctuary was provided, with additions to the sacristies, a new organ, new heating plant, new lighting arrangements, new pews and beautiful new windows. Approximately \$60,000 was expended on these improvements. During Father McCabe's pastorate, an electric watering system capable of supplying the entire cemetery of the church was also installed through the generosity of Walter Coyle, a former member of the parish. The growth of the parish and the development of its spiritual life have kept pace with the material improvements accomplished in successive pastorates throughout the past fifty years. The following revealing paragraph is quoted from a recent newspaper review of St. Brigid's history:

"From a parish of about 175 families in 1888, St. Brigid's now numbers over 450 families. In the beginning there were but two Masses on Sundays, but now the large edifice is taxed to its capacity at six Masses. The greatest and most notable increase in the spirituality of the parish is the constant growth of the numbers going to Confession on Saturdays and their reception of Holy Communion at the Masses on Sunday."

Father McCabe, who is well loved by the Catholic population of Meadville, has also been an influential figure in the general life of the community. He is a former member of the Meadville Country Club, from which he resigned because of ill health, and is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus. Although he is no longer able to indulge these tastes extensively, his favorite diversions are writing and golf.

GEORGE H. W. SHERMAN—Since he turned from his career in education in the early years of the century, George H. W. Sherman has been actively associated with the oil and gas industry. He has spent more than a quarter of a century in the service of the United Natural Gas Company and its affiliated corporations and is now assistant secretary and director of this organization, with offices in Oil City.

Mr. Sherman was born in Oil City on February 5, 1880, son of Oliver C. and Elizabeth Alden (Wattles) Sherman, both parents natives of Connecticut. The father, Oliver C. Sherman, was a pioneer oil broker, who rode horseback up and down the river, buying oil at the well. For a number of years he was secretary-treasurer of the Oil Exchange, later moving to Chapmanville, where he resided a number of years, until his death in 1913. The mother, Elizabeth Alden (Wattles) Sherman, died in 1927. Their children were: Mary, wife of Dr. W. W. Hotchkiss; Oliver M., of Oil City; Clark B., who died in 1919; George H. W., of whom further; and Elizabeth A., wife of C. E. Carson. George H. W. Sherman was educated in the public schools of Oil City and afterward entered the State Teachers College at Edinboro, where he was a student from 1898 to 1900. During the following two years he taught in the Pennsylvania public schools and then launched his business career. For a time, Mr. Sherman was associated with the Oil Well Supply Company, resigning to enter the oil business in the Middle West. His present connection with the United Natural Gas Company and its affiliates dates from 1912. Since that time he has risen steadily in the organization on the basis of his record and experience and in 1927 was elected director and assistant secretary of the company, in which capacities he now serves.

As a resident of Oil City, Mr. Sherman has been active in the work of local charities, the Young Men's Christian Association and various civic causes. He is affiliated

fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons and is prominent in the order as a member of all higher bodies of the Scottish Rite, including the thirty-second degree of the Consistory. Mr. Sherman is also a member of Acacia, Oil City Boat Club, Wanango Country Club and the Oil City Kiwanis Club. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the Presbyterian Church.

On May 17, 1913, he married Mildred Wheelock and they are the parents of three children: Anne Nicoline, Mary Elizabeth, and Mildred Wheelock.

ARCH LEROY STECK—Performing a highly useful service in the business life of Oil City, Arch Leroy Steck is vice-president, secretary, assistant treasurer, plant manager and a director of the Oil City Glass Bottle Company, of this place.

Mr. Steck was born October 19, 1903, in Oil City, Pennsylvania, son of Charles Edward and Martha (Workman) Steck. His paternal grandparents were Samuel L. C. and Elizabeth Steck. The grandfather, who centered his activities in Oil City, was an oil producer here, and during the Civil War was a soldier of his country, serving as chief bugler of his company in the Federal Army. Charles Edward Steck, Arch Leroy Steck's father, born December 1, 1872, in Oil City, where he now lives and is associated with the Continental Refining Company as a foreman, is active also in civic affairs and is a Republican and a member of Trinity Methodist Church. Mrs. Martha (Workman) Steck, Arch Leroy Steck's mother, was born May 20, 1882, in North Carolina, and now lives in Oil City. Her parents were James Ellis and Martha (Loflin) Workman, both native North Carolinians, her father born in Davidson County in 1839 and her mother in Randolph County in 1847. Her father, who was Davidson County's first volunteer in response to the Confederate call, served throughout the War Between the States. He died in Bristol, Tennessee, in 1917. Her mother died in Bristol in 1927.

Arch Leroy Steck attended public schools in Cornplanter Township, and was graduated in 1920 from Oil City High School. He then became associated with the Independent Refining Company of Oil City, serving as clerk for one year. Next he served as tool dresser for the Cornplanter Drilling Company, in which his father was a partner. For one year he continued that work. Then he became associated with the Aluminum Company of Ohio as a moulder and so continued for about a year. In 1923 he worked with Swift & Company, in Oil City, serving as office manager and accountant until January, 1930. He became associated at that time with the Oil City Glass Bottle Company in the capacity of office manager and assistant secretary, and later was made vice-president, secretary, assistant treasurer and a direc-

tor, as well as plant manager, in which positions he continues down to the time of writing.

In addition to his other activities, Mr. Steck is a director of the Knox Glass Associates, Inc., of Oil City, and senior partner of the Glassylvania Company, of this place. Politically he is a Republican, and he serves as president of the Lions' Club and is a member of the Oil City-Franklin Traffic Club, of which he was formerly president. He belongs to Oil City Lodge, No. 78, of the Loyal Order of Moose and to the Oil City Chamber of Commerce. He is also active in Trinity Methodist Church of Oil City. Softball and other athletic sports offered at the Young Men's Christian Association are among his favorite recreations, and he also enjoys hunting when opportunity offers.

Dearest of all things to him is family life. Mr. Steck delights in the home associations, and is a beloved companion of his small adopted daughter, Suzanne Steck, of whom he is very fond. Mr. Steck married, October 19, 1927, Margaret Thornton McMahon, born in Oil City, daughter of Patrick and Margaret (Lynch) McMahon, both now deceased. Her father was a machinist by trade, but in later life became secretary of the Oil City Lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose. Mrs. Steck herself was graduated in 1920 from St. Joseph's High School, and is a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church.

JOHN LEMUEL HADLEY, M. D.—Engaged in a general practice of medicine in Oil City, Dr. John Lemuel Hadley specializes mainly in obstetrics and pediatrics. His past experience in business and in teaching well equips him for his medical practice, which has had so much to do with the lives and ailments and difficulties of children and with the encouragement of sound conditions of family life.

Dr. Hadley was born February 13, 1865, in Adamsville, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, son of Robinson Taggart and Louisa J. (Palm) Hadley. Further details concerning the ancestry of the family are to be found in the review of the life of Dr. Hadley's son, James Edward Hadley, M. D. (*q. v.*), in this volume. Robinson Taggart Hadley, was born September 18, 1834, in Trumbull County, Ohio, and died in 1908 in Oil City. In early life he was a farmer, and later he was associated with the Oil Well Supply Company of Oil City as a timekeeper. He was a Democrat and a Presbyterian. His wife, Mrs. Louisa J. (Palm) Hadley, Dr. John Lemuel Hadley's mother, was born in Sheakleyville, Pennsylvania, February 27, 1842, and died in Oil City in 1909.

Public schools of Mercer County, this State, furnished John Lemuel Hadley's early formal education, and he also attended Mackilwain Institute, at New Lebanon, in 1883 and 1884. After two years there, he taught school

for two terms in Mercer County and for one term near Evansville, Wisconsin. He then became associated with the H. G. Cady Agricultural Works, at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, in the capacity of traveling salesman in the Southern States, so continuing for a year. Next he returned to Pennsylvania, settling at Hadley and engaging in farming operations. For a year he was associated with the undertaking firm of John S. Orr in Youngstown, Ohio. Then, in 1889, he went to the Pennsylvania State Normal College, in Edinboro, where he was graduated in 1891. In Bradford, McKean County, Dr. Hadley was principal of the Sixth Ward School. In the autumn of 1892 he removed to Pleasantville, where he undertook the task of grading the schools and served for two years as school principal. In the fall of 1894 he turned his attention to the medical profession, entering Cleveland Medical College, in Cleveland, Ohio, which was the homœopathic department of Ohio State University, in Columbus. In the spring of 1897 he was graduated as a Doctor of Medicine from that institution.

Since that time Dr. Hadley has devoted his attention in the main to the medical profession, in which he began his career as an interne at Huron Road Hospital, Cleveland. Passing the State Board examinations in June, 1897, he at once came to Oil City to establish himself in medical practice. Here he opened an office for the general practice of his profession, though as time went on he specialized more and more in obstetrics and pediatrics. During his years of medical work he has brought 3,303 United States babies and one Canadian baby into the world down to the time of writing (1941). He is a member and past president of the Venango County Medical Society, vice-president of the Oil City General Hospital staff and a member of the obstetrical staff here, also a member of the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He is a member of the board of directors of the Standard Life Insurance Company of America. A Republican in his political views, he served formerly as a member of the Oil City Board of Health. He belongs to Latonia Lodge, No. 1018, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in Oil City, and is a charter member and past president of the Lions' Club. Particularly active in Lions' Club affairs, he is also a past regional director of the organization, and was a delegate to the Lions' international convention in Toronto, Ontario, in 1932. He is a member also of the Protected Home Circle and the Independent Order of Foresters. He attends Christ Protestant Episcopal Church in Oil City. Hunting and fishing are among Dr. Hadley's favorite pastimes, though he is fond of all kinds of healthful outdoor recreations.

Dr. John Lemuel Hadley married, June 1, 1904, Gertrude French, a native of Clinton, Connecticut, daughter of Winfield Scott and Mary Barber (Vaughan) French,

both now deceased. Mr. French was clerk in the First National Bank of Oil City for a number of years, and later was associated with the Manufacturers' Light, Heat & Gas Company, in Pittsburgh. Dr. and Mrs. Hadley became the parents of the following children: 1. Dr. James Edward Hadley (*q. v.*). 2. John French Hadley, associated with the Pennzoil Company; he married Leah Merritt, of Oil City, and they are the parents of a daughter, Barbara Hadley. 3. Ruth Elizabeth Hadley, wife of Howard Sharp, of Oil City, who is associated with the Keystone Public Service Company; they have two sons, Howard Renwick Sharp and Richard Hadley Sharp.

JAMES EDWARD HADLEY, M. D.—One of Oil City's leading professional workers, Dr. James Edward Hadley not only conducts an extensive private practice of medicine, but takes part in hospital work here and interests himself in civic and community affairs.

Dr. Hadley was born June 1, 1909, in Oil City, Pennsylvania, son of Dr. John Lemuel and Gertrude (French) Hadley. The family is one of great antiquity, the name Hadley being derived from De Haddeligh, which in earlier English meant "of the woods." The immigrant ancestor of the line in America, Leonard Hadley, came from England and landed in Boston, Massachusetts, prior to 1664. He went to Connecticut, then to Long Island, and finally he and a party of men and their wives settled at Elizabethtown, Essex County, New Jersey. John Hadley, great-great-grandfather of Dr. James Edward Hadley, was born June 24, 1779, in New Jersey, and died October 29, 1854, in Hadley, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, which was named after him because of his prominence in the community and his long activity as a farmer there; he married Sophia Luce. Their son, David Luce Hadley, born December 9, 1806, died December 2, 1884, in Hadley, was also a farmer; he married Jane Robinson, who was born in Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, and died July 15, 1874. Their son, Robinson Taggart Hadley, was born September 18, 1834, in Trumbull County, Ohio, and died in 1908 in Oil City after a useful life as a farmer and later as timekeeper for the Oil Well Supply Company; he married Louisa J. Palm, born February 27, 1842, in Sheakleyville, Pennsylvania, died in Oil City in 1908, daughter of George and Mary Jane (White) Palm and granddaughter of John and Sallie (Beil) Palm.

Their son, Dr. John Lemuel Hadley, Dr. James Edward Hadley's father, was born February 13, 1865, in Adamsville, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, and is at the time of writing a practicing physician in Oil City, a Republican, an attendant at Christ Protestant Episcopal Church, and a past president of the Venango County Medical Society. He is also vice-president of the Oil City General Hospital staff, and is a prominent Lion

and a member of many clubs and social groups. His wife, Mrs. Gertrude (French) Hadley, Dr. James Edward Hadley's mother, was born September 18, 1880, in Clinton, Connecticut, and now lives in Oil City. She is a daughter of Winfield Scott and Mary Barber (Vaughan) French, both born in Connecticut, the former associated at the time of his death with the United Natural Gas Company of Pittsburgh. Her grandparents on the paternal side of her house were Wales and Mary (Robbins) French, likewise both born in Connecticut, but who died in Oil City, where Wales French became an oil producer in the pioneer days of the industry. On the maternal side of her house, Mrs. Gertrude (French) Hadley traces her ancestry back to her great-great-grandfather, James Barber, Sr., a Revolutionary soldier, who married Mary Wilcox. Their son, James Barber, Jr., married Elizabeth Barber. Their daughter, Susanah Stanton Barber, became the wife of John Vaughan. Their daughter, Mary Barber Vaughan, became the wife of Winfield Scott French and the mother of Gertrude French, the present Mrs. Hadley, mother of Dr. James Edward Hadley.

Dr. James Edward Hadley attended school in Oil City, was graduated from high school here in 1928, then went to Washington and Jefferson College, where he took the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1932, and to Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital, Philadelphia, where he was graduated in 1936 as a Doctor of Medicine. He served an internship at Shadyside Hospital, Pittsburgh, for one year, then opened his own office in the Odd Fellows' Building, Oil City, where he became connected in medical practice with his father. He is today a member of the obstetrical staff of Oil City General Hospital, and is affiliated with some of the leading medical associations—the Venango Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Association and the American Medical Association. He also belongs to the Pennsylvania Homœopathic Society and the American Institute of Homœopathy.

Different civic and social institutions in Oil City and this district of Pennsylvania have also received the advantage of his services and help. He is a member of the Oil City Adelphi Club, the Hundred Club, the Phi Kappa Sigma, Phi Tau Gamma, Phi Chi Mu and Phi Sigma fraternities and the Druids. He is a member of the Oil City Chamber of Commerce, a charter member of Fort Venango Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, and an active worker in the interests of Christ Episcopal Church, Oil City. In leisure time Dr. Hadley is fond of the out-of-doors, and he derives particular satisfaction from riding and fishing.

Dr. James Edward Hadley married, June 3, 1939, Genevieve A. Rowley, born June 27, 1913, in Philadelphia, daughter of Bart J. and Virginia (Burke) Rowley, of that city. Mr. Rowley is a deputy sheriff of Dela-





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ware County. Mrs. Hadley is a graduate of Temple University, class of 1934, holding the Bachelor of Science degree. Prior to her marriage she taught physical education. She is a member of a number of woman's organizations, the Phi Delta Pi society and Christ Episcopal Church.

THOMAS H. KENNEDY—Through the importance of his business interests, which embraced many fields of enterprise, Thomas H. Kennedy became a leading figure in the life of northwest Pennsylvania. Banker, oil producer, lumberman, manufacturer and man of large affairs, he brought to his career a constructive force and vision which made him a builder and creator in the truest sense. Mr. Kennedy, however, had many other claims upon the regard of the Bradford community, which was long his home. Public-spirited to an exceptional degree, his numerous civic connections enhanced the scope of his influence and his wide philanthropies, carried out on a magnificent scale, made him one of the great benefactors of his city.

A son of Peter T. and Catherine (Hess) Kennedy, pioneer settlers in the Bradford area, Mr. Kennedy was born on September 23, 1864, at Belvidere, New York, and accompanied his parents to Sawyer City, Pennsylvania, at an early age. Not long afterward the home of the family was moved to Bradford. Here he completed his preliminary education in the public schools, after which he became a student at Worcester Military Academy, Worcester, Massachusetts. Upon his return to Pennsylvania he launched his active career and as a young man was associated with his father in the lumber business. The Bradford oil field early claimed his interest and as an independent producer his holdings expanded steadily. Meanwhile, his oil interests brought him other connections. Mr. Kennedy, in addition to his own operations, was a member of the William C. Kennedy Company, producers in the Pennsylvania Grade crude area and in Illinois. This organization was founded by his uncle, whom Mr. Kennedy succeeded as president. He was an associate of the late Frank Wood, of Bradford, in the Wood Oil Company, producing in Kentucky, and had a financial interest in the refining industry at Okmulgee, Oklahoma. Because of the quality of his judgment and great native aptitude for business and finance, the demands upon his services were many, not only in the oil industry in which he was active until within a few years of his death, but in other fields. Over a long period he was associated with the Lewis Run Manufacturing Company, of which he became president, continuing to furnish effective leadership in its operations until it was liquidated about 1936. As a banker he revealed equal talents during his extended connection with the Bradford National Bank. Becoming

a director of this institution in 1890, in succession to his father, he was elected vice-president in the following year and, in 1918, upon the death of O. F. Schonblom, founder of the bank, Mr. Kennedy was designated by the board to serve as executive head of the bank. In 1925 he retired from the presidency to become chairman of the board of directors and subsequently also relinquished this responsibility, although remaining as a director of the institution until his death. To the management of the bank he brought the strength and substance which always characterized him. As its leader his capacities were unquestioned and until the close of his career his opinions on all matters connected with its operation were regarded by his associates with profound respect.

Mr. Kennedy's business interests, large though they were, constituted only one phase of his career. Through his own efforts he won substantial means, but he was always imbued with a sense of stewardship and regularly, year in and year out, he set apart a major fraction of his income for benevolent use. Among his greatest interests were the Children's Home and the Bradford Hospital, both of which were enabled to construct large additions through his generosity. Through the years he remained one of the principal supporters of these institutions, in token of which both have named units in his honor: Kennedy Hall of the Children's Home, and the modern three-story surgical wing of the Bradford Hospital. Mr. Kennedy's wise philanthropy, however, was never circumscribed. A multitude of charities, great and small, were carried on with his active assistance. Civic causes of many kinds regularly enlisted his sympathetic aid. The photography department of the Bradford Police Department, for example, was established largely through the gift of Mr. Kennedy. Kennedy Park was one of his most valued and far-sighted benefactions. Some ten years before his death, in a forest retreat about ten miles south of Bradford, he began the development of a park to which residents of the city might repair for restful quiet or outdoor recreation. The excellent spring available at the location proved an ideal nucleus for the development. Later, in the interest of a fuller use by the public, Kennedy Park was deeded to the Allegheny National Forest.

Mr. Kennedy was a member of many business and industrial associations, a number of clubs, including the Pennhills Club and the Bradford Club, and other organizations of varied character. He traveled extensively, making one trip around the world, and in latter years regularly spent his winters in Florida. Photography, as well as hunting and fishing, were his lifelong hobbies.

On October 25, 1888, Thomas H. Kennedy married Anna Elizabeth Schonblom, member of a prominent Bradford family. They became the parents of one daughter, Marion Christine Kennedy.

Thomas H. Kennedy died at his home in Bradford on September 15, 1941, in his seventy-seventh year. Bradford owed him much, and the Commonwealth of which he was a citizen has recorded with gratitude the achievements of a career singularly rich in its constructive influence. Writing at his death, the Bradford press epitomized his life and character in the following tribute:

The finger of human activity writes and moves on. That Bradford is what all its present inhabitants like to boast it is, proves the writing of that finger may be graceful and generous, as well as prosperous.

And none of all the philanthropists who created wealth in this vicinity has been more loyal and diligently occupied with the needs of the people of Bradford and vicinity than Thomas H. Kennedy. For this reason a vast community regrets the inexorable claims of time on its leaders and benefactors. Particularly is this true in the case of the decease of Mr. Kennedy who took supreme delight throughout his long lifetime in Bradford in providing systematically for those needs of the community not otherwise supplied.

Because he was a banker, manufacturer, oil producer and endowed with a magnificent flair for community benefactions, Thomas H. Kennedy's death provokes sincere and well-founded regrets. His associates in business are poignantly aware of the loss of a wise and sympathetic adviser.

If, because of the unusual number of recent deaths among Bradford's substantial and philanthropic citizens, it is felt a new era has thrust its way into the civic, business and social life of the community, perhaps it is emphasized more by the passing of Mr. Kennedy.

His death can hardly be looked upon as the passing of a business man of the old school. A man of unusual business attainments and vision, without being visionary, the subject of this editorial was as modern to the end as each new day.

The Bradford newspapers share with his business associates and members of his family the deep sense of loss created by the death of Thomas H. Kennedy.

ERNEST ALBERT BURCH—In 1918, Ernest Albert Burch first entered the Pennsylvania oil industry, in which he has since been an active producer. His extensive interests center at Oil City, in whose life he is a well-known figure. Mr. Burch was born at Falls Village, Connecticut, on February 24, 1872, son of the Rev. Benjamin H. Burch and Catherine E. (Butcher) Burch and a grandson of Albert and Marinda (Penny) Burch, both born in New York State and farmers for many years at Pawling, New York. The Rev. Benjamin H. Burch was born at Pawling on September 23, 1836, and died on July 26, 1921, in New York City, where he made his home following his retirement. A clergyman of the Methodist Church, he was a member of the New York Methodist Conference and held many pastorates in southeastern New York during the course of his career in the ministry. Catherine E. (Butcher) Burch, the mother, was born in New York City on January 11, 1840,

and died there on February 17, 1898. She was a daughter of John H. Butcher, who was engaged in the plumbing business in New York City, and Margaret E. (Cass) Butcher. Her grandparents were Robert and Catherine (Scott) Butcher, the latter a daughter of Henry Scott, the Revolutionary soldier, who came to this country from his native Ireland and enlisted in the Continental Army in 1776.

Ernest Albert Burch received a public school education and afterward attended Wallkill Academy, at Middletown, New York, from which he was graduated in 1890. He began his active career as errand boy for the W. H. Young & Company clothing store at Middletown, learned the tailoring trade and finally became a custom cutter of men's clothing, remaining in this capacity at Middletown for about five years. Afterward he came to New York City and worked for two years as a cutter with A. J. Nutting & Company, clothiers. His next connection brought him to Oil City, on March 17, 1900, when he took charge of the custom tailoring department of the McCuen Company, local clothiers, and headed it for nine years. From 1909 to 1918, he was engaged in the tailoring business for himself at Oil City. Disposing of this enterprise, he sought the larger opportunities of the oil business and with the rapid development of his interests, has become an important producer in the northwest Pennsylvania fields. As a director of the Oil City Trust Company and the Citizens' Building & Loan Association of Oil City, he also participates in the management of these well-known financial institutions.

In addition to his business interests, Mr. Burch has been active in a number of civic connections, which have extended the scope of his influence in community affairs. He is a member of the Oil City Chamber of Commerce and Kiwanis Club, the Wanango Country Club and the Oil City Boat Club. He is also prominent in the Masonic Order, in which he is affiliated with Petrolia Lodge, No. 363, Free and Accepted Masons; all higher bodies of the Scottish Rite, including the thirty-second degree of the Consistory; and Zem Zem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in Erie. Mr. Burch is a Republican in politics and a member of Good Hope Lutheran Church at Oil City. He is fond of outdoor life and finds his principal recreation in fishing. On July 26, 1905, he married Lena A. Suhr, who was born in Oil City, daughter of the late Henry and Louise (Schorman) Suhr. Mr. and Mrs. Burch are the parents of one son, Ernest S. Burch, born July 26, 1914. He was graduated from The Hill School in 1933, took the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Princeton University in 1937 and the degree of Bachelor of Laws at Yale Law School in 1940 and is now active in his profession. Ernest S. Burch married Elsie M. Lillard, of Topeka, Kansas, and has one son, Ernest S. Burch, Jr.

JOHN F. HAHN—Since turning from his earlier business career to the responsibilities of public office, John F. Hahn has occupied both State and Federal posts in the Venango County area and is now serving as postmaster at Oil City under an appointment from President Roosevelt. He has been influential for many years in Democratic politics.

Mr. Hahn was born in Cornplanter Township, Venango County, on November 8, 1904, son of William C. and Augusta R. (Neubauer) Hahn, both of whom were born in Germany. His parents are now living in Cranberry Township, this county. His father, who came to this country in early life, learned the butcher's trade and followed it until his retirement. He is a charter member and former deacon of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Oil City and is still active in this congregation.

John F. Hahn was educated in the township schools of Cornplanter Township and at Oil City High School. This training he supplemented by attending night classes at the Welch Business School in Oil City and by other private study. He began the active business of life at an early age, working during vacation periods at the Allied Barrel Works, with which he afterward continued on a full-time basis until 1919. In the latter year he became associated with the Continental Refining Company of Oil City as a truck driver and was placed in charge of the local distribution of its products, remaining in this capacity for eight and a half years. His next connection brought him larger responsibilities as manager of distribution for the Sinclair Refining Company in Venango, Clarion and Forest counties. After six years he resigned and opened a gasoline filling station in Oil City, which he operated for about one year. In September, 1935, he sold this property and became assistant superintendent in Venango County for the Works Progress Administration and, in May, 1937, transferred from this Federal post to the State service as assistant superintendent for Venango County in the State Department of Highways. From May, 1938, to March, 1940, Mr. Hahn was an investigator for the State Treasury Department. At the end of this time, having passed the civil service examination with an eligibility rating of No. 1 on a list of six applicants, he was appointed postmaster of Oil City by President Franklin D. Roosevelt and has since devoted himself to his responsibilities as head of the local postal service.

Mr. Hahn is a member of the State and national postmasters' organizations. He is also a member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club at Oil City. He has taken an active part in the general life of the city and has been prominent for many years in Democratic politics, serving for four years as president of the Young Democrats' Club and afterwards as chairman of the Venango County Democratic Committee. In these

offices he has been influential in all campaigns and affairs of his party. Mr. Hahn's principal recreation is golf. He has been interested in sports since he was a boy and in earlier years was a professional boxer, entering the ring at the age of fifteen. Although he withdrew from boxing after a year, when his nose was broken in a bout, he resumed it again after reaching his majority and retired finally only because his training and fighting interfered with his work. Out of forty-four professional bouts in which he engaged, he lost only four. For a number of years after his retirement from the ring he acted as referee and also promoted boxing programs at Oil City and neighboring communities.

Mr. Hahn is a member and trustee of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Oil City.

He married (first) Beatrice Pauline Horn, who was born in Rouseville, Pennsylvania, and died at Oil City on September 1, 1937, a daughter of Jesse and Ethel (Weikal) Horn. They became the parents of one daughter, Mary Jean Hahn, born February 17, 1926. On November 21, 1940, Mr. Hahn married (second) Frances Reed McCulloch, of Harvey, Illinois.

HON. LEE ALEXANDER McCracken—As a lawyer and judge, the Hon Lee Alexander McCracken has filled an important place in the life of Oil City and northwestern Pennsylvania. He is at the time of writing presiding judge of the Venango County Court.

Mr. McCracken was born May 3, 1880, in Cornplanter Township, Venango County, Pennsylvania, son of Joshua P. and Adelia (Dodds) McCracken. His paternal grandparents, Alexander and Mary (Sutley) McCracken, were both born and died in Mercer County, this State. Alexander McCracken was engaged in agricultural pursuits, and served his country in the War of 1812. The maternal grandparents, Josiah and Elizabeth (Purvance) Dodds, natives of Butler County and Allegheny County, respectively, both died in Venango County, where Josiah Dodds was a farmer. Joshua P. McCracken, Judge McCracken's father, born December 31, 1845, in Mercer County, Pennsylvania, died in Cornplanter Township, Venango County, was an oil producer. A Democrat in politics, he served as a school director in his township, and he was also an elder in the Presbyterian Church. His wife, Adelia (Dodds) McCracken, Judge McCracken's mother, was born July 28, 1857, in Butler County, and at the time of writing lives in the old McCracken family homestead in Cornplanter Township.

Judge Lee Alexander McCracken attended the public schools of that township, and was graduated from Rouseville High School, then, in 1903, from Oil City High School. He then attended the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, Michigan, where he took up both a regular classical course and a law course, remaining for two and

one-half years. He continued the study of law in the law office of P. M. Speer, in Oil City, who later became counsel for the Standard Oil Company of New York. Mr. McCracken was admitted to the bar in 1909, then settled in Oil City and took up the independent practice of his profession, so continuing until May, 1932. He was at that time appointed to the vacancy caused by the elevation of Judge William M. Parker to the Superior Court of Pennsylvania. This vacancy was a judgeship of the Venango County Court, to which office Judge McCracken was elected by his constituents for a full ten-year term in 1933. He is at the time of writing presiding judge of the Venango County Court.

In addition to his other activities, which have been both numerous and worth while, Judge McCracken is a member of the Venango County Bar Association and the Pennsylvania State Bar Association. A Republican in politics, he served for twelve years as district attorney of Venango County. He is a trustee of Trinity Methodist Church, in Oil City. In the fraternal sphere he is affiliated with Fraternal Lodge, No. 483, Free and Accepted Masons, at Rouseville, and is a member of the New Castle Consistory of Scottish Rite Masonry, the Lodge of Perfection and the Royal Arch Chapter at Oil City, and Zem Zem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in Erie. He is affiliated with Oil City Lodge, No. 589, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a member of the Oil City Chamber of Commerce, a charter member of the local Kiwanis Club, and a member of the Keystone Club, which he joined at the University of Michigan.

On October 1, 1913, Judge Lee Alexander McCracken married Georgia Vaughan French, a native of McClintockville, Pennsylvania, born February 21, 1886, daughter of W. S. and Mary B. (Vaughan) French. Her father, who was born in Connecticut and died in Oil City, was an accountant. Her mother was a native of Westerly, Rhode Island, and died in Milford, Connecticut. Judge and Mrs. McCracken became the parents of a son, Robert Alexander McCracken, who was born September 16, 1916, and was graduated from Mercersburg Academy in 1936 and from Franklin and Marshall College, at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, in 1940. He is now associated with the Pennzoil Company, in Oil City.

OTTO FREDERICK KOCH—Representing Bradford's present-day business interests, and the material progress of the city chiefly through his efficient presidency of the Kendall Refining Company, Otto Frederick Koch is one of the leading factors in the growth and prestige of the municipality as a commercial center and a residential community, contributing, as he does, of his influence and his means to forward those substantial and

worth while enterprises in which the people generally have a corporate interest. His business associations are extensive and varied, and his civic activities are such that he has a highly valued contact with the city's progressive plans. He is a son of Louis E. and Ellen (Philippbar) Koch. Louis E. Koch, who was a veteran of the War Between the States in the Union Army, was a furniture dealer and undertaker in Dunkirk, New York, where he was prominent in business life and municipal affairs, and served as councilman and school director.

Otto Frederick Koch was born June 7, 1866, in Dunkirk, Chautauqua County, New York, and there attended the public and high schools, and afterward studied at Bryant and Stratton's Business College in Buffalo, where he prepared himself for his career. In 1887, when he was twenty-one years old, and after he had learned the furniture and funeral directing business in association with his father in Dunkirk, he started in business on his own account, removing in that year to Bradford, Pennsylvania, where he opened a funeral directing establishment and an art shop. There he enjoyed financial prosperity, and grew in favor with the people of the community. He eventually built the Otto Koch Building at Nos. 139-41 Mechanic Street, which houses in an attractive way his own business, with quarters in the rear for the funeral cars and ambulance. The business grew to extensive proportions and Mr. Koch continued as manager until 1905, when he discontinued much of his activities therewith, accepting the position of manager of Kendall Refining Company which at that time was a corporation operating on a capital stock of \$120,000.

The Kendall Refining Company (*q. v.*) has a very interesting chapter in the history of Pennsylvania industry, and it has been in operation continuously since 1881. The plant, which had been constructed by R. H. Childs, William Willis and E. R. Loomis, was operated by them for a short time, when it was assigned to Alfred Short for the benefit of creditors and sold to T. N. Barnsdall, Noel Barnsdall being appointed manager, Gurdley Hinckley the expert refiner. At this time the refinery was being supplied regularly by a pipeline company, but arrangements were made to lay a pipeline to the Brooks and Hoffman lease, which produced a sufficient amount of crude oil to supply the entire requirements of the refinery, then amounting to three hundred barrels a month. The capacity at the present time is over four thousand barrels a day. In 1902 the refinery was sold to the Penn Lubricating Company, a stock company incorporated under the laws of the State of New Jersey for the purpose of compounding oils and grease. Their plant was then known as the Orient Lubricating Company and was situated along the B. R. & P. Railroad tracks, where the Butter-Krust Baking Company is now located. When



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they purchased the Kendall Refining Company, however, they incorporated under the latter name in the State of Pennsylvania, and refined crude oil into gasoline, naphtha and kerosene, still retaining the compounding plant. In 1904 they built a wax-plant, which made the refinery a complete unit, and discontinued the compounding plant.

In 1906 a disastrous fire occurred that destroyed all tanks and buildings except the wax plant, which was of more modern construction, and the office building. After the fire, reconstruction took place, this time with brick, iron and concrete, and the same plan has been followed up to this date, until at the present time the Kendall Refinery is considered one of the most modern and up-to-date in the country. It is of fire-resistant construction so far as is possible, and so far as a refinery can be considered as such. The Kendall Refinery Company has always been one of the most progressive companies in the Pennsylvania field, keeping the equipment up-to-date by installing all of the latest processes. They take pride in the fact that they were the first refiners in the world to own and operate the Sharples Centrifugal System, the most modern method of manufacturing high-grade bright stocks, which are used to compound with neutral oils to make motor and tractor oils. The machines used for this purpose are large separators, electrically driven, making seventeen thousand revolutions per minute and separating the wax from the oil, by centrifugal force. This process makes the oils cleaner, gives them a heavier body, smaller free carbon content, and the lowest dewaxed pour test of any one hundred per cent. Pennsylvania oil. The company operates two units of the Dubbs process for converting heavy Hydro-carbons into an exceptionally fine grade of gasoline.

During recent years the company has acquired a large acreage, and at the present time produces a large portion of the crude oil used in its refinery; and also owns and operates a pipeline which covers a wide area, and conveys every drop of crude oil used in the refinery, all of which is produced in the Bradford field. The company is one of the few that comprises all branches of the industry, each one a complete unit, such as production, pipeline transportation, refining, tank cars and distribution.

Under the direction of Mr. Koch, the Kendall Refining Company has grown and prospered. The company was started with six employees. Now the personnel totals six hundred and sixty employees. Similarly, the output has grown. The original capacity was three hundred barrels of crude oil per month, collected by the company's own pipeline system. Until 1925 Kendall's marketing area for lubricating oils was confined to the gasoline marketing area, a portion of western New York State and Pennsylvania. Today, Kendall is distributed in every State in the

Union, Canada, Cuba, Porto Rico, Hawaii, Japan, Great Britain and several countries of Continental Europe.

One of the most commendable things that Mr. Koch has done, outside of his own immediate industrial interests, was to personally assist in organizing and acting as president of the Bradford Housing Corporation, which constructed twenty-seven houses in that city, to help in the relief of the shortage in that line; and perhaps the greatest achievement in behalf of the city of Bradford and his neighborhood that he has accomplished, and in which he takes a justifiable pride, was his work as chairman of a small committee which raised a fund of \$90,000 that was paid to the New York State Highway Commissioner, who therewith built a magnificent viaduct with nine large spans or nearly one thousand feet of bridge across the Allegheny River, and about eleven miles of improved highway connecting with a rebuilt road leading north from Bradford. This new road furnished Bradford with an outlet connecting it with a network of similar renovated roads throughout New York State; and this great work has proven an inestimable benefit to the citizens of Bradford and its vicinity.

Mr. Koch, in political allegiance, supports the principles of the Republican party, and although he has declined to accept the honors of public office, he has exhibited very practically his genuine interest in the welfare of the Bradford community. He has donated liberally to the financial support, and he has also been active in the leadership in local enterprises. An outstanding instance was the leading part that he took in building the Bradford Opera House, a structure containing a stage and auditorium, and furnishings of a high class, a place of amusement that has received popular approval.

Fraternally Mr. Koch is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons and its various bodies. He is a member of the Bradford Club, the Country Club, the North-Penn Golf Club and the Buffalo Athletic Club. Mr. Koch is an ardent sportsman, his hobby being hunting and fishing. He has several mounted specimens proving his skill at these sports. He is a director of the Bradford Hospital, a trustee of the Bradford Young Men's Christian Association, trustee and second vice-president of the National Petroleum Association, a director of the Pennsylvania Grade Crude Oil Association, and member of the Penn-hills Country Club. His religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Otto Frederick Koch married, August 20, 1887, at Salamanca, New York, Matilda Gibson Stronner, daughter of James and Emma (Lee) Stronner, and they are the parents of one son, Otto, Jr., born April 5, 1914. Mr. Koch and his family reside at No. 684 East Main Street, Bradford, Pennsylvania.

JOSEPH BERTRAM FISHER—In addition to being a prominent figure in the oil business as executive vice-president and secretary of the Kendall Refining Company, at Bradford, McKean County, Joseph Bertram Fisher is exceptionally active in the civic, commercial, humanitarian and social affairs of the city. He is a director of the Bradford Board of Commerce, the Bradford Community Chest and is a popular club man.

Mr. Fisher was born at Bradford, Pennsylvania, May 29, 1899, but was taken to Buffalo, New York, by his family when seven years old, spending his early years in that city. He is the son of Joseph and Lucy A. (Diebolt) Fischer. His father, a native of Alsace, Germany, born February 18, 1857, was one of the seven children of Antony and Catherine Fischer. After receiving a good education abroad, he came to the United States as a young man and took courses in the Bryant and Stratton Business College at Buffalo. In 1880 he removed to Bradford, Pennsylvania, where he became a partner of his brother in the L. A. Fischer Company, wholesale and retail grocers. He also was one of the early stockholders in the Kendall Refining Company, but never became an "oil man" on any large scale. In 1906 he returned to Buffalo, New York. It was in this city that on April 11, 1888, he married Lucy A. Diebolt.

Their son, Joseph Bertram Fisher, of this record, completed his preparatory education in the grammar and high schools of Buffalo. Matriculating at Harvard University, he was graduated from the Cambridge, Massachusetts, institution in 1920, a Bachelor of Arts, *cum laude*. That same year he entered the employ of the Kendall Refining Company, at Bradford, in the centrifugal plant (November, 1920). The following five years were spent with this corporation learning the refining business in several of its phases. In 1925 he went to Buffalo as manager of the Buffalo branch, remaining for a year before again coming to Bradford as purchasing agent and manager of gasoline sales. February 23, 1932, he was made secretary and on October 1, 1938, executive vice-president, posts he has since filled most efficiently.

Mr. Fisher is a director of the Bradford National Bank. During the World War period he was a member of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps. Mention has been made of his connection with the Board of Commerce and the Bradford Community Chest. In politics he is a Republican. Numbered among his club memberships are those in the Pennhills Club, of which he is secretary and director; the Valley Hunt Club, the Kiwanis Club, and the Bradford Club. He worships at St. Bernard's Catholic Church.

On March 2, 1931, Joseph Bertram Fisher married Christine Jean Schonblom, of Bradford, daughter of Harry E. Schonblom, and they are the parents of two children: Louis Antony and Helen Louise.

KENDALL REFINING COMPANY—The Kendall Refining Company is located in the section of Bradford, McKean County, which was originally called "Kendall Creek" in honor of Amos Kendall, contemporary Postmaster General. When the original plant was erected on a portion of the present site in 1882, by R. H. Childs, William Willis and E. R. Loomis, they appropriately called their concern Kendall Refining Company. A couple of cheesebox stills and a miscellaneous collection of "pots and kettles" were built to make kerosene and steam cylinder oil. Operated by the original owners for a short time, the business was then assigned for the benefit of creditors and sold to T. N. Barnsdall, later passing to Noel Barnsdall.

In 1900 a corporation was formed under New Jersey laws by Bradford men, to take over and operate the Orient Lubricating Company. This was an oil and grease compounding plant originated by Ross J. Hoffman and was located along the Tunungwant Creek, about where the plant of the Butter-Krust Baking Company stands today. The original directors of the new corporation, named the Penn Lubricating Company, were Ross J. Hoffman, James E. Cochran, S. A. Holbrook, Joseph Fischer, Frank P. Hazelton and Frank L. Smith. They elected Frank L. Smith, president; S. A. Holbrook, vice-president; and W. J. Day, secretary-treasurer. In addition to operating the Orient plant, the company engaged rather extensively in the production of oil in Kentucky, later disposing of all Kentucky properties to concentrate on its Pennsylvania operations.

In 1902 the Penn Lubricating Company surrendered its charter in New Jersey and incorporated in Pennsylvania. The corporate name was changed to Penn Lubricating Company of Pennsylvania. Among the stockholders of this new company were William Chambers, J. E. Cochran, W. S. Robison, F. P. Hazelton, C. M. Brooks, James Macken, Lida J. Day, Ella Breckenridge, and the following who were elected directors: A. B. Booth, R. J. Hoffman, C. E. Hazelton, F. L. Smith, Joseph Fischer, H. W. Breckenridge, and W. J. Day. Officers were A. B. Booth, president; F. L. Smith, vice-president; W. J. Day, secretary-treasurer. Shortly afterwards, Otto Frederick Koch, S. H. Smith, W. T. Powers, David Bovaird and Emma C. Bovaird became stockholders. In the same year (1902) the Penn Lubricating Company of Pennsylvania purchased the plant, stock and book accounts of the Kendall Refining Company. They operated the Orient plant and the Kendall plant each under its original name.

The Kendall plant up to that time had purchased all its crude oil from a pipeline company. In 1903, however, it laid a pipeline to the producing property of R. J. Hoffman, which for a time was able to supply all the crude necessary. As the refinery's demand for crude increased the pipe lines were, from time to time, extended to other producing properties near Bradford.

In 1905 a wax plant was built at the Kendall Refinery, enabling them to make lubricating oils, and the Orient plant was dismantled. In 1906 Otto F. Koch became a director, secretary-treasurer and manager. In 1906 a disastrous fire destroyed all tanks and buildings excepting the office and the new wax plant. Complete reconstruction was made, this time with brick, concrete and steel. The program of modern construction, begun at this time, has never stopped. The advent of the automobile had a revolutionary effect on petroleum refining. Whereas the sales previously had been restricted largely to kerosene and steam engine lubricants, now gasoline and automobile lubricating oil became the primary products and their demand increased rapidly.

The Kendall Refinery had made little progress up to the time it was taken over by the Penn Lubricating Company, but the additional capital, progressive management and the increased demand for petroleum products all combined to definitely revitalize it. Under Mr. Koch's skilful management, the business has prospered. It has kept abreast with progress in refining—always among the first to accept and adopt improvements in processes and technique. As its business expanded the plant has grown mightily, now occupying all the land between the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad and Jackson Avenue from Kendall Avenue to Mill Street.

Dubbs Cracking and Catalytic Polymerization processes are utilized to produce exceptionally high grade gasoline. The first plant to ever use the centrifugal process for removal of amorphous wax from lubricating oil, the process has been abandoned for the more modern and efficient solvent dewaxing and deresining process. A fairly recent addition to the lubricating oil processing is a solvent process which insures greater freedom from lacquering and sludging. Kendall was the first Pennsylvania refinery to produce zero and sub-zero pour test lubricating oils. It was the first to advertise a "2000 Mile Oil"; the first to market motor oils nationally in one and five-quart sealed cans only; the first to market gear lubes in sealed cans.

The original plant operated on three hundred barrels of crude per month. The present plant completely processes over one hundred thousand barrels per month. Starting business with five employees, it now has six hundred and fifty. All crude used is one hundred per cent. Bradford Grade Pennsylvania Crude, produced within a radius of fifteen miles of the plant and conveyed through the company's own pipelines direct from the wells to the refinery. The company owns and operates extensive producing properties of its own which supply a sizable portion of its crude requirements.

In the earlier days, all gasoline sales were to other refineries save for a small portion shipped direct to re-

tailers in steel drums. Gradually, however, distributing stations with tank storage and tank truck delivery were established at strategic points within a comparatively short radius of the refinery. This distribution was supplemented by retail service stations. At this time, the bulk distributing plants total thirty-five and service stations eighty. The entire output of motor fuel is now sold through the company's own organization.

Until 1925, Kendall's marketing area for lubricating oils was confined to the gasoline marketing area, western New York and western Pennsylvania. In that year, a policy was adopted pointing to national distribution of motor oils. Now Kendall, "The 2000 Mile Oil," is distributed in every State in the Union and in several foreign countries. A subsidiary company operates a compounding and packaging plant in Canada. More than one hundred and fifty distributors serve many thousands of dealers with Kendall products and a large staff of sales supervisors and assistants cover the entire United States.

The management attributes a large part of its success to the loyal, intelligent service of its employees, many of whom have been with the company over a long span of years. In 1913 the corporate name was changed from Penn Lubricating Company of Pennsylvania to Kendall Refining Company.

HAROLD THOMPSON PARKER—Engaged in a general practice of law in Oil City, Harold Thompson Parker is one of his community's leading professional men and public-spirited citizens.

Mr. Parker was born October 23, 1884, in Oil City, Pennsylvania, son of George Washington and Rebecca (McCready) Parker. He is descended from William Parker, immigrant ancestor of the line, who was a settler at Parker's Landing, named after his son John, and who was a Revolutionary soldier; he died in 1808. John Parker, son of the immigrant ancestor, was a surveyor, and was for more than thirty years, from 1800 to 1833, associate judge of Butler County. John Woods Parker, John Parker's son, was born in that county in 1800 and was a farmer there all his life; he married Mary Perry, a native Pennsylvanian, who was brought to Venango County in 1799, when she was one year old. They were the parents of George Washington Parker, who was born February 22, 1841, in Butler County, and died March 12, 1913, at Oil City. He was a banker, president for a number of years of the Oil City National Bank, and in Civil War days he served as a sergeant in the 157th Pennsylvania Volunteer Regiment. Politically he was a Republican. His wife, Mrs. Rebecca (McCready) Parker, Harold Thompson Parker's mother, was born June 19, 1850, in Lambertville, New Jersey, and died in January, 1909, in Oil City, Pennsylvania. She was

of Scotch-Irish descent, daughter of William McCready, paper manufacturer, born on Wall Street, New York, died at Lambertville, New Jersey, and of Elizabeth (Thompson) McCready, born near Bordentown, New Jersey, died in Lambertville in 1854.

Schools of Oil City, his birthplace, provided Harold Thompson Parker's early formal education, and after graduation from high school here in 1902 he became a student at Princeton University, taking the Bachelor of Arts degree there in 1907. He studied law in his brother's law office, with the firm known as Trax and Parker, in Oil City, and in 1911 was admitted to the bar of Pennsylvania. Settling in Oil City and taking up a general practice of his profession, he has continued in this work down to the time of writing and has rendered much valuable service to his townspeople and their institutions. His nephew, Warren I. Parker, is associated in practice with him.

In addition to his own practice, Harold T. Parker interests himself in the general affairs of his profession and the work of his professional colleagues. He is a member of the Venango County Bar Association, the Pennsylvania State Bar Association and the American Bar Association, and also serves as treasurer of the Oil City Lawyers' Club. Politically a Republican, he formerly served as a State committeeman of his party and was for sixteen years solicitor of Venango County. Mr. Parker belongs to the Second Presbyterian Church, the Oil City Chamber of Commerce and the Oil City Boat Club.

On October 8, 1913, Harold Thompson Parker married Mary Maxwell, born in Oil City, died here August 24, 1926, daughter of Samuel L. and Harriet (Finley) Maxwell, both natives of Clarion County and both now deceased. Mr. Maxwell was an oil producer and a member of the old Oil Exchange, and later he founded the Welker & Maxwell store, which is still engaged in business and is owned by his family. Mr. and Mrs. Parker became the parents of two daughters: 1. Mary Elizabeth Parker, born February 24, 1921, is a student at Wheaton College, Norton, Massachusetts. 2. Helen Parker, born May 1, 1926, a student at Oil City High School.

L. O. GRIFFITH—As compared with many of the business leaders of Port Allegany, L. O. Griffith is a comparative newcomer, although he has been an executive in the glass industry for a number of years, and has won recognition as a progressive citizen, especially active as a Rotarian.

Mr. Griffith was born at Steubenville, Ohio, August 15, 1886, son of Calvin T. and Marguerite (Rodger) Griffith, both parents coming originally from Scotland, and both now deceased. After completing his education

in the schools of his birthplace, L. O. Griffith started to learn the glass business with the Jefferson Glass Company, at Follansbee, West Virginia. His employment proved to be interesting and profitable and he soon was prepared for more important positions. In 1932 he went with the MacBeth-Evans Glass Company, in the sales department. When the Pittsburgh-Corning Glass Company started to build a new plant in the Port Allegany section for the manufacture of glass building blocks, Mr. Griffith came to the city as superintendent of the works, a position he has continued to fill capably. This establishment is one of the largest in McKean County, occupying some sixteen acres. It is modern in every respect and equipped to turn out about six million glass building blocks annually. Its products are shipped to all parts of the world. On the average between 175 to 200 people are employed.

Some of the qualities that have made L. O. Griffith an effective executive and business man, he gives to the promotion of civic affairs. Mention has been made of the Rotary Club of Port Allegany, of which he is president and one of the most active members. He is a Republican in his political connections. During the World War, Mr. Griffith served with the rank of first lieutenant in the United States Army, and he is a member of the American Legion and the "40 & 8." His religious affiliations are with the Protestant Episcopal Church.

On December 27, 1912, L. O. Griffith married B. Mary Blumenauer, of Chicago, Illinois, and they are the parents of three children: 1. Charles C., a graduate of Ohio State University, now an engineer associated with the Latrobe Twist Drill Tool Works in Chicago. 2. Mary Margaret, attending Pennsylvania State College. 3. Larry J., a student in the local high school.

ALFRED H. ASHWORTH—Like his father before him, Alfred H. Ashworth became identified with the textile industry as a youth, and continued this vocation at Jamestown, New York. Later he removed to Smethport, McKean County, Pennsylvania, where he has since engaged in oil production in the Venango and the Alleghany fields. He is a director of the Oxford Process Corporation of Buffalo and financially interested in other enterprises.

Mr. Ashworth was born in Jamestown, New York, June 28, 1889, son of Abraham and Alice (Hind) Ashworth, both natives of Bradford, England, and both now deceased. His formal public school education in Jamestown was supplemented by studies in the Bradford Technical School, at Bradford, England. Upon his return to the United States he became associated with textile mills in his birth city. Mr. Ashworth is a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and at one time was the





Edward Roess.

youngest thirty-second degree Mason in the United States. In his political allegiance he is a Republican.

On July 27, 1924, Alfred H. Ashworth married Ruth Forrest, of Smethport, and there are four children: 1. Philip E. Newman. 2. Forrest Jerome. 3. Marian L., who married Lane Fizell, and they have a daughter, Donna. 4. Mary Lincoln, who married Joseph Megivern, and they have a daughter, Anne Forest.

EDWARD FREDERICK ALBERT ROESS—

Member of a pioneer Oil City family, Edward Frederick Albert Roess continued in his own career the tradition of business and civic leadership long associated here with the family name. He was a prominent merchant for half a century, a large investor in city real estate, through which he helped to promote the development of the community, and at all times a loyal citizen, whose influence was widely felt as a constructive force.

Mr. Roess was born in Oil City on April 9, 1872, son of Christian and Sophia Julianna (Krauthauser) Roess. His father, who was born in Germany on February 1, 1844, and died in Oil City on October 12, 1907, was one of the pioneer business men and oil operators of the early Oil Creek development. He was only fifteen when he came to the United States in 1859, with his brother, the late Louis Roess, and after spending several years in Pittsburgh the brothers settled in the Oil Creek section, attracted by the excitement attendant upon the discovery of oil. Opening a meat market at the then famous Columbia farm, they derived, from the enormous business they carried on, the capital which enabled them to operate in the new oil industry. The brothers were prominently identified with the oil development in the Oil Creek section, in Clarion and Butler counties, and the fields at Lima, Ohio. They were notably successful at Big Shanty and Duke Center in the Bradford fields and were owners of large interests in the Charley Run and Monarch Park districts near Oil City. Louis Roess died in 1897 and the oil interests were not divided, but were continued under a trusteeship. Christian Roess remained for many years, until the time of his death, one of the leading citizens of Oil City. He married, September 28, 1864, in Pittsburgh, Sophia Julianna Krauthauser, who was also born in Germany, and died at Oil City on April 29, 1912.

Edward Frederick Albert Roess was one of thirteen children, seven sons and six daughters, born of this marriage. He was educated in the public schools of Oil City and began the active business of life at the early age of thirteen, when he became delivery boy for Charles Settle, a local retail meat merchant. Even as a boy he demonstrated his enterprising spirit and exceptional gifts for business leadership. As a result he was made a partner in the business under the name of Settle & Roess and continued the association for several years. At the time

he was still far short of his majority. Mr. Roess was only eighteen when he entered the retail meat business for himself, launching the enterprise of which he was active head for half a century and its guiding spirit throughout this entire period. In 1923 the business was incorporated as the Edward Roess Company, located at No. 214 Center Street, Oil City, with Mr. Roess as president and general manager. Later it was moved to the present address, No. 35 Seneca Street, where it is still operated by the Edward Roess estate. In recent years, dairy products and frosted foods have been added to the line of provisions carried.

Although he was primarily a merchant and one of Oil City's most successful figures in this field, Mr. Roess' judicious investments brought him other large interests, notably in Oil City real estate. He had important holdings in both business and residential properties. In them he revealed his fine judgment of property trends and values and his complete confidence in the future of Oil City, a faith he willingly backed by long-term investments. The same spirit made him an ideal civic worker, whose leadership was decisive in the success of many useful community causes and whose support was generously given to charitable as well as civic projects. Mr. Roess was associated with many of the leading institutions of the city. He was a charter member of the Oil City Kiwanis Club, a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Oil City Boat Club, the Wanango Country Club and the Young Men's Christian Association. He was a former member of the board of directors of Grove Hill Cemetery Association and a leading member of Good Hope Lutheran Church, which he served as vestryman, elder and treasurer during his active years prior to his last illness. During the World War, he was active in the Liberty Loan and Red Cross drives and other organized movements of the period. A friendly man, whose personal warmth and good fellowship were true manifestations of his inner spirit, he enjoyed congenial company and social contacts. Among the sports, he was especially fond of horse trading, and for many years horses were his favorite diversion.

On April 24, 1901, Edward Frederick Albert Roess married Emma Reimann, born at Paris, Stark County, Ohio, daughter of the Rev. Henry J. and Louisa Elizabeth (Knoderer) Reimann and granddaughter of Jacob and Catherine (Machmer) Reimann. Jacob Reimann, who was born in Germany, came to the United States in 1843 and married at Buffalo, New York. He was a contractor and builder in that city and a warm friend of its most distinguished citizen, Grover Cleveland. The Rev. Henry J. Reimann, a Lutheran clergyman, was born in Buffalo on November 29, 1852, and died on July 19, 1912, in Oil City, where for twenty-four years prior to his death he was pastor of Good Hope Lutheran Church. Louisa

Elizabeth (Knoderer) Reimann, the mother, born in Columbus, Ohio, January 1, 1853, died at Oil City on October 3, 1935, was a descendant of Frederick William Knoderer, who was born April 13, 1808, in Strasbourg, Alsace-Lorraine, came to the United States in 1816, and who married, December 26, 1836, in Columbus, Catherine Donnenwirth, born March 6, 1819. Mr. and Mrs. Roess became the parents of seven children: 1. Catherine Reimann, married Dr. Roland S. Aronson, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. 2. Elizabeth Reimann, married John Lawrence Monier, of Chicago, Illinois. 3. Edward Reimann, resides in Oil City. 4. Emma Reimann, married Kenton Chickering, of Dallas, Texas. 5. Lucy Reimann, born September 19, 1910, died June 18, 1913. 6. Christian Reimann. 7. Rebecca Reimann. The last two live at home in Oil City.

Edward Frederick Albert Roess died at his home in Oil City on August 20, 1939. In a tribute voicing the true sentiment of his community, an Oil City newspaper wrote editorially:

Death of Edward F. Roess after a protracted illness removes another member of one of Oil City's oldest and highly respected families.

Coming from pioneer stock, Mr. Roess' life was one which entitled him to be regarded as one of the leading men of the community. He was a worthy member of a family outstanding for its numbers as well as the fine character of its men and women. The generation to which he belonged, so closely identified as it has been with the growth and development of this region, is thinning out, but this was the generation which has left the deepest impress upon our community life.

"Ed" Roess was one of Oil City's well-known merchants, although his business and investment activities were varied. He was heavily interested in real estate, both business and residential, and he had an abiding faith in the future of the city. He was active in the religious, civic and social life of the city, and supremely devoted to his family and the family interests. Mr. Roess' most marked characteristic was his old-fashioned courtliness, with a smile and a kindly nod for everyone whether it was an old friend or a complete stranger.

We grieve as each well-known and esteemed pillar of the community passes on, and we regard the death of Mr. Roess as a personal loss. A wide circle of relatives and friends while mourning his departure will revere his memory.

JOSEPH WILSON BARR—Engaged in the insurance business in Oil City since 1900, Joseph Wilson Barr took over in 1912 the establishment founded by his father in 1873, and is operating one of the largest agencies in western Pennsylvania. His staff is housed in the offices at the corner of Center and Sycamore streets, formerly occupied by the Joseph Seep Purchasing Agency in the National Transit Building.

Mr. Barr was born July 1, 1875, at Oil City, Pennsylvania, son of Wilson R. and Jennie C. (Harding) Barr

His paternal grandparents, William and Susan (Wasson) Barr, of English stock, settled in Erie County, Pennsylvania. On the maternal side of the house, the grandparents were Dr. James Mayhew and Elizabeth (Graves) Harding, both natives of New York State. Dr. Harding died in New York State after having practiced medicine for many years in New York City. His wife died in Oil City, Pennsylvania. Wilson R. Barr, Joseph Wilson Barr's father, was born October 11, 1839, in Erie County, Pennsylvania, and died July 12, 1912, while returning from a visit in Vancouver, British Columbia, to his home in Oil City. He had been engaged in the general insurance business here for many years. A very young lad when his father died, he removed with his brothers—Washington, Lafayette and John Barr—to Girard, Pennsylvania, and later to Conneautville, Crawford County, where he lived for many years prior to arrival at Oil City in 1871. A Republican in politics, Wilson R. Barr served on various civic and municipal bodies in Oil City, and was a member of Christ Episcopal Church here. His wife, Mrs. Jennie C. (Harding) Barr, Joseph Wilson Barr's mother, was born in Apalachin, Tioga County, New York, and died in Oil City, October 3, 1937.

Joseph Wilson Barr attended Oil City schools, was graduated from high school here in 1892, and then became a student at Amherst College, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1899. Afterward he studied law in the offices of Trax and Parker, and was admitted to the Pennsylvania bar in 1903. He never actually practiced law, however, but, instead, in 1900 and 1901, turned his attention fully to the general insurance business of his father, in which he was becoming increasingly interested. This business was the oldest in this part of Pennsylvania, and after the elder partner's death, in 1912, Joseph Wilson Barr took over the business.

Not only has he conducted this useful enterprise down to the time of writing, but he has also taken part in the civic and social life of his times. Mr. Barr is a Republican in politics. He has adhered to the Protestant Episcopal faith, and is a regular attendant and supporter of Christ Episcopal parish, in Oil City. He is a member and Past Master of Petrolia Lodge, No. 363, Free and Accepted Masons, and in the Masonic Order is affiliated with Oil City Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Talbot Commandery and Lodge of Perfection. He is a member also of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity, which he joined in his student days. During the first World War he was a "four-minute speaker" in the interest of the Liberty Loan campaigns, and otherwise he aided in the furtherance of worth-while activities during those difficult days. He is today a director of the Pennsylvania Association of Insurance Agents and of the Oil City Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Venango County Bar Association and the Lawyers' Club of Oil City. He is a

member also of the Rotary Club, the Wanango Country Club, the Oil City Boat Club, the Amherst Club of New York and other groups, and is a member of the board of directors of Oil City Hospital and of the Community Fund here, as well as vice-president of the Community Concert Association and the Forum Association. He is also a director of the Oil City Trust Company.

Joseph Wilson Barr married, January 16, 1913, Florence L. Byles, who was born in Titusville, Pennsylvania, daughter of Julius and Mary (Axtell) Byles, who lived and died in Titusville. Mrs. Barr is a graduate of Smith College, class of 1901. Her father was a lawyer by profession, a native of Titusville, and her mother was born in Painesville, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Barr became the parents of the following children: 1. Joseph Wilson Barr, born January 19, 1914, graduated from Deerfield Academy in 1932 and in 1936 from Amherst College as a Bachelor of Arts; now associated in business with his father. 2. Mary Virginia Barr, wife of William Kirkpatrick Selden, a Princeton graduate of 1934, of Providence, Rhode Island; Mrs. Selden was a graduate, in 1933, of the Masters School of Dobbs Ferry, New York, and of Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts, class of 1937, degree of Bachelor of Arts.

ROBERT MARTIN STANTON—Vice-president of the Keystone Public Service Company, Robert Martin Stanton has been a resident of Oil City for the past two decades. When he arrived in 1920 he was already a trained and experienced utilities engineer, fully prepared for executive responsibilities. It is a matter of record that he has served companies and their clients well; is a well-known figure in professional associations, State and national, and is held in high regard by colleagues. Good citizenship and an active participation in civic, social and humanitarian organizations, are vital parts of his scheme of life.

Mr. Stanton was born at Cohocton, New York, January 14, 1884, son of Clarence M. and Emelie (Van Wormer) Stanton. His father, a native of Smethport, Pennsylvania, born April 25, 1846, and who died at Cohocton, New York, was a well-known attorney-at-law and a veteran of the War Between the States. Clarence M. Stanton had entered the conflict with the 104th Regular New York Volunteer Infantry, but later was a member of the 2d United States Cavalry. Joining the Grand Army of the Republic, shortly after it was founded, he was at one time its adjutant general for the Department of New York. Mrs. Emilie (Van Wormer) Stanton, was born April 30, 1850, at Cohocton, where she lived the most of her life. She was the daughter of Valentine and Anna (Cleveland) Van Wormer. Her father was the son of Lawrence Van Wormer, who with a large family settled Cohocton about a century ago. His wife, a native of

Naples, New York, was a relative of President Grover Cleveland, and the great-great-granddaughter of Ephriam Cleveland, a lieutenant in the Continental Army during the American Revolution.

Robert Martin Stanton was educated in the grammar and high schools of Cohocton, and the University of Syracuse, where he majored in electrical engineering. When he left the university it was to become associated with the Niagara, Lockport & Ontario Power Company, with which he remained until 1918, as a test engineer. In that same capacity he then went with the Eastern Shore Gas & Electric Company, at Salisbury, Maryland. Within two years, or in 1920, he removed to Oil City, Venango County, Pennsylvania, taking over the duties of superintendent of operations for the Citizens Light & Power Company. This later became the Keystone Public Service Company, of which Mr. Stanton has been vice-president since 1933.

Along professional lines, Mr. Stanton is a member of the Pennsylvania Electric Association, and of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers. In local organizations he is a former district governor of Kiwanis and a former president of the Oil City Kiwanis Club, a member of the Chamber of Commerce, a director of the Venango County Association for the Blind, and for six years served as president of the Oil City Board of Education. Fraternally he is a member of Liberty Lodge, No. 510, Free and Accepted Masons, at Cohocton, New York; member of Oil City Chapter, No. 236, Royal Arch Masons; Talbot Commandery, No. 43, Knights Templar, and a member of Zem Zem Temple, Erie, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. By right of notable ancestry he is a member of the Fort Venango Sons of the American Revolution. Among his clubs are the Wanango Country Club. He is a Presbyterian in his religious faith, a member of the Second Presbyterian Church, Oil City. A student of history, he is especially well informed concerning the annals of northwestern Pennsylvania.

On January 19, 1936, Robert Martin Stanton married Mary E. Tuller, a native of Auburn, New York, daughter of Watson and Alice (Ellison) Tuller, both now deceased. Watson Tuller was engaged as a wholesale fruit merchant. Mrs. Stanton is a graduate from Auburn High School and Lucy Wheelock Kindergarten School, of Boston, Massachusetts, and prior to her marriage taught school in Lockport, New York, and Garrison, New Jersey. She is a member of the Second Presbyterian Church, and a member of "Belles Lettres," at Oil City.

EDWARD WALTER YORK—The elevation in 1939 of Edward Walter York to the assistant general managership of the Keystone Public Service Company, one of the large utilities corporations in northwestern Pennsylvania, was a deserved recognition of exceptional

abilities and long service. He had been connected with this company for more than four decades, coming to it with experience in the petroleum industry, in mechanics, and training in electrical engineering. Down the years he has advanced from position to position, is thoroughly familiar with every department of the business, and enjoys a noteworthy reputation among associates and clients.

Mr. York traces his ancestry back to Ireland and to old Pennsylvania families. His paternal grandfather came from the Emerald Isle to Canada about a century ago and thereafter lived and died in the Province of Ontario, where he long was engaged in agriculture. His father, James York, was born in Ontario, November 27, 1848, and died in Oil City, Pennsylvania, on Christmas Day, 1916; he was identified with the oil industry throughout his mature years, a substantial citizen of Venango County, and a devout member of St. Stephen's Catholic Church. James York's wife, the former Frances Dawson, daughter of James and Nancy Dawson, was born at Tionesta, Forest County, August 17, 1851, and died February 22, 1933, at Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Edward Walter York, of this record, was born in Forest County, Pennsylvania, October 24, 1874. He was graduated from the Bradford High School, in 1889, and then from the Oil City Business College, some years later (1896). In 1906 he completed extensive courses in the International Correspondence School in electrical engineering. He never has considered that his education was completed, a fact indicated by his turning to what the schools could teach whenever he felt that he must supplement practical experience.

The business career of Mr. York, briefly outlined, is as follows: From 1890 to 1893, Oil City Boiler Works; from 1893 to 1896, an oil man in Ohio and Indiana. Since June 16, 1898, he has been associated with the Keystone Public Service Company. There are interesting features to his connection with this company, since it covered a period that included many pioneering developments in public utilities. For example, he started, in 1898, as an operator of street cars. This was a time when the electrification of rapid transit was still in its infancy. He operated sub-stations when these were coming to be a general practice. Later he was chief engineer, superintendent of power, superintendent of production and equipment. In 1933 he was elected a director of Keystone; in 1935 was made a director and vice-president, and since 1939 he has been vice-president and assistant general manager of the corporation. He came up from the ranks, and by his associates, whether executives or laborers, he is respected as a "good boss" and the friend of employees in all times of need.

Devotion to business has been the watchword in the life of Mr. York, although this has not prevented a num-

ber of civic and social activities. He is a member of the Oil City Rotary Club and of the Oil City Chamber of Commerce. He is a vice-president and a director of the Citizens Transit Company, of Oil City; a director of the Oil City Chapter of the American Red Cross Society, and likewise of the Oil City Institution for the Blind. Externally he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus (fourth degree), of which he is a Past Grand Knight. He is a member of the Penn Electrical Association, of the Wanango Country Club, and worships in the Catholic faith.

On September 7, 1910, Edward Walter York married Margaret Mead, a native of Cory, Pennsylvania, daughter of Michael and Bridget (Martin) Mead, both now deceased. Mr. Mead was born in Ireland and died in Cory, where he had owned and operated a boiler shop. Mrs. Mead was a native of Philadelphia and died in Cory. Mr. and Mrs. York are the parents of the following children: 1. Edward Walter, Jr., born August 26, 1911, a graduate from Penn State College, 1934, in Industrial Engineering, now engaged as a coal salesman for a Du Boise, Pennsylvania, company. 2. Florence, born November 7, 1912, graduate of Bryant and Stratton Business College, Buffalo, New York, in 1933. She married Carl Wittum, credit manager for the State of Illinois for an oil well company; they reside at Mt. Vernon, Illinois. 3. Mary Elizabeth, born in February, 1914, a graduate from Carnegie School of Technology, in 1938, with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Home Economics, and is now Head of Home Economics, Oil City High School. 4. Margaret Frances, born December 26, 1919, a graduate of Whittenburg College, Springfield, Ohio, class of 1939, Clarion Teachers College, 1940, in elementary teaching and kindergarten, and now teaching kindergarten in Greenbelt, Maryland. 5. Helen Reita, born February 13, 1921, a student at Teachers College, Indiana, Pennsylvania.

J. REID EVANS—In his fifteenth year, J. Reid Evans began his long association with the western Pennsylvania steel industry, in which he has been continuously active for over half a century. During this period he rose to executive positions of large responsibility and is now treasurer of the Sharon Steel Corporation, with which he has been connected since 1909.

Mr. Evans was born on May 31, 1868, on the farm of his parents located along the old Greensburg Pike between Wilkensburg and Turtle Creek in Allegheny County, east of Pittsburgh. He is a son of John P. Evans, born in Scotland in 1832, who came from Glasgow to America in 1849, settled in Pittsburgh and fought throughout the Civil War on the Northern side. In 1855, at Pittsburgh, he married Amanda FitzAllen Beebe, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Bedell) Beebe,



J. Reid Evans

whose ancestors, French Huguenots, fled from persecution in their native land, escaping through Holland, and came to America in 1687. Seven children were born of this marriage, of whom six lived to reach maturity. The survivors are: Mrs. L. R. (Estelle) Hagan, now eighty-one years old; J. Reid Evans, of this record; and John J. Evans, retired president and chairman of the board of the Armstrong Cork Company, of Lancaster.

J. Reid Evans was the fifth of the seven children born to his parents. He spent his early boyhood on the family farm, attending the one-room country school which served the district, and at the age of twelve moved with his parents to old Allegheny, now the Pittsburgh North Side. Here he continued his education in the Allegheny Fourth Ward public school. In November, 1883, he took a job with a steel mill on Ridge Avenue and Rebecca Street, Allegheny, then known as Smith, Sutton & Company, LaBelle Works, a partnership company with the following partners: Andrew D. Smith, David M. Smith, Thomas Sutton and Benjamin F. Jennings. The products of this company were crucible, tool, machinery, cutlery, agricultural and other high grade steels. Mr. Evans began work by taking charge of the platform scales. Individual railroad sidings were very rare in those days and all materials for the plant were brought in and taken out by teams. Typewriters had not been introduced into general office work as yet, the correspondence being written by long-hand with indelible ink and letter-press copies taken. There was one wall telephone in the office, occupying a separate room and used only for local calls. There was no long distance telephone service. In these early days of the modern business era, Mr. Evans served his first employers in various capacities, namely as shipping clerk, billing clerk, bookkeeper and finally as assistant treasurer. His firm became a part of the Crucible Steel Company of America, organized in 1899. Mr. Evans continued with the Crucible Steel Company of America as auditor until November, 1909, when he came to Sharon to take over executive duties in the Sharon Steel Hoop Company, now the Sharon Steel Corporation. Since that time he has served the company continuously in various executive positions and as its treasurer in recent years has important responsibilities in connection with the management and operation of the organization.

Mr. Evans, who is well known as one of the veteran figures of the Pennsylvania steel industry, is a member of the Sharon and Youngstown, Ohio, City and Country clubs and is affiliated fraternally with the Masonic Order. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Sharon.

On September 15, 1896, Mr. Evans married Maude Merchant Adams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Adams, of Irwin, Pennsylvania. Her mother, Mary (Ball) Adams, was the daughter of a merchant at Dum-

phries, Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Evans are the parents of one daughter, Eleanor, who married Henry Southworth Baker, Jr., now employed in the sales department of the Sharon Steel Corporation. There are two grandchildren: Reid Evans Baker, eleven years old; and Ann Elizabeth Baker, nine years old.

VALENTINE LANGE PFAFF—Combining business and public endeavors, Valentine Lange Pfaff is engaged in the insurance business in Emlenton and serves also as postmaster of the municipality.

Mr. Pfaff was born at Vandergrift, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, son of Henry William and Alice Elizabeth (Etsel) Pfaff.

Valentine Lange Pfaff attended public schools and junior high school, and upon completing his formal studies he entered the insurance business for himself in Emlenton. Here he has continued in this work down to the present time. In 1932 he was appointed postmaster of Emlenton, so serving down to the time of writing and performing an important and valuable work. He is associated with a number of Emlenton's leading civic and social activities, and has distinguished himself in fraternalism and public spirit. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and is a member of St. John's Reformed Church.

On September 23, 1938, in Emlenton, Pennsylvania, Valentine Lange Pfaff married Evelyn A. Rhines, daughter of Henry Berton and Christine (Donaldson) Rhines. One son, Allan Rhines Pfaff, was born of this marriage on December 3, 1939.

CHARLES SUMNER BRIDENBAUGH, M. D.—Engaged in the private practice of medicine in Emlenton, Dr. Charles Sumner Bridenbaugh is widely known and respected in this region of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Bridenbaugh was born November 21, 1879, in Martinsburg, Pennsylvania, son of Philip Howard and Catherine (Oellig) Bridenbaugh. His father was a teacher, and served effectively for many years as superintendent of the Blair County Home for the Insane.

Charles Sumner Bridenbaugh attended Mercersburg Academy from 1895 to 1896, and in 1903 he took the degree of Doctor of Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh. He then studied at the Polyclinic Hospital, in New York City, and in 1903 and 1904 practiced his profession in Altoona. From 1904 to 1905 he practiced in Martinsburg. Then, in 1905, Dr. Bridenbaugh removed to Emlenton, where he entered private practice on his own account, so continuing down to the time of writing. In 1922, in addition to his other activities, he organized the Emlenton Baby Welfare Clinic and became its chief physician and director. He is also a member of the medical staff of Franklin Hospital.

One of Emlenton's oldest physicians in point of years of service, Dr. Bridenbaugh also interests himself extensively in the life of his community. He is secretary of the Emlenton Board of Health, and also served as a school director here. He is a member of the Venango County Medical Society, the State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. More than ordinarily active in fraternal affairs, Dr. Bridenbaugh is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he is a Past Master of Allegheny Valley Lodge, No. 552, and a holder of the thirty-second degree of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and he is affiliated with the Emlenton Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is a Past Noble Grand. He is a member and elder of St. John's Evangelical Reformed Church.

In 1904 Dr. Charles Sumner Bridenbaugh married, in Altoona, Pennsylvania, Sarah Margaret McDowell, daughter of William D. and Mary (Flemming) McDowell. The following are the children of Dr. and Mrs. Bridenbaugh: 1. William Howard Bridenbaugh, born January 11, 1905, now engaged in the insurance business; he married Ethel McLain. 2. Charles Sumner Bridenbaugh, Jr., born June 28, 1907, now in Florida for his health; married Helen Reese, of New Wilmington, Pennsylvania, and they have two sons, Charles Sumner Bridenbaugh, III, and Peter Reese Bridenbaugh.

LAWRENCE EDWIN MCINTYRE—Operating the Emlenton Lumber & Planing Mill, Lawrence Edwin McIntyre occupies a position of enviable distinction in the life of his home community. The mill, covering more than four city lots, is housed in what was originally the Presbyterian Church, built in 1861, and the original church rafters and beams still support the edifice.

Mr. McIntyre was born September 14, 1896, in Emlenton, Pennsylvania, son of Archibald and Dama (Brown) McIntyre. His father, a lumberman, started work in the lumber business in Venango County in 1875. In 1896 he removed to Emlenton after having been engaged in lumbering and rafting in the Pittsburgh area as one of the last of the old-time river pilots. Archibald McIntyre and his brother, Fred McIntyre, built the mill at the south end of the Emlenton Bridge, continuing business together until 1905, when Archibald McIntyre entered the lumber business alone, his brother moving to Franklin. Then, in 1915, he bought the present mill site from Uriah Sloan, establishing the Emlenton Planing Mills.

Public schools of Emlenton provided Lawrence Edwin McIntyre's early formal education. Upon leaving the class room, he went into the wholesale and retail lumber business with his father. Making his way forward from simple beginnings in this business and rising through the different grades of service, he was made a partner in the Emlenton Lumber & Planing Mill in 1918. In 1935, at

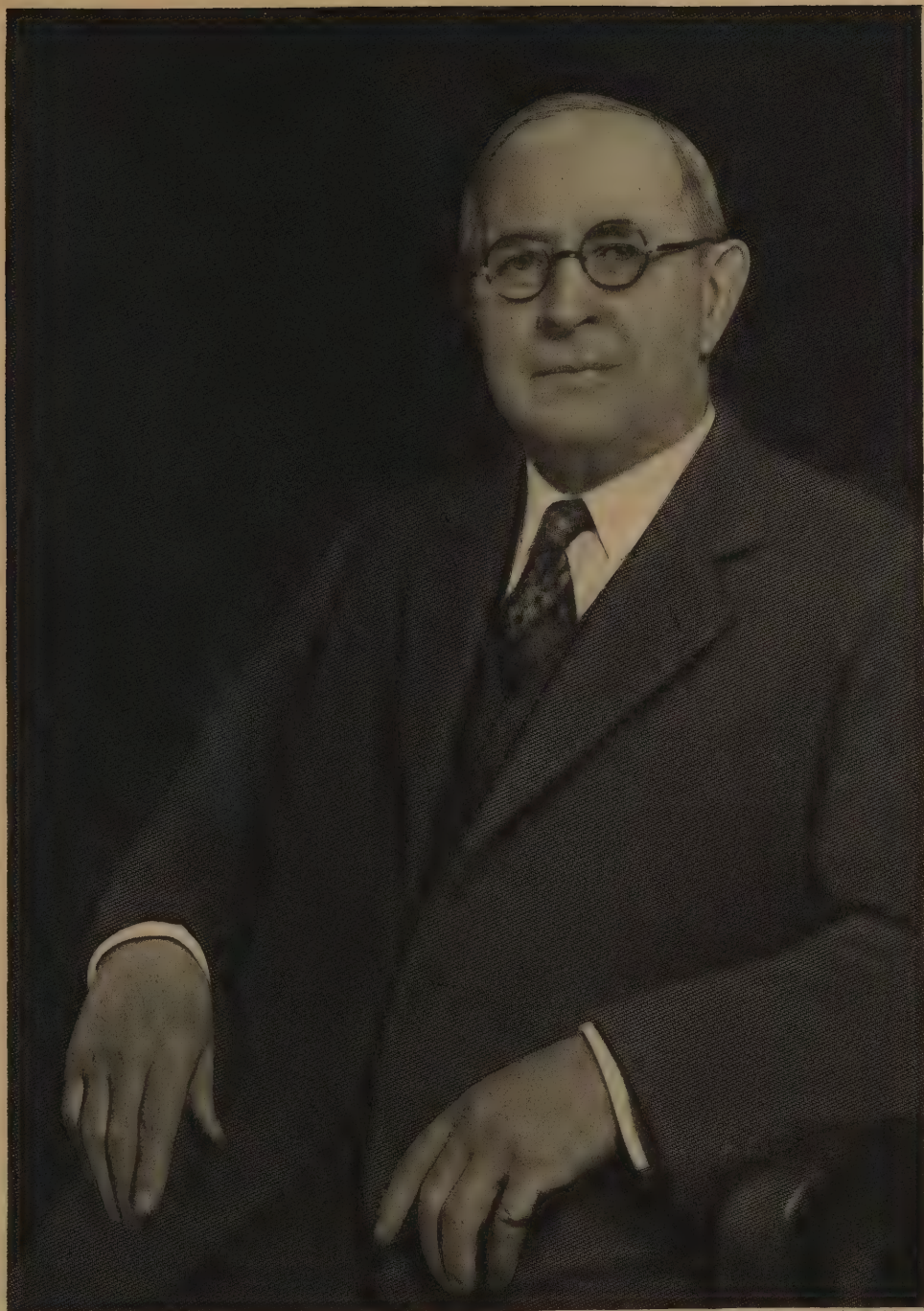
his father's death, Lawrence Edwin McIntyre became sole owner and manager of this business. He employs four men regularly and more at certain seasons of the year, and has two modern delivery trucks to aid in the distribution of the firm's products. The mill carries a complete line of building materials. The building was completely remodeled in 1939, though many of the features of the old mill and church were retained, with the result that the structure today possesses a rare historic atmosphere.

Actively interested in Emlenton affairs, Mr. McIntyre is a Republican in politics. He is treasurer of his lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He belongs also to the American Legion, having been associated, during the World War, in 1918, with Company C of the 125th Regiment of Engineers. In addition to his other activities, Mr. McIntyre is an officer of the Emlenton Methodist Church.

Lawrence Edwin McIntyre married, September 14, 1911, in Pennsylvania, Edna Beatrice Clark, daughter of Edward O. and Effie (Rick) Clark, of Crawford County. Her father is now deceased. Mrs. McIntyre herself is a member of the Rebekahs. Mr. and Mrs. McIntyre became the parents of two children: 1. Dama Ruth McIntyre, born November 15, 1922, a student at Indiana State Teachers' College, Indiana, Pennsylvania, at the time of writing. 2. Eila Mae McIntyre, born May 20, 1924, a student.

WILLIAM ELTON BURDICK—In early manhood William Elton Burdick settled in McKean County and launched the career which brought him eminence at the bar and an important position both in the oil industry and in public life. He was a man of versatile talents and acknowledged public spirit, and for almost half a century he was one of the leading figures in Bradford life.

Mr. Burdick was born at Alfred, New York, on September 6, 1856, son of William R. and Ellen (Satterlee) Burdick, both of Alfred, where his father was engaged as a merchant. His ancestors came from Rhode Island. William Elton Burdick was educated in the public schools of Alfred and at Alfred University, from which he was graduated in 1876. He commenced the study of law in Hornell, New York, and in 1878 moved to Duke Center, Pennsylvania, his home until 1890. He was admitted to the bar of McKean County in 1879. At Duke Center he at once became active in public affairs, serving for several years as clerk of the borough and as secretary of the school board. He was admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania in 1884. In 1886 he became chairman of the McKean County Republican Committee, and as such shaped the party program and directed its campaigns in the county. In 1888 and 1890 he



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was elected and served in the State Assembly. In 1890 he removed to Bradford, and as a resident of Bradford he continued his active participation in public affairs, winning new honors in public life and exercising a dominant influence in local councils of the Republican party. During these years he rose steadily in his profession and at length established his position as one of the county's leading lawyers. For over sixty years he was active in the practice of law, appearing successfully in many leading cases and representing some of the county's most important interests. In addition to his professional responsibilities, which were numerous and exacting, he acquired substantial holdings in the Bradford oil field and as an active producer managed his business with characteristic energy and acumen.

Mr. Burdick was president of the McKean County Bar Association from 1932 to 1934. He was a member of the Bradford Country Club, of which he was at different times president and governor, and of the Pennhills Club and the Bradford Club. He was a leading Presbyterian layman of the city, serving for more than twenty years as a trustee of the First Presbyterian Church. A man of the highest integrity, Mr. Burdick possessed a personality that won for him many friends.

Mr. Burdick was active in the many duties of life until his last illness. He died at Bradford at the age of eighty-three, respected for his attainments and honored for his conspicuous contributions to the city and county which were so long his home.

On November 1, 1899, he married Blanche Custer, of Bradford, and they became the parents of two children: 1. Paul William, an attorney who married Esther Gaffney, and has two children: William Elton and Ann. 2. Virginia, who married Robert Roy, Jr., and has one child, Rona.

GUY BRECKENRIDGE HUNTER—Centering his activities at Emlenton, Guy Breckenridge Hunter is general manager of the Quaker State Oil Refineries.

Mr. Hunter was born in 1891 in Emlenton, Pennsylvania, son of Charles P. and Nannie (Breckenridge) Hunter. His father was an oil producer.

Public schools of Emlenton furnished Guy Breckenridge Hunter's early formal education, and after studying at the Christie Business College here he was associated from 1909 to 1913 with the Pittsburgh American Window Glass Company. In 1914 he left that organization to accept a clerkship with the Emlenton Refinery Company, of Emlenton, one of the four large refining companies which were later merged to form the Quaker State Oil Refining Corporation. Mr. Hunter held different offices in the company until, in 1929, he accepted the general manager's post.

Continuing as general manager of the Quaker State Oil Refineries down to the time of writing, Mr. Hunter also is vice-president of the Enterprise Oil Company, of Buffalo, and treasurer and trustee of the National Petroleum Association. Politically he is a Republican. He is a member of the Wanango Club, the Franklin Club and the Presbyterian Church, and in the Free and Accepted Masons is affiliated with many branches and holds the thirty-second degree of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

At Emlenton, Pennsylvania, in 1919, Guy Breckenridge Hunter married Ethel Long, daughter of David M. Long.

PAUL CALVIN MOORE—As trust officer of the Franklin Bank & Trust Company, Paul Calvin Moore has revealed a remarkable degree of patience and sympathetic understanding, earning the friendship of many members of his community and the respect of all with whom he deals.

Mr. Moore, who also has many other interests in Franklin and vicinity, was born January 20, 1883, in Bellwood, Pennsylvania, son of Silas and Elizabeth (Bell) Moore. His father was a wholesale grocer. The mother now resides in Franklin with her son.

Public schools of Bellwood and Altoona, Pennsylvania, furnished Paul Calvin Moore's early formal education, and he not only completed his high school studies, but had eight years of private tutoring covering many branches of knowledge. He started his business career in 1899 as a clerk in the accounting department of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, in Altoona, remaining with that railway system until 1906, when he accepted the post of bookkeeper with the Central Trust Company of Altoona. From 1910 to 1912 Mr. Moore was secretary-treasurer of the Altoona Gas Company, and in 1912 he was transferred to the auditing department of the United Gas & Electric Corporation, at No. 40 Wall Street, New York City. In 1913 he was again transferred, this time to Baltimore, Maryland, where he spent a year as secretary-treasurer of the Southern Gas & Electric Corporation. In 1914, while still serving in that capacity, he removed his offices to New York City, at No. 61 Broadway, where he remained until 1917. It was in 1917 that Mr. Moore came to Franklin as trust officer with the Franklin Trust Company.

His service with this institution has been an important and valuable one, quite aside from his work as trust officer; for he has done much to promote the establishment of sound policies along many lines. He is also secretary of the Franklin Home Building & Loan Association and of the News-Herald Printing Company, both of Franklin. In the Free and Accepted Masons he holds the thirty-second degree of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masonry, and he also belongs to the Benevolent and Pro-

tective Order of Elks. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the Presbyterian Church.

In 1908, in Altoona, Pennsylvania, Paul Calvin Moore married Gertrude Hughes, daughter of Harry Richardson and Gertrude (Cunningham) Hughes, of Franklin. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Harriet Moore, born September 25, 1914, was employed by the B. F. Goodrich Company, at their exhibit at the New York World's Fair. 2. Paul Calvin Moore, Jr., born October 1, 1916, now associated with the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, in Cleveland, Ohio.

FRANKLIN PIERCE PHILLIPS, M. D.—Engaged in the practice of medicine in Franklin, Pennsylvania, Dr. Franklin Pierce Phillips has earned the respect, admiration and confidence of his fellow-citizens in all walks and departments of life.

Dr. Phillips was born at Lickingville, Pennsylvania, in 1885, son of Benjamin Wilson and Catherine Elizabeth (Gilfert) Phillips. His father was a practicing physician before him.

Franklin Pierce Phillips attended the Clarion Classical School, where he was graduated in 1901, and in 1905 he was graduated from Grove City College, at Grove City, Pennsylvania. In 1909 he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, and thereafter he was engaged for two years in medical practice at Parker's Landing, Pennsylvania. He then practiced in Clarion, where he served as county medical inspector and had charge of the Tuberculosis Dispensary. During the World War period he was chairman of the draft board set up in his home community until he himself enlisted and went into the active service of the United States. After his honorable discharge from the army, Dr. Phillips took up the practice of medicine in Franklin, Pennsylvania, where he has remained down to the time of writing.

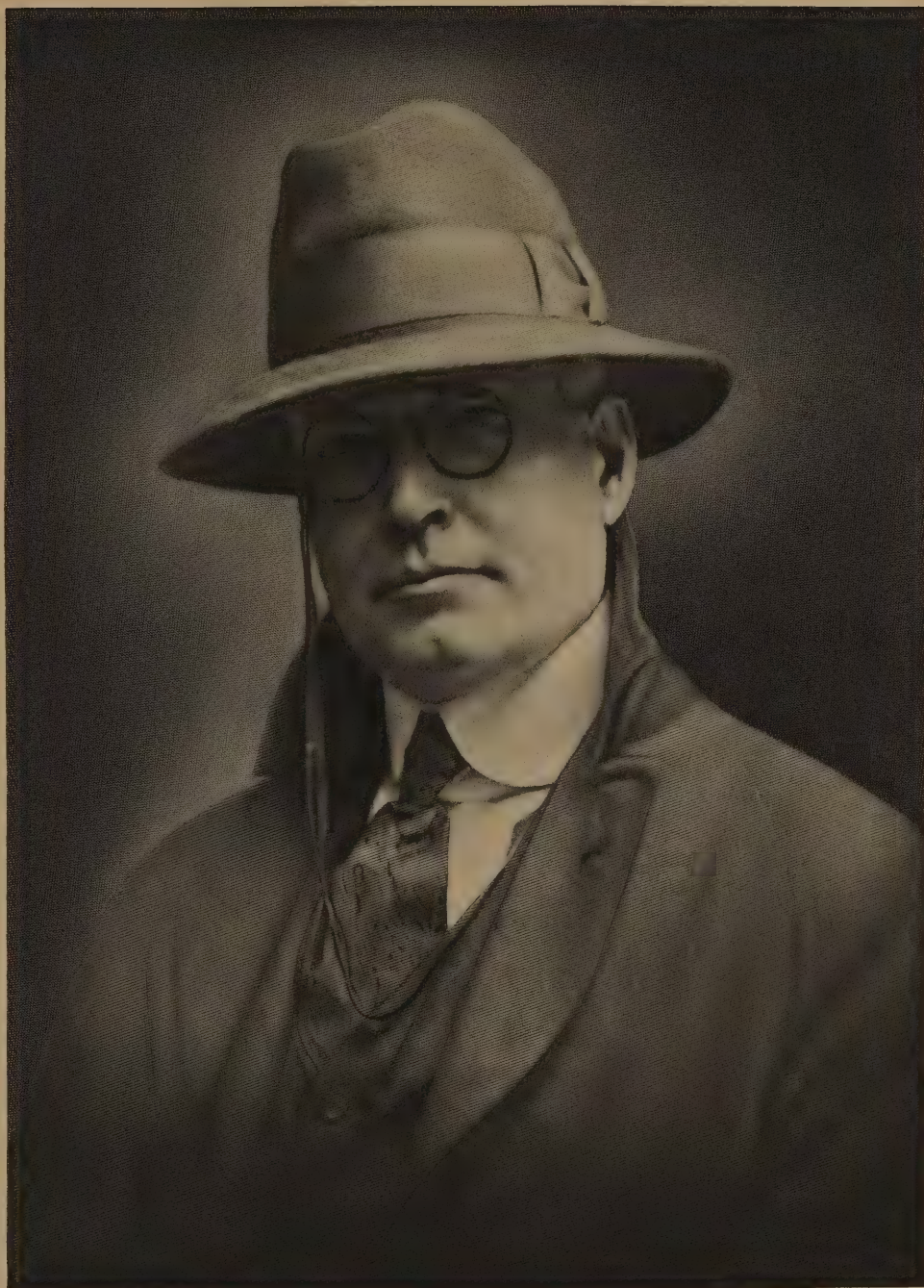
In addition to his own practice, he has performed a variety of public and semi-public work in the realm of his profession. He is now health officer of the city of Franklin. During the World War, serving as a captain, he had charge of a Base Hospital at Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland. He is a member of the Venango County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the American Medical Association, and belongs also to the Phi Alpha Sigma medical fraternity. He is a member, too, of the Wanango Country Club.

On June 5, 1918, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Dr. Franklin Pierce Phillips married Cecile M. Mobney, daughter of Warren R. and Catherine T. (Ferry) Mobney. One son, Franklin Mobney Phillips, was born of this marriage on November 6, 1919. He was graduated in 1940 from the University of Pennsylvania, and then became an assistant instructor in psychology at the university.

CLAYTON GLENVILLE DORN—Down a span of years that extended from shortly after the end of the Civil War to almost the beginning of a second World War, the late Clayton Glenville Dorn, of Bradford, Pennsylvania, lived what he considered an uneventful life. To a large extent his career was identified with the petroleum industry, beginning when oil wells of northwestern Pennsylvania were passing through their first heights of production and remained with this business of diminishing returns for many years. Then came an opportunity to contribute to the revival of a dying industry. Leaving an assured position and income, he helped to organize a company to introduce a method of water repressuring of the "Bradford sand" whereby oil would be forced again into the wells on a commercial basis. The venture was successful and millions were added to the value of almost worthless oil properties. When the history of petroleum in this section of Pennsylvania and southwestern New York is written, the name of Clayton Glenville Dorn will have a notable and merited place in the story.

He was a native of Corry, Pennsylvania, born May 1, 1868, son of Dr. Sullivan Byron Dorn and the former Sarah Pierce. After completing his academic education in the Bradford schools, he sought employment in the oil fields. Over a period of three decades he was associated with the Tide Water Oil Company, and was oil purchasing agent at the time of his resignation to engage in another enterprise. In June, 1916, with his son Forest Dale Dorn and other associates, he formed the Forest Oil Company, later incorporated, and now the Forest Oil Corporation. This corporation made an exhaustive study of water repressuring possibilities, as applied to the Bradford oil sand. The experiments proved very satisfactory and by 1920 the mechanics of the plan were fairly well established. The real difficulty that the company found itself up against at that time was finances. The idea of injecting water into an oil sand to push the oil through the sand ahead of it where it could be gathered by a producing oil well was revolutionary to the industry and the banks were skeptical of the soundness of the plan. It was not until 1922 that the company convinced the banks that it would work, and at that time were able to sell a bond issue which enabled them to conclusively prove the value of the idea. From that time on the company has been able to proceed with the development of its properties under the water repressuring method. The company has drilled as many as eighteen hundred wells in a single year. The Forest Oil Corporation and its subsidiaries have developed properties in New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Indiana, Texas and Oklahoma.

Many of the details of the life of Mr. Dorn—his other than business activities and interests—are little known, for seldom was there a man more modest or more inclined



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to "hide his light under a bushel." He seems to have been motivated by a keen sense of altruism, of interest in the other fellow, and what he could do to help them. Said an intimate friend: "He would go to almost any trouble to keep the recipient of any charity from knowing that it came from him." One cannot measure the extent of his philanthropies or the breadth of his humanitarianism.

Clayton Glenville Dorn was also an out-of-doors man who loved the hill country where he had been reared and worked. Being especially fond of the Fuller Brook section and the beautiful valley surrounded mostly by hardwood timber, Mr. Dorn secured a tract of more than one thousand acres where he could enjoy nature—fishing—and where by fencing it in he could have privacy for himself and family. At one time game animals—deer, beaver and bear—became so numerous that it was necessary to trap many for release elsewhere. The place called by the family, "The Patch," is still one of the most beautiful and unusual estates, known to the public as "Glendorn," and is occupied practically all the year round by his descendants of the four generations. There are four family residences and many log cabins have been built, and it truly is a memorial to a real outdoor man, a lover of nature.

On August 4, 1887, Clayton Glenville Dorn married Harriet Rebecca McConnell, and they were the parents of two children: i. Erla Corinne, married, September 6, 1919, William Frank Miller, and they have two children: i. William Dorn Miller, a graduate of Taft School, now an undergraduate at Yale University. ii. Jill Miller, who attends a private school in Pennsylvania. 2. Forest Dale Dorn, who married, April 8, 1913, Ruth Caroline Holbrook and they have six children: i. Dale Holbrook Dorn, born March 14, 1914. ii. Martha Elizabeth Dorn, born August 11, 1915; married, in 1936, William Hanley Bird. iii. Clayton Glenville Dorn, born March 16, 1920, who married, in 1941, Joanne Bird. iv. David Forest Dorn, born May 8, 1924. v. Richard Byron Dorn, born September 29, 1925. vi. John Chapman Dorn, born June 24, 1927.

The death of Clayton Glenville Dorn, on June 9, 1936, marked the passing of one of the authentic benefactors of the Bradford section of Pennsylvania, a citizen whose achievements had done much for the prosperity of a wide area and of many people. In helping to make oil accessible where little more was to be expected, he furthered the fortune of others, far more than his own. He was mourned with a peculiarly personal sorrow by all who knew him, whether in business or industry, in philanthropy or the ordinary relations of life. In the words of a friend: "There are too few of his kind upon this earth. The incident of death does not mean the end of the influence of such a life."

FOREST DALE DORN—Forest Dale Dorn was born in Bradford, McKean County, Pennsylvania, January 19, 1894, son of Clayton Glenville Dorn (*q. v.*) and Harriet Rebecca (McConnell) Dorn, both Pennsylvanians. Educated in the Bradford grade and high schools, his first employment of note was in the logging and milling of timber in Pennsylvania and New York states, an occupation he followed from 1913 to 1915, inclusive. In 1916 he joined his father and other associates in petroleum enterprises, chief among which was the organizing of the Forest Oil Company, later incorporated as the Forest Oil Corporation, the history of which has been outlined in the accompanying record of Clayton G. Dorn, in this volume. Since that time Forest D. Dorn has given his chief attention to oil production and subsidiary activities.

Mr. Dorn is a Republican. Fraternally he is affiliated with Union Lodge, No. 334, Free and Accepted Masons, a member of the higher bodies of the order including Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and Zem Zem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Valley Hunt Club, and attends the Presbyterian Church.

On April 8, 1913, Forest D. Dorn married Ruth Caroline Holbrook, of Bradford, daughter of S. A. and Phoebe (Chapman) Holbrook, and they are the parents of six children: 1. Dale Holbrook Dorn, born March 14, 1914, who attended Yale University and is now in the oil business in Texas. 2. Martha Elizabeth, born August 11, 1915, who married William Hanley Bird, of Bradford, and is the mother of two children: i. Jay Dorn, born October 5, 1937. ii. Dale Dorn, born May 19, 1939. 3. Clayton G. Dorn, II, born March 16, 1920, graduate of Choate School, attended Cornell University for one year, and the same period at Missouri School of Mines; now engaged in the oil business in Texas. In 1941 he married Joanne Bird. 4. David Dorn, born May 8, 1924, student at Phillips-Andover Academy. 5. Richard Dorn, born September 29, 1925, a student at Choate School. 6. John Dorn, attending local public schools.

FRED AUGUSTUS MILLER—In the course of a long and eventful life, Fred Augustus Miller achieved a career of distinction and success in several fields of endeavor. As a young man he was a partner in a business founded by his father; then became a manufacturer and eventually president of a large company, and down the years played a major rôle in the natural gas industry. The same fine talents he brought to his own affairs were freely given in the public interest. As a club member and sportsman he was widely known in the United States.

Mr. Miller was not born to wealth, his chief heritage from worthy parents and fine ancestry was a sane mind

in a sound body that enabled him to work intensively from boyhood to the age of threescore years and ten. A native of Belmont, New York, born May 27, 1868, he was the son of Augustus and Martha (Windus) Miller. When he was about twelve years old the family moved to Bradford, Pennsylvania, in the vicinity of which he spent all the remaining years of his life. At the age of fourteen he became a bread-winner, selling newspapers, acting as errand boy, doing almost any honest odd employment. He was not yet sixteen when he went to work in his father's lumber yard. This understanding parent directed his son during the next two years and found him energetic and enterprising and took him into partnership. This concern was known first as Kennedy & Miller, but the name was changed to A. Miller & Son, after the young man had been admitted to the firm.

Fred Augustus Miller remained connected with the lumber business until 1903, when he joined, on the first day of the year, the S. R. Dresser Manufacturing Company, with which he was identified for thirty-five years. At first he was its general manager and continued as such until 1929. He was secretary and treasurer from 1905 to 1911. From 1911 to 1929 he was president of the company, succeeding Solomon R. Dresser, who founded the firm in 1880. In 1929 he was elected chairman of the board of directors, resigning on May 27, 1938, the day he celebrated his seventieth birthday, shortly after which time he was made honorary chairman and held this position until his death. Mr. Miller was also prominent in the natural gas industry, and had served as president of the Natural Gas Supply Men's Association, retaining the post until its affiliation with the American Gas Association. He later became a director of the American Gas association. He was a director of the Bradford National Bank for thirty years.

In public life, Mr. Miller was a member of the Bradford City Council and of the school board. He was a Republican in politics. Fraternally, he was affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, being a thirty-second degree Mason, a member of the higher bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including Syria Temple, Pittsburgh, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and had formerly belonged to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Fond of club and sports life, his connections along these lines were with the Bradford Club, the Bradford Country Club, the Bradford Gun Club, the North Penn Golf Club, Valley Hunt Club, the Duquesne Club of Pittsburgh; and the Buffalo Trap and Field Club. He was a former member of the Lafayette Fish and Gun Club, and others. His chief hobby was hunting dogs, setters and pointers, and he was well known in sporting circles for his animals in field trials all over the country, especially in the South. Three years before

his death he had the honor of being named vice-president of the Associated Amateur Field Trial Clubs of America and served as an officer in several other field trial associations. He was one of the founders of the National Pheasant Championship Field Trial Club, and served as chairman of the board from its inception until his death.

At Bradford, Pennsylvania, on September 16, 1890, Fred Augustus Miller married Ione St. John Dresser, daughter of Solomon R. Dresser, of previous mention. Mr. and Mrs. Miller were the parents of three children, and the grandparents of six grandchildren: 1. William Frank, born October 18, 1893, who married, on September 6, 1919, Erla Corinne Dorn, and they have two children: i. Bil Dorn, born March 10, 1921. ii. Jill Dorn, born May 27, 1926. 2. Margaret, born February 11, 1895, now a resident of New York City. 3. Elizabeth, born April 20, 1897, who married, January 21, 1922, Cornell N. Pfohl, Jr., and they have four children: i. Barbara, born January 30, 1923. ii. Cornell Nicholas, 3d, born January 22, 1926. iii. Jerry Miller, born July 9, 1929. iv. Janaan, born October 23, 1934.

Mr. Miller died at his home, Beechwood, on August 22, 1938. Success came to him in large measure through his untiring efforts but success did not spoil him nor detract from his personality and charm. Of dignified bearing and of seemingly austere exterior, he nevertheless carried with him a heart of gold which held deep affection not only for his hundreds of friends and acquaintances but even for his animal friends—his horses and dogs which he always loved.

Mr. Miller spoke well of a person or not at all. He completely realized every individual had his good qualities as well as his bad, and when mentioning a person invariably spoke only of the good. He was never known to speak disrespectfully of any man even when all others were ready to condemn.

His gracious personality, never failing courtesy, and absolute fairness won for him the highest praise from business men of all classes. His geniality, loyalty, and outstanding sportsmanship earned for him the love and admiration of his fellow-sportsmen. His splendid character achieved for him probably the greatest tribute of all in that to family, friends, and associates, he represented, in every sense of the word, the truest type of an American gentleman.

WILLIAM FRANK MILLER—With life and business in Bradford, William Frank Miller is the third generation of his family. He is vice-president, secretary and treasurer of the Forest Oil Corporation, and holds similar positions with a number of other corporations, most of which are subsidiaries.

The father of William Frank Miller, the late Fred A. Miller, native of Belmont, Allegany County, Pennsylvania, was born May 27, 1868, son of Augustus and Martha (Windus) Miller. The family came to Bradford when their son was about twelve years old and remained for the rest of their lives. Fred A. Miller went into the lumber business as a youth, associated with his father under the firm name of A. Miller & Son. On January 1, 1903, he became identified with the Dresser Manufacturing Company, as general manager. In 1911 he was elected president, and in 1929 became chairman of the board, a post he filled until his death, August 22, 1938.

William Frank Miller, born at Bradford, Pennsylvania, October 18, 1893, was the son of Fred A. and Ione (Dresser) Miller, his mother coming originally from Hillsdale, Michigan. After attending the local schools, he prepared for college at Phillips-Andover Academy, and matriculated at Sheffield Scientific School, Yale University, from which he was graduated in 1916. He joined the S. R. Dresser Manufacturing Company in 1917 and when he resigned December 31, 1928, was secretary and treasurer of that company. Since June 1, 1935, he has been an executive of the Forest Oil Corporation, and associated in official posts with several other corporations.

During the World War period Mr. Miller was a member of the United States Naval Reserve Corps. He is a Republican in politics and fraternally is affiliated with Union Lodge, No. 334, Free and Accepted Masons. He is a member of the Bradford Club, the Valley Hunt Club, Pennhills Club; Yale Club of New York City; Bath Club, and the Indian Creek Club, of Miami Beach, Florida. He is affiliated with the Presbyterian Church.

On September 6, 1919, William Frank Miller married Erla Corinne Dorn, daughter of Clayton Glenville and Harriett (McConnell) Dorn. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are the parents of two children: 1. Bil Dorn Miller, born March 10, 1921, a graduate of Taft School, now an undergraduate at Yale University. 2. Jill Dorn Miller, born May 27, 1926, now attending a private school in Pennsylvania.

PAUL ELI CUNNINGHAM, M. D.—Carrying on a general medical practice in Franklin, Dr. Paul Eli Cunningham has earned the confidence of many clients and friends.

Dr. Cunningham was born May 2, 1886, in the vicinity of Clintonville, Venango County, Pennsylvania, son of Henry Lewis and Elizabeth (Hovis) Cunningham, both Pennsylvanians. His father, a native of Lawrence County, this State, died June 27, 1902. He was for years engaged in oil production and the leather business, and operated a boot and shoe retail shop. At one time he was assessor of the community of Clintonville for six years.

Public schools provided Paul Eli Cunningham's early education, and he later attended Oil City Business College. He was graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in 1910 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Somewhat earlier, however, he had valuable business experience in the Pennsylvania oil fields. His desire to study medicine led him to give up this work, in order that he might enter the university. At graduation, he returned to Clintonville in 1910 and soon was soundly established in professional practice. He succeeded Dr. K. M. Hoffman and occupied Dr. Hoffman's former offices in Clintonville, but in June, 1919, he removed to Franklin, where he has since carried forward his professional work. He has the distinction of bringing more than four thousand infants into the world, though his practice is of a general nature covering all branches of medicine.

In addition to his other activities, Dr. Cunningham has concerned himself with the affairs of different professional organizations, being a member and past president of the Venango County Medical Society and a member of the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He belongs to the Free and Accepted Masons, and in this fraternal order is affiliated with the Lodge of Perfection and with the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Zem Zem Temple, at Erie. In the Methodist Church he was for five years superintendent of the Sunday school at Clintonville and is a member of the official board. A man who has given his time and skill to many useful social purposes, in connection with both his profession and other matters, Dr. Cunningham is held in the highest esteem by his fellow-citizens in all walks and departments of life.

Dr. Paul Eli Cunningham married, November 19, 1913, Stella M. (Hoffman) Cunningham, the widow of Frank W. Cunningham. There were two children who were reared by Dr. Cunningham: 1. Howard L. Cunningham, who married Lucille Friggal and they had two children: Shirley and William Cunningham. 2. Harold F. Cunningham, who married Catharine Rose. The daughter, Lois E. Cunningham, became the wife of Robert P. Emerick, of Fredonia, New York.

JOHN L. NESBIT—Since he began the practice of law in Franklin at the turn of the century, John L. Nesbit has risen to prominence both in his profession and in other phases of the city's life. He has been for many years a leading member of the Venango County bar and has served for more than a decade and a half as president of the Exchange Bank & Trust Company.

Mr. Nesbit was born at Utica, Pennsylvania, on July

13, 1874, son of Thomas and Clara (Lasher) Nesbit. The family name is one of the oldest in Venango County, dating back to the period before the Revolutionary War, when Thomas Nesbit, of Ulster, Ireland, settled in southern Cumberland, later Franklin, County.

John L. Nesbit received his preliminary education in the public schools of Utica and later attended Allegheny College and Westminster College, from the latter of which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1895. In preparation for his chosen profession, he entered the law school of the University of Pennsylvania with the class of 1898 and upon his return to Venango County two years later, read for the bar in the office of Judge Christopher Heydrick. In April, 1899, he was admitted to practice and almost immediately afterward joined Carl I. Heydrick in organizing the law firm of Heydrick and Nesbit. In 1911 he was admitted to the bar of the United States Supreme Court. After the death of his first partner in 1907, Mr. Nesbit practiced independently at Franklin, except in 1920 and 1921, when he was a member of the firm of Nesbit and Criswell, in association with Elisha W. Criswell, and thereafter until 1933, when he formed a partnership with H. Carl Wasson, Esq., under the name of Nesbit and Wasson, which still continues. He has appeared successfully in all courts and has represented many important interests.

Although he still continues a large practice, Mr. Nesbit has divided his time between the law and his financial interests for some years. A director of the Exchange Bank & Trust Company of Franklin since 1912, he succeeded to the presidency of this institution in due course and has since guided its affairs, bringing to its management his sound judgment and wide knowledge of business, as well as the law. Mr. Nesbit has also been active in civic life. He has a long record of civic service, embracing many Franklin institutions, and is now chairman of the local Red Cross chapter. From 1935 to 1939 he was a trustee of the Polk State School. A Democrat in politics, he is influential in councils of his party and is past chairman of the Venango County Democratic Committee.

Mr. Nesbit is a member of the American Bar Association, the Pennsylvania State Bar Association and the Venango County Bar Association. He is chairman of the Venango County Law Library Committee and has served in numerous other offices. In addition to his professional connections he is prominent in the Masonic Order, in which he is affiliated with all higher bodies of both York and Scottish Rites, including Franklin Commandery, No. 44, Knights Templar and Coudersport Consistory, thirty-second degree, and is a member of Zem Zem Temple of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Nesbit is also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, the Franklin Club, the Franklin Rotary

Club and the Wanango Country Club. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

On March 16, 1914, in Richmond, Virginia, John L. Nesbit married Amanda (Vincent) Farrell, daughter of Ira Eddy and Martha J. (Henderson) Vincent and widow of Tracy C. Farrell, of Meadville, Pennsylvania, who died in 1906. Mrs. Nesbit is a great-granddaughter of Salsberry Vincent, who married Mary Mace Demedici, a direct descendant of the reigning house of medieval Florence, the famous Medici family, and is a granddaughter of David and Amanda (Alexander) Vincent. Her mother, Martha J. (Henderson) Vincent, was a daughter of Joseph and Martha (De Mars) Henderson. Like her husband, Mrs. Nesbit has been prominent in Democratic politics in Venango County, serving as chairman of the Women's Democratic County Committee. She is also active in the Franklin Women's Club and other organizations of the city, civic, cultural and social. She is a member of the Methodist Church. By her first marriage, Mrs. Nesbit has two children: 1. Vincent Oliver Farrell, who married Florence Gilbert. 2. Marion Virginia Farrell, married Hendrick M. Search, who died February 27, 1935; they had one daughter, Joan Nesbit Search, born April 4, 1934.

FOSTER L. DALE—In private business and public service Foster L. Dale has distinguished himself in the Franklin community, where he now conducts a real estate firm and renders valuable assistance in the conduct of the city's affairs in his capacity as alderman.

Mr. Dale was born September 12, 1906, in Venango County, Pennsylvania, son of Oscar M. and Mary Irene (Ellis) Dale, of Franklin. His father, an oil producer, was prominent in this region of Pennsylvania, and members of the family have lived in Franklin for generations.

After completing his preliminary education, Foster L. Dale attended the University of Pittsburgh, and in 1928 received the degree of Bachelor of Science at the University of Alabama. He then became an engineer with the Pennsylvania State Highway Department, so continuing until 1936. In that year he went into the real estate business in Franklin, where he has since operated this same enterprise. In that same year he was elected alderman from the Second Ward, and as a member of Franklin's Board of Aldermen he has performed a very constructive work. Mr. Dale belongs to the Franklin Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club and the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, which he joined in his student days, and is active in the Protestant Episcopal Church, parish of St. John's. His interest and activity in the civic affairs of Franklin have well merited for him the admiration and confidence of his contemporaries in all walks and departments of life.





Henry Suhr

On June 11, 1938, in Franklin, Pennsylvania, Foster L. Dale married Jean Ziegler, daughter of Edward P. and Agnes (McKee) Ziegler, of this city.

HENRY SUHR—Between 1860 and 1880 there were recurring oil booms in northwestern Pennsylvania, the end of the War Between the States giving a special impetus to the drilling of wells. Among the men who were attracted to the Venango County region, in 1869, was Henry Suhr, who with his son, Charles L. Suhr (*q. v.*) have been identified with the petroleum industry for the past seventy years and more. A full account of their lives would include the story of the production and refining of petroleum, since both became interested in the two branches of the industry, although Charles L. Suhr's entire business life was devoted almost exclusively to the manufacture and sale of petroleum products. That account would also give the history of the Penn Refining Company and the Pennzoil Company, of which they were executive heads.

Henry Suhr was born October 11, 1844, in Germany, in the village of Hardeggen, Province of Hanover, oldest of the three sons of Christian and Henrietta (Frohne) Suhr. The youngest brother, Charles, died relatively early. The second son, Louis, engaged in oil production in Bradford, Pennsylvania, and later moved to Los Angeles, California, where he died in 1917. Henry Suhr came to the United States in July, 1868, and worked for a short time in New York City, in Buffalo, New York, and for six months as a machinist in Pittsburgh, before he succumbed to the lure of an oil boom in Venango County, arriving at the Oil Creek district in 1869. He had been educated in his native land, and had learned the trade of locksmith. He liked the New World and its opportunities and endeavored to make the most of them. Like most others, he was compelled to learn the oil business by hard practical experience, and for the first six years in northwestern Pennsylvania he worked in practically all the jobs associated with the production of petroleum at different places and with various concerns.

In 1875 Henry Suhr went into business for himself in Oil City, meeting with immediate success. A biographer of 1919 describes his further progress:

In 1886 he became identified with another branch of the business, joining Louis Walz and Samuel Justus in the organization of the Penn Refining Company, of which Mr. Suhr was the executive head for many years, filling the office of president until its absorption by the Penn American Refining Company more than a quarter of a century afterward. The business of the latter company grew to such large proportions, largely as the outcome of Mr. Suhr's efforts, that they are now refining nearly one million barrels of oil annually. Several years after becoming interested in the Penn Refinery, Mr. Suhr joined other local oil men in the purchase of the plant of the Valley

Oil Company, at Rouseville, this county, and organized the Germania Refining Company, which eventually, in 1914, became consolidated with the Penn Refining Company under the name of the Germania Refining Company (later changed to Penn American Refining Company), of Oil City.

It was about this time that Mr. Suhr gave up active connection with the refining business. He had acquired other important interests in the course of his busy life, and though he was not prudent to the extent of being overcautious, he exercised such certain judgment in the choice of investments that his decision on the worth of a financial undertaking was unusually sound. He was one of the oldest stockholders of the Oil City Trust Company, one of the leading banking institutions of northwestern Pennsylvania, and served many years on its board of directors. He was interested in the Pure Oil Company, the Consolidated Window Glass Company, a Bradford (Pennsylvania) concern, with plants at Mount Jewett and Hazelhurst, Pennsylvania, and the British-American Oil Company of Toronto, Canada.

At Oil City, Pennsylvania, in 1875, Henry Suhr married Louise Schorman, a native of Germany who had lived in America since she was eighteen years old. Her father, Christian Schorman, came to the United States in later life and died in Oil City, in 1904, at the age of eighty-four years. Mr. and Mrs. Suhr were the parents of four children: 1. Charles L. (*q. v.*). 2. Elizabeth, who married James Cuyler Black, of Oil City. 3. Lena, who married Ernest A. Burch, of Oil City. 4. Henry W., who died in October, 1919, at Saltville, Virginia, while serving in the United States Army. Mrs. Louise (Schorman) Suhr died in New York on February 20, 1919.

In the later years of his life Henry Suhr began to feel the effects of his strenuous activities and retired from a number of business connections. He sought to renew his health in Nauheim, Germany, and afterward spent his winters in Florida. His death occurred on December 2, 1914, at St. Petersburg, Florida, at the age of threescore years and ten. So passed one of the pioneers of the oil industry of Pennsylvania, a man who had contributed importantly to the wealth and welfare of the county and city with which he had cast his lot so long before. To quote another biographer:

Henry Suhr, late of Oil City, was one of a group of successful men whose remunerative activities in the local oil fields, covering a long period, not only had the tangible result of establishing their own fortunes but also attracted other brains and capital of great value to this region. A man of substantial qualities and keen business instincts, though modest and unassuming, he made his way from small beginnings to financial standing and a foremost place as a citizen. Throughout his long career, he retained the habits of methodical industry and careful attention to detail which made his early ventures thrive.

The record of his business life constitutes a definite part of the commercial and industrial history of Oil City. But it was not his material wealth that made a place for him among the most esteemed residents of that city. His companionable nature won him friends wherever he was

known, and his pleasant genial manners had an unmistakable note of sincerity and genuine fellowship which justified his popularity to all who came within its influence.

CHARLES L. SUHR—Two generations of the Suhr family, father and son, have been associated with the oil industry of Venango County, Pennsylvania, since 1869. Henry Suhr, the elder, spent forty-five years in the business prior to his demise. Charles L. Suhr, the son, has been identified with various phases of manufactured products from petroleum for almost half a century, or since he was hardly more than a boy. Their combined years constitute a record that probably has few equals in this part of the State. A member of the third generation, Henry B. Suhr has added a sufficient number of years in the oil business to bring the combined total to more than a century of activities, during which practically all of the history of the production and refining of crude petroleum has been made. To the latter phase of the industry, Charles L. Suhr has contributed importantly.

Charles L. Suhr is a native and lifelong resident of Oil City, Venango County, Pennsylvania, born there March 30, 1877, the eldest and only surviving son of Henry and Louise (Schorman) Suhr. His father, of German birth and education, born October 11, 1844, at Hardeggen, in the Province of Hanover, Germany, came to the United States in 1868, and during the following year arrived at the oil fields of western Pennsylvania. In 1875 he established his own business in Oil City, where he became one of its substantial citizens and industrial leaders. His death, at St. Petersburg, Florida, in 1914, was mourned as the passing of one who had played outstanding rôles in the development of his community and the county at large.

Whatever the accomplishments of his father, Charles L. Suhr started his own career strictly under his own power and abilities. After attending the public schools he began earning his own livelihood in 1892 in a clerical capacity with the Penn Refining Company. He quickly realized that he would learn little of the practical side of the industry at office work, and therefore left to enter the refinery of the Germania Refining Company. After two years he applied for a leave of absence to study chemistry in the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. In the spring of 1898 Mr. Suhr returned to Rouseville, and shortly after was appointed superintendent of the plant, a post he filled most capably until May 17, 1904, when he became general manager of the corporation. He was elected president on October 20, 1916.

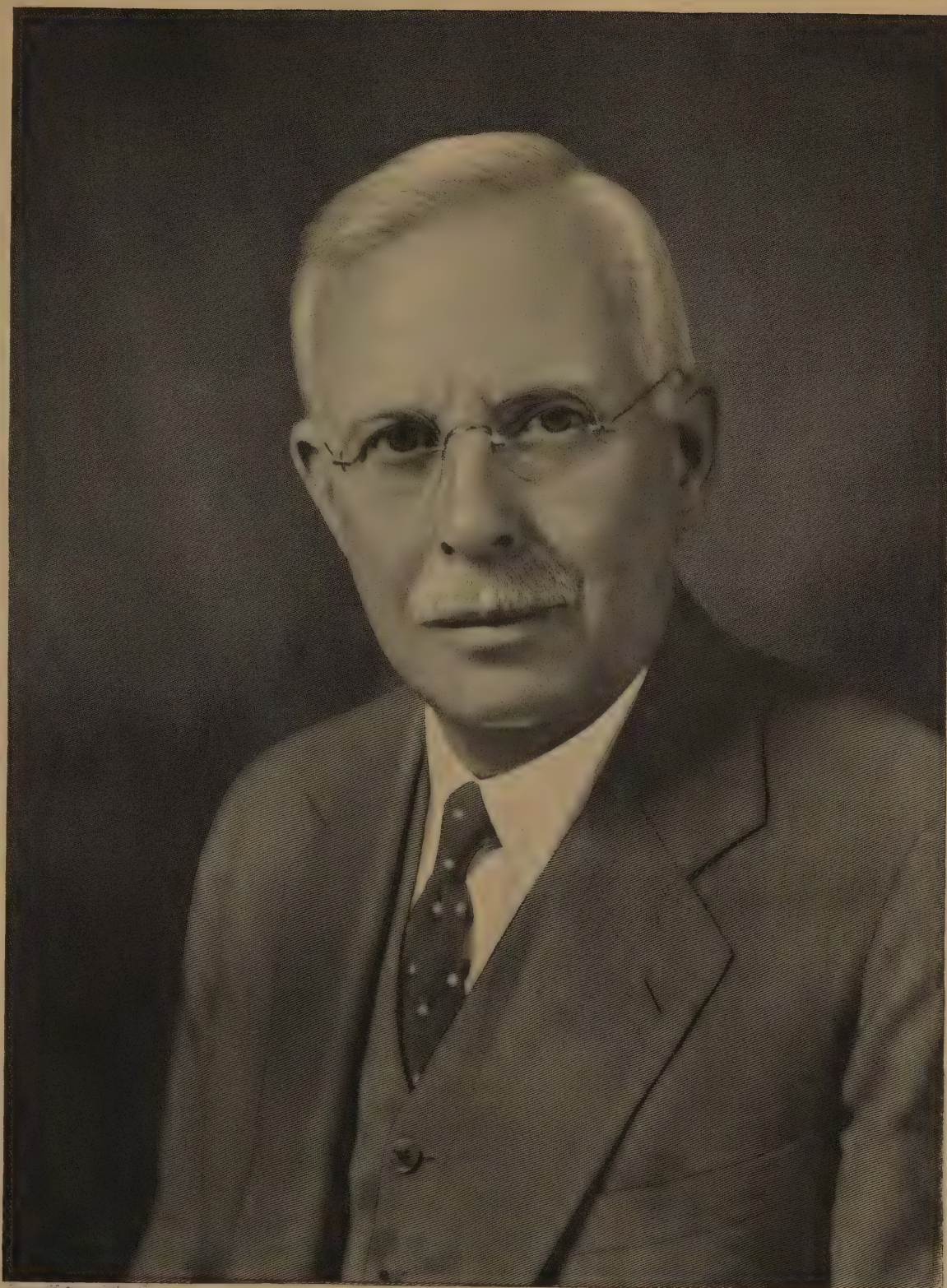
Some history of the growth of a company may be of value here. The Germania Refining Company was organized in January, 1894, to take over the old Valley Oil Works, a lubricating oil refinery at Rouseville, Venango County, Pennsylvania, being incorporated by Henry Suhr, E. McCracken, C. Simmons, C. H. Duncan and Louis

Waltz, all Oil City men. In 1914 the Penn Refining Company and the Germania Refining Company were merged under the name of the Germania Refining Company. In April, 1917, the name of the corporation was changed to the Penn American Refining Company.

In 1908 Mr. Suhr, with the late D. J. Cavanaugh, of Rouseville, became interested in a small marketing company which was organized for the purpose of selling lubricating oils. It was known as the Oil City Oil & Grease Company. Several local gentlemen besides Mr. Cavanaugh and Mr. Suhr were also interested and in the following year R. A. Browne, of New Castle, Pennsylvania, now secretary of the Pennzoil Company, became associated with the company and was elected general manager. In 1913 the Oil City Oil & Grease Company established a subsidiary company in California, in which they retained a majority interest, the balance of the stock having been sold to L. H. Johnson, Norman M. Day, and several others, all residents of Los Angeles and employed by the company. The name of this corporation was originally the Panama Lubricants Company and later on its name was changed to the Pennzoil Company (of California). The first president, L. H. Johnson, died in May, 1939, and he was succeeded by Norman M. Day, who also passed away in February of this year. He was succeeded by J. B. Beman, of Los Angeles.

The name of the Oil City Oil & Grease Company was changed on January 21, 1922, to the Pennzoil Company. On October 30, 1924, the Penn American Refining Company and the Pennzoil Company merged under the name of the Pennzoil Company, and Mr. Suhr continued as president until 1935 when he was elected chairman of the board, which office he still retains.

Mr. Suhr was president of the National Petroleum Association from 1933 to 1939 and at this time is executive vice-president and a trustee of that association. He is a director of the American Petroleum Institute. He is also a member and director of the Oil City Trust Company, and for many years has been vice-president and a director of the British-American Oil Company of Toronto, Ontario. Fraternally, Mr. Suhr is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, a member of all the higher bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including the thirty-second degree. He was a member of the city council from 1907 to 1911. He has been identified with the Young Men's Christian Association for many years and at present is a trustee of the local association. He is a member of the Good Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church and has been a trustee for many years. Mr. Suhr has always taken a keen interest in civic affairs. He was chairman of the War Chest Committee of the first World War, and has at various times been a director of the Chamber of Commerce and the Oil City Community Fund.



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Charles L. Duhr



In 1901 Charles L. Suhr married Kate A. Wilkins, daughter of Benton and Rebecca (Brown) Wilkins, of Rouseville, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Henry B. Suhr, born in 1902, who married, in 1930, Elizabeth Peters, daughter of C. Van and Elizabeth (McCracken) Peters, of Oil City. They have two children: i. Charles Edward, born in 1931. ii. Henry B. Suhr, Jr., born in 1932. Henry B. Suhr is engaged in the oil producing business in Oil City and resides at No. 103 West Second Street. 2. Charles W. Suhr, born in 1905, who married, in 1927, Helen T. Smart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred R. Smart, of Oil City. They have twin daughters born in 1928, Helen Charlette and Jane Kathryn. Charles W. Suhr moved to California and was employed by the Pennzoil Company of California as well as having charge of certain personal interests of his father's in southern California. He died in September, 1931, as the result of an airplane crash near Leavenworth, Kansas.

JAMES DAVID GROVE—During his long association with the General Manifold & Printing Company of Franklin, James David Grove has risen from minor positions in the organization to his present office as secretary and treasurer. As one of the principal executives of the company, he brings to his duties an intimate knowledge of the business gained through long experience and the administrative gifts evidenced in his record.

Mr. Grove was born at New Lebanon, Pennsylvania, on March 28, 1892, son of Charles Burns and Ida May (Smith) Grove, both of Mercer County. His father, who is now deceased, was a retail merchant. His mother, Ida May Grove, resides with her daughter, Helen M. Grove, a school teacher in Oil City, and Mrs. Carrie L. Flack, also of Oil City.

James David Grove was educated in the public schools of Franklin, where the activities of his career have always centered, and after leaving school, became associated with the "Venango Daily Herald," now the "News-Herald," at Franklin. This connection he continued until 1911, when he entered the employ of the General Manifold & Printing Company, large commercial and railway printers and manufacturers of duplicating carbonized papers of all kinds. Beginning as office boy, he was advanced to positions of larger responsibility as he demonstrated his capacities and gained in experience. During the intervening years he has held practically every position in the company, up to and including the office of secretary and treasurer, in which capacity he has served since 1929.

Mr. Grove, who is well known in the business life of Franklin, is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and various social and fraternal organizations. He has been active in the Masonic Order, in which he is affiliated with

all higher Scottish Rite bodies, including the thirty-second degree of the Consistory, and also Knights Templar; served as trustee of the Franklin American Legion Post and a member of the Royal Arcanum and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. During the World War he entered the National Army, went overseas as a member of Company L, 320th Infantry, 80th Division, and was wounded in action in the Argonne Forest on October 11, 1918, being hospitalized for the rest of the war. Mr. Grove is a Republican in politics and a member of the Presbyterian Church. He has never held public office, but has taken an active interest in civic affairs and given his support to useful community institutions and enterprises.

On November 10, 1920, at Franklin, James David Grove married Ruth Eleanor Burgard, daughter of the late John R. Burgard and of Caroline (Kister) Burgard, of Franklin. Mrs. Grove, who was born in this city, is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Mr. and Mrs. Grove are the parents of one son, James David, Jr., born June 12, 1927, now a student in Franklin Junior High School.

J. G. BOHLENDER—Since 1933, J. G. Bohlender has served as mayor of Franklin. He is one of the city's leading business men and has brought to the administration of his office executive ability and reliable business judgment, combined with a thorough understanding of Franklin's problems and needs.

Mr. Bohlender was born at Grove City, Pennsylvania, on August 12, 1896, son of Frederick W. Bohlender, a contractor at Grove City, and Mary E. (Graham) Bohlender. He was educated in the public schools of Grove City and at Grove City College and began his active career by establishing a general mercantile business at Polk. This enterprise he operated from 1915 until 1923. Moving to Franklin in the latter year, he entered the wholesale confectionery business with J. H. Johns, under the firm name of Bohlender & Johns. Under progressive management, this firm has developed steadily and its business is now one of the largest of its kind in the Franklin area.

Although he remains active in the business, Mr. Bohlender has divided his time in recent years between his own affairs and the city's interests. Since he was first elected mayor of Franklin he has brought to the city government a firm and effective leadership, marked by business-like efficiency, a quality which has characterized the entire seven years of his administration. In doing so he has enhanced his stature and won the confidence of the electorate.

Mr. Bohlender's interest in public affairs dates back to his early years at Polk, where he served as a member of the school board. He is a Republican in politics, exer-

cising a strong influence in his party, and is prominent fraternally as a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Loyal Order of Moose, in all of which he is well known. In the Elks he has headed the Pennsylvania State organization and held all other offices. In the Masonic Order he is a member of all higher Scottish Rite bodies, including the thirty-second degree of the Consistory. Mr. Bohlender is also a member of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce and the Franklin Club. In religious faith he is a Presbyterian.

In 1916, at Franklin, he married Twila A. Beighlea, daughter of S. M. Beighlea and Imalda M. (Berringer) Beighlea. Her people were pioneers in the Pennsylvania oil country, and Berringer City was named for her mother's family. Mr. and Mrs. Bohlender are the parents of two daughters: Phyllis, born in 1917, who married Carl Hepner; and Helen E., born in 1921, who lives with her parents in Franklin.

FRANK EDWARD HEDLEY—Since he began his active career in Franklin, Frank Edward Hedley has risen to a position of recognized prominence in the city's business life. The qualifications which he brings to his work are reflected in the progressive development of his interests and as head of his own real estate and insurance office he directs one of the best known enterprises of its kind in Franklin.

Mr. Hedley was born in Elizabeth, New Jersey, on July 27, 1895, son of Edward Miskin and Mary Helen (Bowron) Hedley. His father, who was of English birth, came to this country in early life and found employment for his gifts in the field of management.

Frank Edward Hedley was educated in the public schools of New York City and after leaving school read law with J. S. Carmichael. As manager of the real estate department of the Franklin Trust Company for a number of years he demonstrated the soundness of his judgment in the matter of property trends and values, as well as his administrative talents, and made a substantial contribution to the development of the institution in one of the important phases of its business. In 1928, with his position in the city's business life firmly established, he resigned his connection with the Franklin Trust Company and entered the real estate and insurance field on his own account. This was the origin of the business which has grown rapidly under his personal leadership. As head of his own organization, his management has been enterprising and his policies well considered. Mr. Hedley handles all types of insurance, including life insurance, as well as many Franklin properties. His offices are now located in the Franklin Trust Building.

Mr. Hedley has also been active in Franklin civic life. Recognizing the responsibilities of good citizenship, he has met them fully, supporting useful community enterprises and institutions with characteristic energy. Mr. Hedley is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Royal Arcanum, the Franklin Club, and the American Legion, of which he is a charter member and a Post Commander. During the World War he enlisted in the United States Army and saw service with the 112th Infantry and at 28th Division Headquarters. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the Presbyterian Church.

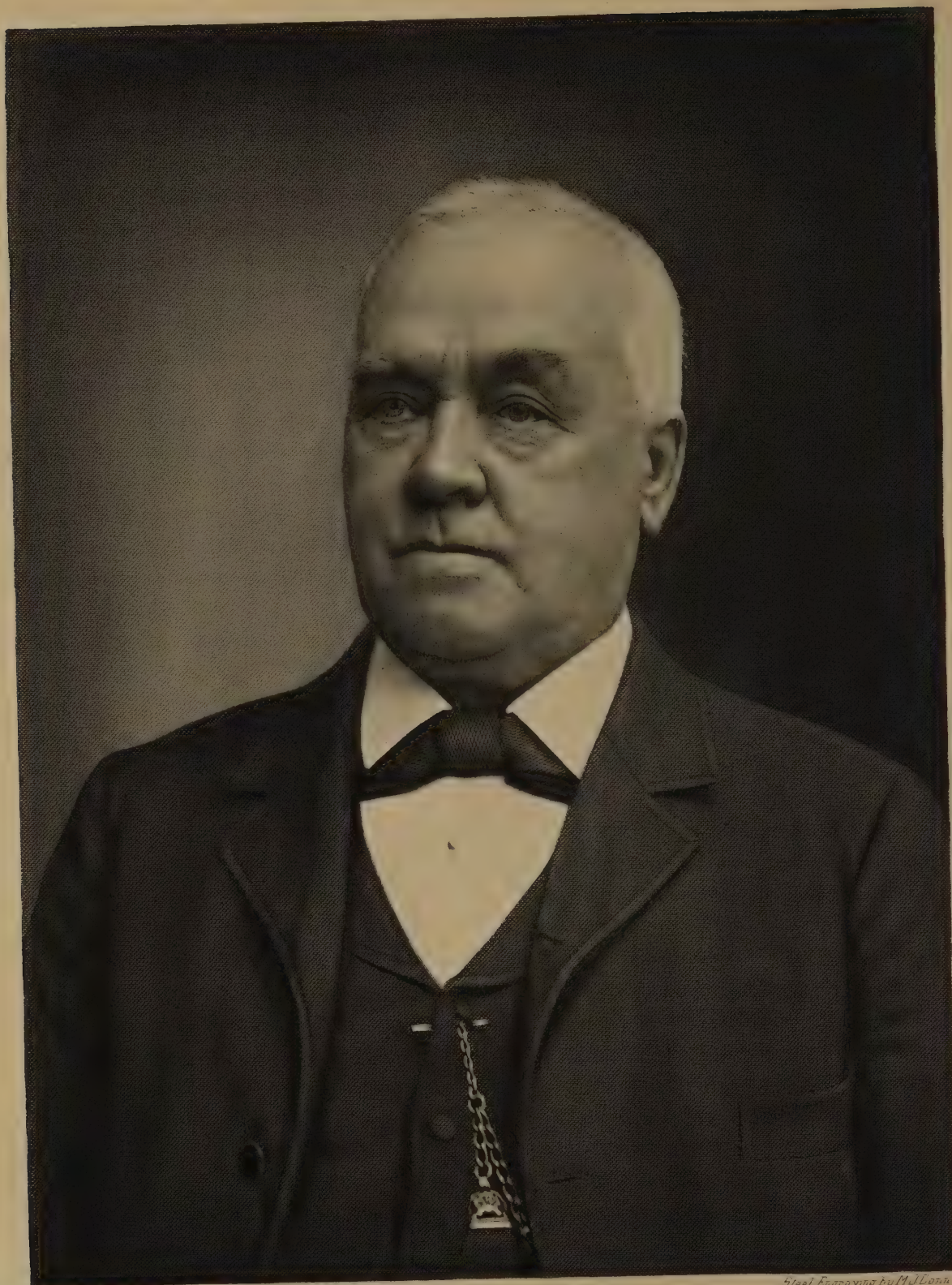
On July 19, 1923, at Meadville, Pennsylvania, Mr. Hedley married (first) Georgie Hazel (Kurtz) Jones, daughter of George and Annis Kurtz and mother of one child, Ruth Annis Jones, born of her first marriage. She died in 1930. On May 29, 1934, Mr. Hedley married (second) Dorothy M. Moore, of Venango County. They have one son, Edward Miskin Hedley, born on August 25, 1935.

AUGUSTINE SNOWDEN KARNS—Half a century ago, Augustine Snowden Karns entered the transfer and storage business, an enterprise which has become under his leadership one of the established institutions in Franklin's business life. As president and owner of S. T. Karns' Sons Company, he has maintained the highest standards of service, manifesting a breadth of outlook and executive capacity which have enabled him to bring his organization to a top rank among similar companies in northwest Pennsylvania. At the same time he has made a real contribution to the progress of Franklin, both in business and civic affairs.

Mr. Karns was born on August 27, 1857, in Cranberry Township, Venango County. He is a son of Samuel T. and Sarah (Frawley) Karns and representative of a family established in this county a century and a quarter ago, when Mrs. Anna Karns, widow of Henry Karns, lived in Richland Township with her nine sons and one daughter.

Augustine Snowden Karns was still a young boy when he moved to Franklin with his parents in 1864. He was educated in the local public schools and assumed the active responsibilities of life at an early age, selling papers as a newsboy on the old Jamestown & Franklin Railroad. He was the first to obtain the privilege on this line. Afterward he launched his business career with the Franklin mercantile firm of J. and R. W. Woodburn, in which he eventually became a junior partner and so continued for twelve years. In 1884, with his father and his brother, Samuel Karns, he established a wholesale notion business, which was conducted for six years under the





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John Lee,

name of G. S. Karns & Company. When they were burned out by a disastrous fire in 1890, the partners turned to a new field, entering the transfer and storage business in which A. S. Karns has been engaged ever since. He became sole owner of the enterprise at his father's death in 1904, purchasing all outstanding interests, and in 1907 incorporated the business as the S. T. Karns Sons Company. During the intervening years he has been president of the company, and his youngest son, Frederick P. Karns, has been vice-president and general manager. Their joint efforts have built up an organization well equipped to handle expeditiously the large volume of business which the company enjoys. An extensive fleet of motor trucks is in daily operation and the corporation's brick storage warehouse, measuring eighty by two hundred feet in dimensions, has every facility for storing and handling freight and goods of all kinds, together with the most modern equipment. The many demands upon the company's services reflect the unexcelled reputation which it enjoys in its field.

Mr. Karns, who has adopted the highest standards in his own business and has worked tirelessly to maintain them, has brought the same qualities to his numerous activities as a civic leader. During his long career at Franklin he has given most generously of his time and effort, as well as his means, to promote the development of the city and its civic progress. Mr. Karns was largely responsible for the organization of the Franklin Home Building & Loan Association and served as vice-president from the time of its inception. He has supported the useful institutions of his community on all occasions and in 1925 was one of the most active members of the executive committee for the celebration of Franklin's "Old Home Week." During the World War period, the responsibilities which he assumed in behalf of his country's cause were manifold and no man in the county contributed more to the war effort. Among his principal interests at that time were his services as chairman of the Venango County Fuel Administration; as county director of transportation for the Council of National Defense; chairman of transportation for the Liberty Loan County Committee; secretary of the Financial Committee of the Franklin Chapter, American Red Cross; and a member of the Permanent Committee for the solicitation of funds for war purposes.

Mr. Karns is affiliated fraternally with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and is also a member of the Knights of Honor, the Franklin Club, the Franklin Rotary Club and the Wanango Country Club. A leading Baptist layman of Franklin, he is a deacon of the First Baptist Church and served for many years as a member of the board of trustees of his church.

In 1881, Augustine Snowden Karns married (first) Florence A. Kribbs, of Knox, who died on May 10, 1909. They became the parents of five children: 1. Benton K., who married Rose Brecht and has three children: Ann Catherine; Monica Florence, who married Francis Mc-Millan and has one son, Francis, Jr.; and Margaret Josephine. 2. Lillian E., a dietitian, who served for two years at the United States Army Base Hospital in France during the World War and is now chief dietitian at the Department of Justice Medical Center in Springfield, Missouri. 3. Frederick P., who is associated with his father in business. During the World War he was captain of Company F, 15th United States Engineers, serving for two years in France, and now holds a commission as major in the United States Army Engineers Reserve Corps. 4. Edith S., who married Dr. F. V. Lichtenfels, of Pittsburgh, and has one son, Frederick V., Jr. 5. Ruth C.

In 1910 Augustine Snowden Karns married (second) Lillian Collins, youngest daughter of Thomas and Rose Ann (Major) Collins and an active associate in the S. T. Karns Sons Company. Born in Franklin and educated in the public schools of the city, she entered the employ of the S. T. Karns Company in 1898, the year following her graduation from high school. Since that time she has participated in the operation of the company. When it was incorporated in 1907 she was elected a member of its board of directors, afterwards became secretary and is now secretary-treasurer of the company. Like her husband, Mrs. Karns has many civic and community interests outside the realm of business and achieved a notable record of service during the World War, when she was county chairman of the Venango County Food Conservation Committee and secretary of the Venango County Liberty Loan Committee. She is an active worker in St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church, of which she has been a member since girlhood. She has been a member of the executive board of the Franklin Chapter, American Red Cross since it was organized, serving in recent years as its secretary. Mr. and Mrs. Karns reside at Miller Park in Franklin, where the hospitality of their home has long been celebrated among their friends and acquaintances.

THE LEE FAMILY—John Lee was born May 6, 1828, in Oldham, Lancashire, England, son of Jeremiah and Nancy (Jackson) Lee, both of whom spent their lives in that country. John Lee grew up there, learned the hatter's trade in young manhood, and later took up weaving as an occupation, so continuing until September, 1854. At that time he came to the United States, and, settling in Sharon, Pennsylvania, went to work for the Sharon Iron

Company. Until 1856 he continued in the employ of that organization. Then he began working in the coal mines in Hickory Township, Mercer County, so serving until 1864. He then entered the grocery business on his own account in Sharon in partnership with James Beveridge, the two men forming the firm of Lee & Beveridge. He soon purchased his partner's interest, however, and became sole owner of the enterprise, carrying on the business successfully until 1874, when he sold it to his son and retired from his active endeavors. For the rest of his life, which came to a close in 1902, he devoted his attention to overseeing the rather large holdings that he had acquired in connection with the family estate. Mr. Lee was a Republican and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Protestant Episcopal Church. He did much to support the cause of education, and was justly proud of his family and children. His life should prove an inspiration, not only to our own generation, but to the generations of the future. John Lee married Ann Martin, a native of Oldham also. He was the father of three children: William, Nancy, and Mary Lee.

William Lee was born September 14, 1850, in England, and was four years of age when his family came to the New World in 1854. He grew to manhood in Sharon, where they settled, and in early boyhood began work in the coal mines of Hickory Township, Mercer County. In 1864 his father started a grocery store in Sharon, and William Lee assisted him as a clerk until 1873. In that year he started his own independent grocery business, which he sold four years later, in 1877, when he revisited his native land. In 1878 he returned once more to America, and lived in Sharon until 1882. In that year he removed to Philadelphia, where he resided for a year. At the conclusion of that period he came again to Sharon, where he was a clerk until 1887. In that year he formed a partnership with D. A. Clepper under the firm name of Lee & Clepper, operating as a wholesale grocery in the Carver Block. This partnership continued until March 1, 1888, when the firm was dissolved and Mr. Lee started his own store in the Lee Block, on East State Street. He continued in the grocery business until his retirement in 1910. He was a Prohibitionist in politics, active in many movements for the betterment of Sharon and this district of Pennsylvania, and a Presbyterian in religious faith along with the other members of his family. William Lee married, October 16, 1881, Isabella H. Jewett, a native of Providence, Rhode Island; they became the parents of two children: Mildred H. and Herbert M. Lee. William Lee died in 1934.

Mary and Nancy Lee, William Lee's two sisters, and daughters of John and Ann (Martin) Lee, have both taught school. Nancy Lee attended local schools and Sharon High School, the State Normal School at Edin-

boro, and the Philadelphia School of Art. Both Nancy and Mary taught for a year in Sharon schools and Mary for five years at the State Normal School, and also finished out terms in Nebraska and Montana schools. Since her father's death, in 1902, Mary Lee has been the executive head of the Lee estate, taking care of all the vast property of the family. She is a Prohibitionist, a member of the Prohibitionist party. Her sister, Nancy Lee, taught for a year in her early career. She attended public schools in Sharon and a girls' school in Cleveland, Ohio, and has long been regarded with affection by her many Sharon friends.

BRYAN HILL OSBORNE—In his long career in the law, all of it identified with Franklin, Pennsylvania, the late Bryan Hill Osborne was eminently successful. He likewise was prominent in community life and affairs, a director of companies, member of the council and mayor of the city, always a promoter of the best interests of the municipality and generous in his support of humanitarian projects and organizations.

Mr. Osborne was born in Franklin, August 10, 1858, son of the Rev. David C. Osborne and the former Arvilla Hill. As he came to school age, his father was filling a pastorate in Cleveland, Ohio, and it was in this city that the son obtained his elementary and high school education. He then matriculated at Ohio Wesleyan University, class of 1880, but left college before graduation to enter the offices of the law firm of S. P. McCalmont and James W. Osborn, in Franklin, Pennsylvania. Admitted to the bar in 1881, he engaged in a general practice of the law to his demise more than four decades later. He won a wide reputation for his knowledge of the fundamentals of his profession, his complete devotion to the interests of clients, and his constant endeavor to serve the cause of justice.

In the field of business Mr. Osborne was a director of the First National Bank of Franklin; of the Sibley Soap Company, the S. T. Karns Company, and the East End Water Company, being secretary of the latter corporation. An exemplary citizen, working always to further the progress and betterment of Franklin, he had the honor of being elected a member of the Board of Councilmen many times, was mayor in 1896 and in 1903-04-05 represented this district in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. His mayoralty was marked by many improvements in municipal affairs; during his work as a law-maker, he sponsored and supported many progressive legislative measures. He was president of the board of trustees of the Franklin Hospital, and a trustee of the State Hospital for the Insane, at Warren, Pennsylvania. His religious affiliations were with the Protestant Epis-

copal Church, of which he was a vestryman for many years.

On December 11, 1889, Bryan Hill Osborne married Stella V. Mitchell, daughter of Forster W. and Laura M. (Wilson) Mitchell, of Franklin. Mr. and Mrs. Osborne were the parents of a daughter: Geraldine, who married, June 16, 1917, Frederick Studebaker Fish, of South Bend, Indiana, and they have two children: i. Frederick S., Jr. ii. Geraldine O.

Mrs. Bryan Hill Osborne is an excellent business woman in her own right. For a number of years she operated the favorably known Exchange Hotel of interesting history. It was built in 1869 by Messrs. Plumer & Mitchell. In 1883 the hostelry came under the sole ownership of Mr. Mitchell. Its registers contain the names of notables in all walks of life—Presidents, such as General Ulysses S. Grant, prominent officials in Nation and State governments, visitors from abroad, actors and actresses, members of all the professions, an array of names that recalls the annals of Franklin over a period of more than seventy years.

The death of Mr. Osborne on March 15, 1924, was mourned as the passing of one of the outstanding citizens and professional men of Franklin. Throughout his career he enjoyed an exceptional reputation for devotion to the law, civic affairs and humanitarian activities. His sterling character, innate kindliness and helpfulness of the young and old of his generation, made him greatly admired and loved.

MARY MABON, M. D.—Recognized in the medical fraternity for her outstanding ability, Dr. Mary Mabon has established an excellent practice in Franklin, where she is widely known and is intensely interested in the people, institutions and history of the district.

Dr. Mabon was born September 4, 1896, at West Fairfield, Pennsylvania, daughter of Charles Thompson and Margaret (Luther) Mabon, of New Florence, Pennsylvania. Her father early became associated with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

Public schools at New Florence provided Mary Mabon's early formal education, and after graduation from Johnstown High School, at Johnstown, this State, she became a student at Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio. In 1936 she took the degree of Doctor of Medicine at the Women's Medical College of Philadelphia, after which she had postgraduate work at the Philadelphia Lying-in Hospital. Her first service along scientific lines was that of aiding her country at the Chemical Warfare Experimental Station in Washington, District of Columbia, during the World War period. In 1920 she became laboratory technician to Dr. E. O.

Adams, of Cleveland, Ohio. With Dr. Adams' help and under his advice, Dr. Mabon took her pre-medical course, though her circumstances were such that she had to take her classes in the evenings and it required six years for her to finish her studies, up to the time of her entering medical school. After graduation from the Women's Medical College of Philadelphia, Dr. Mabon served an internship at Passavant Hospital, in Pittsburgh. It was in 1937 that she came to Franklin to begin her active practice of medicine. Her work here is of a general character, covering all branches of her profession, though she plans to specialize increasingly in pediatrics and obstetrics.

In addition to carrying on her own private practice, Dr. Mabon is chief of the Pre-Natal and Tuberculosis Clinic at Franklin Hospital. She is highly regarded in Franklin, though at the time of writing she is comparatively a newcomer here. She belongs to the Venango County Medical Society and the National Medical sorority of Zeta Phi, in which she joined Beta Chapter, in Philadelphia, during her student days. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

JULIUS FRENCH MILLER—Julius French Miller, although trained to the profession of law, has devoted the greater part of his career to executive responsibilities in business. As an officer of the Galena-Signal Oil Company for a quarter of a century, he became a well-known figure in the oil and railroad industries. His present major interest is the General Manifold & Printing Company at Franklin, of which he is president and general manager. As commercial and railway printers and manufacturers of duplicating carbonized printed forms, this concern is one of the largest of its kind.

Mr. Miller was born on November 13, 1883, son of General Charles Miller and Ann Adelaide (Sibley) Miller. His father, who was born in Alsace of French stock, came to this country in early life and in 1869 established the Galena-Signal Oil Company. His mother, whose ancestors came to this country from England in 1629, was a sister of Joseph Crocker Sibley, for many years a representative from Pennsylvania in the United States Congress.

Julius French Miller received his preparatory education in private and public schools and after his graduation from high school at Franklin in 1901 entered Yale University. Here he prepared for the profession of law and was graduated from the Law School in 1905, taking the degree of Bachelor of Laws. In the same year he was admitted to practice in Connecticut and subsequently was admitted to the bars of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania and the United States Supreme Court at Washington, District of Columbia.

In 1907 Mr. Miller was elected secretary of the Galena-Signal Oil Company, founded by his father almost forty years earlier. This successful company over a long period supplied lubricants to a very large percentage of the railroads of the United States and Canada. At a later date Mr. Miller was elected treasurer of the company and an officer and director of its various foreign and domestic subsidiaries. Through a reorganization which brought into existence the Galena Oil Corporation, the foreign interests and some of the domestic subsidiaries were disposed of. Mr. Miller became secretary and treasurer of the successor company, the Galena Oil Corporation, and continued in these offices until 1932, when the assets and business were absorbed by the Valvoline Oil Company. Up to that time he had devoted his principal attention for a quarter of a century to his executive duties with the Galena interests, a connection which made him widely known in the oil industry, where his attainments always won him respect. Mr. Miller was also associated, however, with the management of other enterprises, among them the General Manifold & Printing Company at Franklin, of which he became vice-president and director. In 1932 he was elected president of this company to succeed the late Clifford Barnard, and has since served as its executive head. Large responsibilities are involved because of the extent of the business. The qualifications which Mr. Miller brings to the leadership of the company are reflected in the following estimate:

His ability to organize, direct and promote business and secure efficiency in operations are well recognized; his keen judgment, foresight and legal training have proven of inestimable value, and made him one of the foremost executives and citizens of his home city.

In addition to his connection with the General Manifold & Printing Company, Mr. Miller is vice-president, secretary and director of the Lake Erie, Franklin & Clarion Railroad Company, in whose management he is active. He was one of the organizers of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce and has participated in many other community enterprises and institutions, among them the Rotary Club, of which he is past president. Mr. Miller is also a member of the Franklin Club and the Wanango Country Club, as well as the Yale Club of New York City. He is a member and trustee of the First Baptist Church of Franklin.

In 1914 he married Ethel Helen Nicklas, of New York City. They are the parents of one son, Jay French, born on July 4, 1922.

DONOVAN CARLISLE BLANCHARD, M. D.

—Recognized as one of Franklin's leading citizens and professional men, Dr. Donovan Carlisle Blanchard is

active in hospital work and a variety of activity related to his labors as a medical practitioner.

Dr. Blanchard was born November 12, 1902, in Meadville, Pennsylvania, son of Judson Lee and Helena (Ferrer) Blanchard. His father, a graduate of the University of Chattanooga, at Chattanooga, Tennessee, was a master mechanic, and also held the degree of Bachelor of Laws.

Public schools of Meadville, his birthplace, provided Donovan Carlisle Blanchard's early education, and he later took the degree of Bachelor of Science at Allegheny College here, in the class of 1925. For his medical studies he went to Western Reserve University, in Cleveland, Ohio, where he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1929. There followed a postgraduate course at the Cook County Graduate School of Medicine, in Chicago, Illinois. Dr. Blanchard served an internship at St. Vincent's Hospital, in Erie, in 1929 and 1930, and in 1930 began his private practice of medicine in Franklin. Here he specializes in general surgery. In his ten years of practice in Franklin he has become one of his community's most respected men, active in a wide variety of civic affairs.

He is today chief of staff of Franklin Hospital, and is widely known and honored for his medical work. He is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. Active in educational circles as a member of the Franklin School Board, he also belongs to the Kiwanis Club and other civic groups, as well as to the Venango County Medical Society, of which he was elected president, and to the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. In the Free and Accepted Masons, Dr. Blanchard holds the thirty-second degree of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and has numerous other affiliations, and he also belongs to the Beta Upsilon college fraternity and to Kappa Chapter of the Phi Rho Sigma medical fraternity. He has also interested himself in military activities, and is a first lieutenant in the Medical Reserve Corps, 395th Infantry Regiment, Third Corps Area. He belongs to the Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Donovan Carlisle Blanchard married, February 2, 1930, in Cleveland, Ohio, Dorothy Irene Siprelle, daughter of Harry A. and Dolly (Hoflick) Siprelle, of that city. Mrs. Blanchard is active in the auxiliary of the county medical society and is a member also of the Franklin Woman's Club and other local organizations. The children of Dr. and Mrs. Blanchard are: 1. Marilyn Lee Blanchard, born December 8, 1932. 2. Donovan C. Blanchard, born December 11, 1936.

Dr. Blanchard is one of his profession's well beloved members, and is a highly respected member of the Franklin community. In leisure time he enjoys hunting, fishing and the out-of-doors, and is fond of his favorite hobby, which is cabinetmaking.





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WILLIAM JAMES STEPHENS—The contribution of William James Stephens to the business and financial life of Titusville has been a valuable one, rich in its usefulness to the city. He is now engaged in oil production here and is chairman of the board of directors of the Second National Bank.

Mr. Stephens was born July 7, 1858, in Clyde, New York, son of George and Anne (Draper) Stephens. His father, who was born in Worcestershire, England, and died in Titusville, Pennsylvania, learned the cooper's trade in his native land, continuing in this work after his advent to the New World. It was just after his marriage that he brought his bride to America and settled in Clyde, New York, later removing to Vienna, that State. Still later he removed to Garland, Pennsylvania, where he became foreman in a cooperage shop. Then, removing to Petroleum Center, Pennsylvania, he became interested in oil operations from both the production and refining sides. Later he was similarly engaged in Titusville, and he also was interested in oil-producing properties in Ohio. A Democrat in his political views, he was a member and liberal supporter of St. James' Episcopal Church, in Titusville. His wife, William J. Stephens' mother, Mrs. Anne (Draper) Stephens, was born in the Lancaster district of England, and died in Titusville, Pennsylvania.

Public schools of Petroleum Center provided the early formal education of William James Stephens, who also studied at the South Side Normal School in Oil City. There he obtained his certificate to teach school. Then he took a bookkeeping course at Duff's Business College, in Pittsburgh. For two years he was associated in the oil business with his father. Then he became connected with the Bradford National Bank and so continued for a number of years. Next his father placed him in charge of a lumber and stave factory in Clarion County, where he remained for several years. Then he became a partner with his father in the firm of George Stephens & Company, in Greenup, Kentucky, where he was engaged in the stave and lumber business for seven or eight years. There he met his wife and was married.

Afterward he removed to Portsmouth, Ohio, where as a partner with his father he operated a stave mill for two years, until his father's death. William James Stephens then returned to Titusville, engaging in oil production and cooperage work. Later he devoted his attention entirely to oil production, in which he is still active. For some years he was president of the Second National Bank of Titusville, of which he is now chairman of the board of directors.

A Democrat in his political views, William J. Stephens is nonetheless an independent voter. At one time he served on the city council of Titusville, acting as president of its common branch. He belongs to the Free and Accepted

Masons, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and has interested himself in the Protestant Episcopal Church.

William J. Stephens married, September 4, 1888, at Argenton, Kentucky, Agnes M. Du Puy, born in 1864 at Greenup, Kentucky, died at St. Petersburg, Florida, while visiting there in April, 1936. She was the daughter of Bertram and Ann Du Puy, natives of Greenup and farmers there for many years until their death. William J. and Agnes M. (Du Puy) Stephens became the parents of the following children: 1. George Albert Stephens, who drowned at the age of twenty-two years; he was a graduate of the Staunton Military Academy, at Staunton, Virginia. 2. Frank C. Stephens, who died in 1936, an oil producer, active in the World War; he married Helen Gahan, of Titusville, who survived him. 3. Marion E. Stephens, wife of C. E. Sterrett, vineyardist, of Dunkirk, New York. 4. Florence E. Stephens, wife of the Rev. N. G. Nicola, a clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church, now pastor of a Ravenna parish, at Ravenna, Ohio; they have two children: Joan and William S. Nicola.

GEORGE MALONEY O'HORA—Engaged in the practice of law in Franklin, George Maloney O'Hora is recognized as one of the professional leaders of his community and as a substantial contributor to his city, its people and its institutions.

Mr. O'Hora was born December 20, 1899, in Franklin, Pennsylvania, son of Henry and Mary Ann (Collins) O'Hora. His father, who served from 1935 to 1939 as Venango County auditor, is now retired from his active endeavors.

George Maloney O'Hora attended the Sacred Heart Academy, at Franklin, and Franklin High School, then became a student at the University of Michigan, in Ann Arbor, Michigan, where he was graduated in 1923 as a Bachelor of Arts. He received his training in the law with the firm of Hasting and Adleman, Franklin lawyers, and in 1928 was admitted to the bar. Admitted to practice in the Venango County bar, the Pennsylvania Superior Court, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court and the United States District Court of Western Pennsylvania, Mr. O'Hora began his active practice of law in 1928 in Franklin, here continuing until 1937, when he became assistant legal counsel for the General State Authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the position that he held continuously until 1940. In that year he returned to Franklin and resumed the private practice of law in this city.

Here remaining down to the time of writing, Mr. O'Hora is a staunch Democrat and a leader in public affairs. Fraternally he is connected with the Benevolent

and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Columbus, and in the Knights of Columbus is a Past Grand Knight and Past District Deputy. He belongs to St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, of Franklin.

NORMAN KING BEALS, M. D.—Engaged in the practice of medicine in Franklin, Dr. Norman King Beals occupies a position of leadership and standing in his profession, and is highly respected and honored in every quarter in which he is known.

Dr. Beals was born April 9, 1903, in Bays, Ohio, son of Harry C. and Effie A. (King) Beals. His father, who is now deceased, was a farmer and an oil producer.

Country schools in Richland Township, Venango County, provided Dr. Beals' early formal education, and he then became a student at Emlenton High School, in Emlenton. Afterward he studied at Allegheny College, in Meadville, Pennsylvania, where he was graduated as a Bachelor of Arts in 1929. He took his medical work at Temple University, Philadelphia, and there was graduated as a Doctor of Medicine in 1933. He had his internship in five hospitals in New England: Memorial Hospital, Pawtucket, Rhode Island, for one year; Chapin Hospital, Providence, Rhode Island, six months; Taunton State Hospital, Taunton, Massachusetts, one year; Truesdale Hospital, Fall River, Massachusetts, six months; and Boston City Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts, one year. In 1934 Dr. Beals took the State Board examination in Rhode Island, taking similar examinations in 1935 with the National Medical Board and in 1936 from the boards in Massachusetts and Pennsylvania. Passing these examinations has enabled Dr. Beals to practice medicine in the forty-eight states, and he is justly proud of his achievement along these lines. It was in 1936 that Dr. Beals started his professional practice in Franklin, where he proceeded to build up a lucrative practice. At the time of writing he is specializing more and more in surgical cases, planning gradually to confine his work to this realm.

In addition to his private practice, Dr. Beals is a member of the staff of Franklin Hospital and of the State Clinic in Oil City. He has served as medical director of Venango County and as medical director of Grand View Sanitarium in Oil City. Dr. Beals is a member of the Venango County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the American Medical Association and a junior candidate for the American College of Surgeons. In the county society he is active on various committees and is chairman of the child health committee. Recognized as one of Franklin's successful younger physicians, he has built up a substantial clientele and is widely and favorably known in his community. He has taken a particularly active rôle in its civic and social life as a

member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and other organized groups, and is a charter member of the Phi Rho Sigma society of Temple University and the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity at Allegheny College.

In Cambridge, Massachusetts, in 1929, Dr. Norman King Beals married Alice Silva, daughter of Joseph and Palmira (Gonsalves) Silva. The following are the children of this marriage: 1. Norman King Beals, Jr., born in January, 1934, in Pawtucket, Rhode Island. 2. David Richard Beals, born in May, 1938, in Franklin. 3. Daniel Philemon Beals, born in December, 1939, in Franklin.

KARL MONROE RUSSELL—As superintendent of schools at Franklin, Karl Monroe Russell is administrative head of the city's educational system. He has devoted his entire career to education and came to his present position after wide experience in his profession.

Mr. Russell was born in Guys Mills, Crawford County, son of Charles and Zora Russell. His father was a merchant there. After completing his preliminary education in the public schools of Randolph Township, he entered Pennsylvania State College and was graduated from that institution with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Subsequently he took the degree of Master of Education at the University of Pittsburgh. Meanwhile, his professional career was well under way. Upon his return to Crawford County, he was appointed teacher in the rural schools of Randolph Township, Crawford County, and afterward served as principal of the high schools at East Springfield, in Erie County, and at Blooming Valley, in Crawford County. His next appointment took him to the East Fallowfield Consolidated School in Crawford County, of which he was supervising principal until he came to Franklin. In this city Mr. Russell served originally as principal of Franklin High School. His successful record led to his assumption of wider responsibilities as superintendent of schools, the office he now holds.

Mr. Russell is a member of several professional associations and is affiliated fraternally with the Masonic Order. He is also a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, the Kiwanis Club and the Franklin Young Men's Christian Association. In religious faith he is a Methodist.

He married, at Wesleyville, Erie County, Orma Gray, now deceased, a daughter of Z. N. and Carrie Gray.

FLEMING B. CRISWELL—The rôle that Fleming B. Criswell has played in the business life of Emlenton has been a significant one, which has brought him wide respect and admiration; and he now conducts a completely new and well-equipped funeral home, the





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largest and finest of its kind in this part of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Criswell was born November 8, 1880, in Venango County, Pennsylvania, son of Silas and Lucinda (Reath) Criswell and a nephew of Judge George S. Criswell. His family is an old and honorable one. His father before him was a funeral director and furniture merchant, and for twenty-five years served as a justice of the peace in Richland Township, Emlenton Borough and in Mercer, Mercer County, Pennsylvania.

Public schools of Richland Township provided Fleming B. Criswell's early formal education, and after he completed his studies at Emlenton Business College he purchased a furniture and hardware business. He later became a student at the Pittsburgh School of Embalming, where he was graduated in 1904. In 1904 Mr. Criswell, with his father, started Silas Criswell & Son, furniture and undertaking business. In 1909 he purchased his father's interest, though he continued at the same time the furniture and undertaking business until 1931. In that year he disposed of the store and devoted his time entirely to the funeral home. In addition to all his other undertakings, Mr. Criswell held, from 1915 to 1928, the agency for the Ford, Buick, Hudson and Essex automobiles. Gradually his funeral home assumed a central position in his interests, however, and in 1939 he laid the corner stone for a new and up-to-date funeral home, which was completed October 17, 1940, and which is without doubt one of the finest of its kind in this part of the country. Mr. Criswell has installed in it the latest equipment, including an embalming laboratory.

He belongs to the Butler County Funeral Directors' Association, the Western Pennsylvania Funeral Directors' Association and the National Funeral Directors' Association. Politically he is a Republican. He belongs to the Presbyterian Church, and he and his family are not only active in church work, but occupy a position of leadership and respect in Emlenton's social life.

Fleming B. Criswell married, March 22, 1905, in Knox, Pennsylvania, Hattie Catharine May, daughter of John and Florence (Beisel) May, of Clarion County. Her father and mother are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Criswell became the parents of the following children: 1. Bessie M. Criswell, born May 16, 1907, engaged in teaching in a school in Emlenton at the time of writing. 2. Robert F. Criswell, born August 8, 1910, a licensed funeral director, associated with his father in business; he married Rebecca Coe, of Oil City, Pennsylvania. 3. Mary Margaret Criswell, born December 3, 1912, wife of James Davis, baseball pitcher for the New York "Yankees," and mother of two children: Kathryn and Margaret Louise Davis, born March 22, 1936, and February 20, 1940, respectively.

JAMES DUFUR BERRY, Sr.—Representing the second generation of a family which has long been prominent in the Pennsylvania oil industry, James Dufur Berry, Sr., continued and expanded the family interests originated by his father. He was active in all phases of the industry, in which the constructive influence of his leadership was widely felt, and until the time of his death served as president of the James B. Berry Sons' Company and as vice-president of the Quaker State Oil Refining Corporation.

Mr. Berry, who was one of Oil City's first citizens, was born here on September 17, 1878, son of James Benard and Abbie M. (Dufur) Berry. His father, a pioneer independent oil jobber and marketer, was born in Blair County on November 5, 1841, son of Michael Berry, a public official and executor of several large estates, and Susan (Blake) Berry. James B. Berry spent his boyhood at Rebecca Furnace, near Roaring Springs and first came to Oil City in 1869. In his youth he was employed as bookkeeper at various furnaces, spent some time in the service of the Pennsylvania Railway at Hollidaysburg and subsequently became manager of the Aetna Furnace near Altoona. After his arrival in Oil City he became associated with the firm of McElroy & Boulton, wholesale and retail coal dealers, with whom he began as bookkeeper. Eventually he became owner of this business and conducted it successfully until 1884. With the introduction of natural gas for fuel, Mr. Berry disposed of his coal business and entered other fields. Forming a connection with the Union Refining Company, he acquired experience in the refining branch of the oil industry and subsequently entered business on his own account as a partner in the Astral Oil Refining Company. From that time until his death in 1908, the oil industry absorbed his entire attention.

James B. Berry was one of the first independent oil jobbers in the country and devoted much time to the development of oil-producing territory. He built up an extensive general wholesale business in the selling of oil and its products and eventually consolidated his interests in the organization now known as the James B. Berry Sons' Company, oil producers and dealers, having wide connections with many of the large manufacturers and refiners of the country. In the conduct of this enterprise, his sons, James Dufur Berry and Charles Dufur Berry, succeeded him. James B. Berry was not only a leader in the oil industry, but was prominent in the general life of Oil City, his home for almost forty years. He served on a number of occasions in the city council, was president of both its branches and whether in public or private life was always influential in affairs of the community. For some twenty years he was a trustee of the Second Presbyterian Church and over a long period was a member of the principal social and fraternal organizations of the

city. He died on May 15, 1908, after a long and useful career which brought him honor as well as success.

James B. Berry married, on November 14, 1875, Abbie M. Dufur, daughter of John R. and Sarah (Gibbs) Dufur and member of an old New England family established at Franklin about 1870. Mr. and Mrs. Berry became the parents of three children: Florence A., who married Howard H. Lowrie; James Dufur, of this record; and Charles Dufur.

James Dufur Berry received a public school education and at an early age became associated with his father in the oil business. He was trained to large responsibilities, assumed them while he was still a young man and carried them with conspicuous credit throughout his career. In doing so he won a high place in the production, refining and marketing of oil. After two years spent in the jobbing end of the business with the Standard Oil Company of Kentucky, beginning in 1898, Mr. Berry returned to Oil City and again resumed his place in his father's business. Upon the death of James B. Berry in 1908, James D. Berry and his brother, Charles D. Berry, established a partnership under the name of James B. Berry Sons' Company and continued the business. It was incorporated in 1908 and with passing years developed steadily, under sound and enterprising management.

James D. Berry served as its head until his death. He was for many years one of the national leaders in the independent oil jobbing industry and had large production interests, centering in the Venango County fields, where he operated numerous wells. "He had," as it was written of him, "a keen and practical knowledge of all phases of the oil industry and for years had ranked as a leader in the various fields in which his endeavors carried him. He was widely known in the industry throughout the country." Of the contributions made by Mr. Berry and other members of his family to the Pennsylvania oil industry, the "Oil City Derrick" wrote at his death:

The debt which the Pennsylvania oil industry owes to the Berry family is indeed a great one. They were among the first to recognize the especial qualities of the crude which has given the world the best motor oil ever manufactured. Through their own and the great Quaker State organization, of which they are a highly integral part, they marketed this oil all over the Americas and established branches in the leading capitals of Europe. Much of their success is attributable to the wise and skillful leadership of James D. Berry.

Mr. Berry's connection with the Quaker State Oil Refining Corporation was a long one and as vice-president he played a leading rôle in shaping and executing its policies. He was also for many years a director of the Oil City National Bank. Like his father, Mr. Berry always recognized and fully met the obligations of a good citizen to his community and in innumerable ways con-

tributed to its civic progress and the development of its institutions. His judgment was valued by his fellow-townsmen and his influence was always felt as a beneficial force.

Mr. Berry was prominent in the Masonic Order, in which he was affiliated with all higher bodies of both York and Scottish rites, including the Commandery, Knights Templar, and the Consistory, thirty-second degree. He was active socially as a member of many clubs and was a lifelong member of the Second Presbyterian Church of Oil City.

On December 6, 1911, he married Helen Caroline Robinson, daughter of Samuel Truby and Emma Jane (Leonard) Robinson, of Parker, Pennsylvania, and a graduate of Birmingham School in this State. Mrs. Berry is a descendant of one of America's oldest and most distinguished families, tracing her ancestry to the Rev. John Robinson, who was born in one of the Midland counties of England (probably Lincolnshire) in 1575, was graduated from Cambridge University, England, with the degree of Master of Arts in 1599, began to preach at Norfolk and in 1608 went to Amsterdam, Holland. In 1609 he became pastor of the Pilgrim Church at Leyden, where he died on February 19, 1625. He married Bridget White and among their children was Isaac Robinson, who came to New England in 1631 and was made a freeman of the Colony at Plymouth in 1633. Afterward he lived at Scituate, Barnstable, Falmouth, Tisbury (Martha's Vineyard) and again at Barnstable where he died. From him the line of descent is traced through Lieutenant Peter Robinson, his son; Peter Robinson, Jr., in the next generation; Experience Robinson, his son; Andrew Robinson; and Elisha Robinson, great-grandfather of Mrs. Berry. Elisha Robinson was born at Windham, Connecticut, in 1791 and as a young man, in 1814, removed to Pennsylvania, where he settled in Armstrong County. He acquired land holdings upon which oil was subsequently found in large quantities. Elisha Robinson married Elizabeth Rohrer, of Greenburg, member of a well-known Pennsylvania family, and their son, Elisha, Jr., one of ten children, succeeded his father in business. Elisha Robinson, Jr., was Mrs. Berry's grandfather. He married Caroline Truby, a descendant of Captain Christopher Truby, who distinguished himself by his service in the Revolutionary War and subsequently became one of the most influential men in western Pennsylvania. Among their children was Samuel Truby Robinson, who married Emma Jane Leonard. They were the parents of Mrs. Berry.

James Dufur and Helen Caroline (Robinson) Berry became the parents of one son, James Dufur Berry, Jr. (q. v.).

James D. Berry, Sr., died at his home in Oil City on April 1, 1941.

In an editorial appreciation of the career of one of the first citizens of the community, the "Oil City Derrick" wrote:

It is with the deepest sorrow that we chronicle the death of James D. Berry. He was president of the James B. Berry Sons' Company and vice-president of the Quaker State Oil Refining Corporation. In both capacities he was one of the leading industrial benefactors not only of Oil City but the entire Pennsylvania oil region. . . .

"Jim," as he was called affectionately by everyone who knew him, was the soul of affability, courtesy and good fellowship in the best meaning of these words. He never refused any request the community made upon him. At the same time he was careful and conservative, looking closely into the merits of every proposal which came before him and then applying to it a judgment invariably sound and judicious. He applied himself almost entirely to the oil business, in which he had become a master, and when some twenty or more years ago it looked as if the Pennsylvania region was doomed, the Berry family were among the leaders in its rehabilitation. This community has little realization of how much it owes to his family and particularly to "Jim."

Long illness had kept Mr. Berry from visiting his offices and from association with his friends, and his absence has been greatly felt. He was always cheerful, always smiling, always ready to lend a helping hand—a good man in all his private and business relationships and a grand citizen. The entire community will regard his death with a deep sense of personal loss.

JAMES DUFUR BERRY, Jr.—For three generations, the Berry family has been actively connected with the production, refining and marketing of Pennsylvania oil, and because of the importance of its holdings and numerous contributions to the progress of the industry, the family name has become virtually synonymous with the industry. James Dufur Berry, Jr., son and grandson of distinguished Pennsylvanians, now bears the responsibility for the management of the family interests as well as the direction of his own organization, the "D" Oil Company, of which he is founder and executive head.

Mr. Berry was born in Oil City, Pennsylvania, on March 25, 1914, son of James Dufur Berry, Sr. (q. v.) and Helen Caroline (Robinson) Berry. His grandfather, James B. Berry, born November 5, 1841, died March 15, 1908, was one of the pioneer independent oil jobbers in the country and the founder of the wide-spread interests later consolidated in the organization now known as the James B. Berry Sons' Company, oil producers and dealers. James D. Berry, Sr., who was born on September 17, 1878, capably directed and largely expanded the organization built by his father, James B. Berry, and like him did much to advance the Pennsylvania industry. At his death on April 1, 1941, he was president of the James B. Berry Sons' Company, Inc.; vice-president of the immense Quaker State Oil Refining Corporation of Oil City and a director of the Oil City National Bank. Both father and son were leading citizens of Oil City.

James D. Berry, Jr., the grandson, is not only a member of a notable Pennsylvania family, but through his mother, Helen Caroline (Robinson) Berry, is descended from one of New England's oldest families. In this line he traces his ancestry to the Rev. John Robinson, a graduate of Cambridge University, England, in 1599, and later pastor of the Pilgrim Church at Leyden, Holland, and to his son, Isaac Robinson, who came to the Pilgrim colony at Plymouth, Massachusetts, in 1631. Mr. Berry received his preliminary education in the public schools of Oil City and went from high school to the Hill School, in Pottstown, from which he was graduated in 1934. It was natural in view of family tradition that he should enter the oil industry and his interests have always centered in that industry. In establishing the "D" Oil Company, a producing organization, he demonstrated the enterprising spirit characteristic of his family and has since directed its operations as president and general manager. Mr. Berry is also a director of the Quaker State Oil Company and since his father's death on April 1, 1941, has taken over the administration of the widespread Berry interests in oil. Although he is a young man, his experience and record evidence his qualifications for the large responsibilities now devolving upon him.

Mr. Berry's activities center at Oil City, headquarters of his companies and his own place of residence. He is a member of the Wanango Country Club and the Second Presbyterian Church of Oil City, in which his father and grandfather were active, and finds his principal recreations in fishing, hunting and golf. In politics he is a Republican.

Mr. Berry married, on January 2, 1937, Helen Jean Holst, who was born in Titusville, Pennsylvania, daughter of Leo J. and Florence Gay (Critchlow) Holst. Mrs. Berry was educated in the Titusville public schools and the high school at Winter Haven, Florida, and later attended Maryland College for Women and Mary Baldwin College. Mr. and Mrs. Berry are the parents of two sons: James Dufur Berry, 3d, born August 20, 1938; and Michael Truby Berry, born February 28, 1941.

FREDERICK JAMES WILKINS—For many years, Frederick James Wilkins was active in the Venango County oil industry, which he entered as a young man and with which he was continuously associated until his death. Much of this period was spent in the service of the Rouseville Drilling Company, whose operations made him a widely known figure in the oil fields.

Mr. Wilkins was born at Petroleum Center, Pennsylvania, on November 30, 1872, son of Benton Wilkins, of Painesville, Ohio, and Rebecca (Brown) Wilkins, of Elmira, New York. In 1882, when he was ten years old, he moved with his parents to Rouseville, Pennsylvania, where he attended the public schools. After completing his

education in the schools of Oil City, he spent the years of his early manhood in railroad work, serving in various positions. After five years, however, he turned to drilling and then became associated with the Rouseville Drilling Company. An able and energetic man, he won a place for himself in the industry and retained his position in its ranks until the close of his career.

Mr. Wilkins was a Republican in politics and was affiliated fraternally with the Royal Arcanum, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Following the outbreak of the Spanish-American War, he enlisted in the United States Army and saw active service as a member of the 16th Pennsylvania Volunteers under Colonel Hulings. Although he never entered public life, Mr. Wilkins took an enlightened interest in community affairs and lent his support to all its useful institutions and enterprises. He was a Presbyterian in religious faith and with his family attended the First Presbyterian Church in Oil City.

On November 15, 1906, Frederick James Wilkins married Ella A. Tyler, daughter of Dr. William C. Tyler of Rouseville. They became the parents of two children: 1. Anne V., married Samuel J. Kirkwood, of Salina, an oil producer and manager of the Kirkwood estate. They have two children: Barbara Anne, born July 8, 1929; and James Tyler, born October 5, 1940. 2. William Tyler, born June 12, 1911, married Gertrude Young, of Rouseville. He is engaged in the oil business. Mrs. Wilkins, who survives her husband, lives in the home built by her father in Rouseville. She is a charter member and Past Matron and secretary of the Order of the Eastern Star and is a past president and secretary of the Ladies Aid Society of the Rouseville Methodist Church, of which she is an active member. She is also a former member of the Belles Lettres Club and during the World War was chairman of the Liberty Loan drives in her community.

Frederick James Wilkins died on December 16, 1936. He had the respect of the industry in which he spent the greater part of his life, the regard of associates and a secure place in the public esteem, won through a lifetime of probity and useful endeavor.

ROBERT M. DALE—Since 1930, Robert M. Dale has been engaged in the practice of law at Franklin. He has risen rapidly in his profession during the past decade and is today a well-known member of the Franklin bar.

Mr. Dale was born at Oil City on August 24, 1905, son of Maurice J. and Catherine (Moynihan) Dale. His father was formerly a producer in the Pennsylvania oil fields, but retired more than twenty years ago.

After the completion of his preliminary education, Robert M. Dale entered the University of Notre Dame

and subsequently became a student at the University of Pittsburgh, where he was awarded the degrees of Bachelor of Arts in 1927 and Bachelor of Laws in 1930. On September 15, 1930, he was admitted to practice in the Supreme and Superior courts of Pennsylvania and the courts of Venango County, and began the practice of his profession in Franklin. Until 1935 he was associated with G. G. Martin and from 1935 to 1940 was associated with Eugene Mackey. Mr. Dale's standing at the bar is reflected in the many demands upon his services and the importance and variety of his practice. In addition to these responsibilities he has served since 1935 as city solicitor of Franklin, frequently representing the city's interests in litigation in various courts. He is a member of the American, Pennsylvania State and Venango County Bar Association and a number of non-professional organizations, including the Franklin Chamber of Commerce, the Franklin Club, the Wanango Country Club and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in which he is a Past Exalted Ruler of Oil City Lodge. Mr. Dale is also affiliated with the Phi Kappa and Delta Theta Phi fraternities and the Order of Coif. He is a Republican in politics and a member of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church at Franklin. Progressive in outlook and energetic in meeting his varied responsibilities, he has won an influential place in Franklin life.

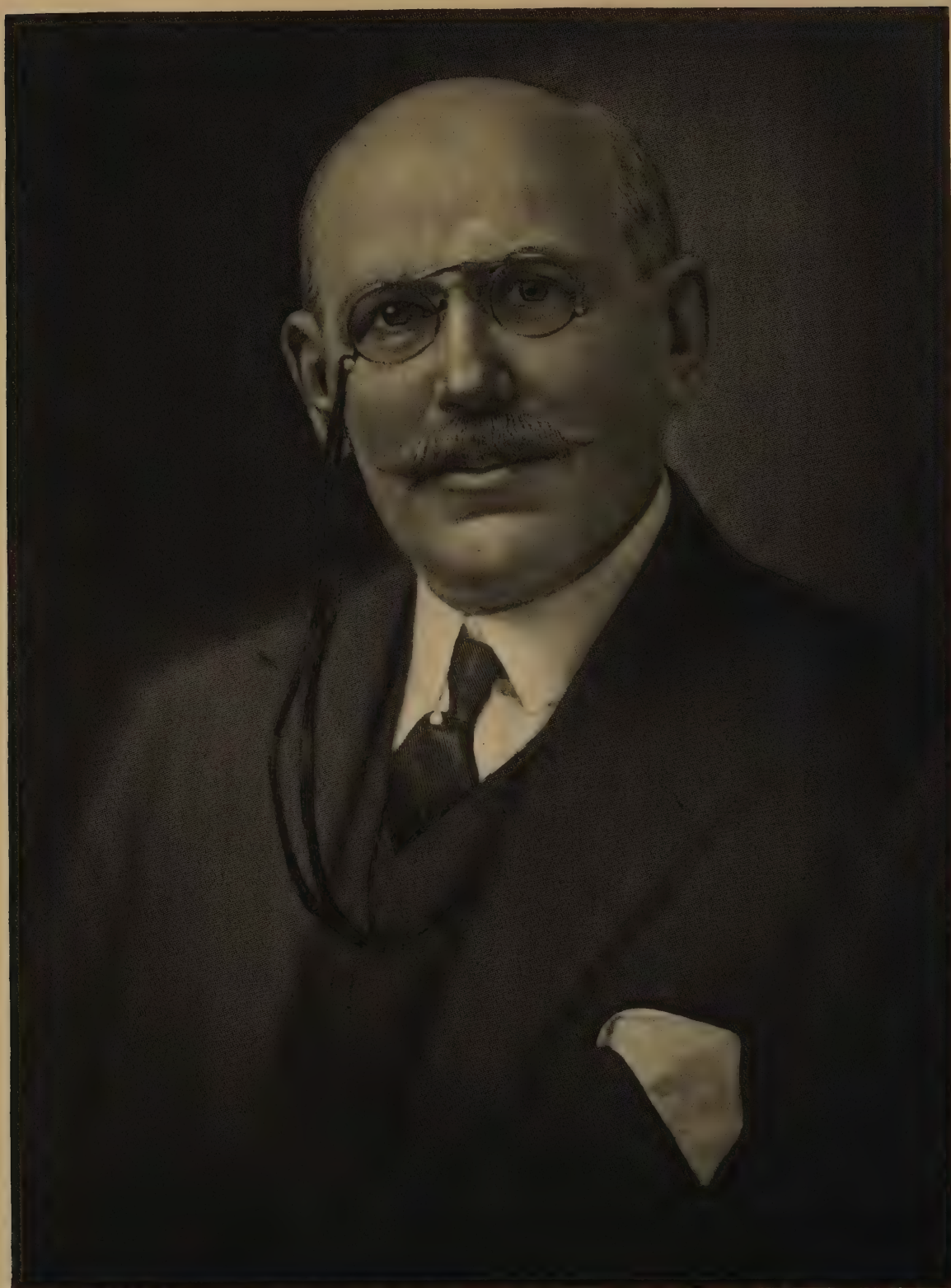
On November 30, 1932, Mr. Dale married Marie Beichner, daughter of Edward L. Beichner. They have two daughters: Kay Ann, born on July 6, 1934; and Angela, born on May 5, 1938.

JOSEPH ALEXANDER DOYLE, M. D.—Carrying on a private medical practice in Greenville, Dr. Joseph Alexander Doyle specializes in surgery and is a member of the staff of Greenville Hospital.

Dr. Doyle was born October 13, 1890, in West Salem Township, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, son of Joseph Alexander and Sadie (Cossitt) Doyle. His father, a physician in Homestead, died in 1919.

Joseph Alexander Doyle completed his preliminary education, then became a student at Thiel College, in Greenville, and at the University of Pittsburgh, where he took the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1918. He then served an internship at Mercy Hospital, Pittsburgh, and had postgraduate work at Chicago Hospital, in Chicago. When he received his medical degree, Dr. Doyle enlisted in the United States Navy in 1918 for World War service, joining the Medical Corps and receiving the junior lieutenant's commission. Assigned to transport duty, he had a course at the Naval Medical School, then was sent as a medical officer to the ship "Edgar F. Lukenbach." He received his honorable discharge from the navy in 1921 and returned to serve his internship at Mercy





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Hospital, Pittsburgh. He started his private practice in Greenville in 1922, and more and more specialized in surgery until much of his practice consisted of this work. He is a member of the staff of Greenville Hospital.

A Republican in politics, Dr. Doyle has served as a councilman in Greenville, holding this office from 1924 to 1926. He belongs to the Greenville Country Club and is a past president of the organization, and also is a member of the Iroquois Club and the Mercer County Sportsmen's Association and a Past Commander of the local American Legion post. He is a member of the Phi Beta Pi fraternity, at Pittsburgh, and is at the time of writing Exalted Ruler of his lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He has become affiliated with all bodies in both the York and Shrine of the Free and Accepted Masons. He belongs to the Protestant Episcopal Church. In short, he is interested in almost every phase of Greenville life, though, of course, he devotes his major attention to his medical practice, in which he is associated with Dr. Frank Smith Bakewell (*q. v.*). His civic and social activities have greatly benefited the Greenville community.

On June 9, 1920, in Freeport, Pennsylvania, Dr. Joseph Alexander Doyle married Nelly Claire Iseman, and they became the parents of three children: William Cossitt, Jean Francis, and Patricia Lee.

JOHN LLOYD THOMAS, M. D.—After completing his formal and technical education and serving an internship, John Lloyd Thomas, M. D., returned to his native town, in Pennsylvania. After a varied and broad experience, he established a private practice in Greenville, this State, where he is not only one of its recognized surgeons, but an exceptionally active citizen.

Dr. Thomas was born at Stoneboro, Pennsylvania, April 17, 1910, son of John and Elizabeth (Carlson) Thomas. His father is identified with the coal business in Stoneboro. He received his elementary and secondary education in the schools of his birthplace, and was a student at Grove City College, 1928-29. In the autumn of 1929 he matriculated at the University of Pittsburgh, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1934. Remaining with his *alma mater*, he was graduated from the Medical School, University of Pittsburgh, in 1934, a Doctor of Medicine. Later he pursued post-graduate work in Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts, and the Massachusetts General Hospital, majoring in traumatic surgery, and worked in surgery at the Cook County Hospital in Chicago.

As already indicated, John Lloyd Thomas, M. D., was an interne at St. Vincent's Hospital, Erie, Pennsylvania, 1934-35, prior to returning to Stoneboro to take over temporarily the practice of Dr. Ferringer. On December

1, 1935, Dr. Thomas accepted the superintendency of the Dr. Vail Sanitarium, in Enfield, Connecticut, remaining until September, 1936. Since that time he has been located in Greenville, engaged in a general practice of his profession with increasing specialization in surgery. He is a member of the staff of the Greenville Hospital, a member of the American Medical Association, Pennsylvania State Medical Association, Mercer County Medical Association, the Greenville Medical Society, and is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. For two years Dr. Thomas was with the C. M. T. C.; is a member of the S. A. E.; the Phi Beta Pi fraternity, of which he was treasurer. He is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

At Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1935, John Lloyd Thomas married Dorothy D. Davis, and they are the parents of two children: Dorothy D., born in 1936, and Lynn, born in 1937.

DR. AUGUST CARL MORCK—The profession of optometry claimed a distinguished representative in Dr. August Carl Morck, for many years head of the Morck Optical Company at Oil City. He was a successful business man, a scientist of recognized attainments, who made significant contributions to optometry, and an admired figure for some four decades in the life of Oil City.

Born in Warren, Pennsylvania, on November 16, 1859, Dr. August Carl Morck was a son of German parents, August Detrich Morck, born on August 13, 1820, in Dortmund, Westphalia, and Sophia Albertine (Kirberger) Morck, born on January 9, 1825, in Bendorf, Prussia. He was the fifth of six children. Carefully educated under the supervision of his father, who was a man of marked intellectual qualities, he studied in New York and Philadelphia after attending the Warren public schools and began his career as a jeweler at Warren, in partnership with his brother. In a short time, however, his major interest centered in optometry and in preparation for his chosen profession he took a course in that science at Pulte Medical College in Cincinnati, where he spent three years. Afterward he pursued advanced studies in the Butler School of Optics (1887) and the Philadelphia Optical College. The meticulous care with which he won for himself an exhaustive knowledge of his subject, was characteristic of his temperament and of his inherited aptitude for scientific precision which came to him from German forebears. Building on this foundation, he rose to a position of eminence in optometry. From 1886 onward, when he established the Morck Optical Company at Oil City, he devoted himself solely to his profession. As a result of his attainments and his adoption of sound business principles he developed an entirely successful enterprise, at whose head he remained until his death. An

acknowledged authority in his field, his efforts and scientific research benefited the entire profession of optometry. Dr. Morck was the inventor of three types of bi-focal glasses: the perfection bi-focal, lenticular bi-focal and opifix bi-focal. These came into wide use. He wrote for the literature of his profession with a thoroughness and brilliance that enhanced his stature. His exhaustive article on ophthalmology won for him a life membership in the Academy Parisienne des Inventeurs, and the body of his work as a whole won him wide honors.

Despite his devoted professional service, Dr. Morck had time for other interests, for many social contacts and civic connections. During the period of his residence in Warren, he served for a number of years as a member of the council and one term as mayor. On two occasions he received the nomination for membership in the Pennsylvania Legislature, but declined because of his professional associations. As a resident of Oil City, he manifested the same interest in public affairs, to which he brought a keen perception, coupled with a real desire to advance the public welfare. Although he did not reënter public life, he was repeatedly urged to do so and his opinions on civic matters were received with profound respect. Dr. Morck was affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons and was prominent in the order, being a member of all higher bodies of the Scottish Rite, including the thirty-second degree of the Consistory, and the various York Rite bodies, including Warren Commandery, Knights Templar. He was also a member of the Oil City Boat Club, the Venango Club, the Wanango Country Club and the St. Petersburg (Florida) Yacht Club. A Methodist in religious faith, he was for many years a member of the official board of Trinity Methodist Church in Oil City.

August Carl Morck married Anne Lee Chambers, daughter of Wesley and Cordelia J. (Bonnell) Chambers. Her father, who was born at Harbor Creek, Erie County, on September 13, 1829, became an important oil producer in the Pennsylvania fields and one of the most influential citizens of western Pennsylvania. Educated at Allegheny College, he responded in his youth to the lure of wealth and adventure in the California gold fields and made his way overland to the Pacific Coast in 1852, a pioneer of the generation of '49. In 1860 he returned to Pennsylvania to become active in the Pennsylvania oil fields, first at Tidioute and later at Rouseville. In 1876 he became a resident of Oil City, from which he directed his operations as an oil producer in Warren, McKean, Venango, Clarion and Butler counties. He became one of Pennsylvania's leading producers, and his character and attainments combined brought him a wide influence, which he always used wisely to promote the public interest. He declined the nominations for Congress and for Lieutenant-Governor, which were tendered him, but

although he remained in the background, he frequently exercised a constructive force in public affairs. An earnest Christian, he was a member of Trinity Methodist Church in Oil City.

Following his return from California, Wesley Chambers married Cordelia J. Bonnell, who was born on February 2, 1830, at Harbor Creek, Erie County, and became widely known in western Pennsylvania as a church worker. Mr. and Mrs. Chambers were the parents of three children: Frederick, deceased; Anne Lee, who married Dr. Morck; and George D., who became a resident of Los Angeles.

Anne Lee (Chambers) Morck was born at Rouseville. She received her early education under private tutors and later studied at Steubenville Seminary and the Foster School, at Clifton, New York. For many years she has played a vital rôle in the civic life of Oil City and as president of the Morck Oil Company has demonstrated executive qualities of a high order. Her time and means have been given generously to the support of useful community enterprises, such organizations as the Young Women's Christian Association, on whose board she has served, and many benevolences. She is also well known for her interest in the churches of all denominations and in the cause of education. Through her gift the public schools of Oil City were equipped for the study of domestic science and manual training. In her father's line, Mrs. Morck is descended from the founders and patriots of America, the families of Nash, Stone, Smith, Frost, Hopkins and others notable in New England history, and for half a century she has been a member of Putnam King Chapter, the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America.

Dr. and Mrs. Morck became the parents of four children: 1. Cordelia Sophia, who married Benjamin H. Brinton, of Englewood, New Jersey, a graduate of Yale, and a lawyer; they have three children: Benjamin Harrison, Brinton and William Morck. 2. Wesley Chambers, a graduate of Princeton University. 3. Augusta, a graduate of Dana Hall, Wellesley, Massachusetts, and of the Bennett School at Poughkeepsie, New York; married Theodore P. Avery, of Three Forks, Montana. 4. William Allen, director of Oil City National Bank; manager, Morck Oil Company, and a member of the City Council of Oil City; very active in civic affairs; married Mary Kathryn Dudley, of Roanoke, Virginia; they have two children: Gretchen and William A., Jr.

August Carl Morck died at his home in Oil City on November 4, 1925. The accomplishments of his career commanded wide respect, not only in the communities where his activities centered, but in the broader realm of science. He was a man of many talents, not the least of which was his happy gift for friendship, which drew others to him in the warmest ties of affection. All who



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shared the contacts of his life, valued him highly as an associate and intimate and retained their pleasure in his friendship through the years. Significant was the tribute of a Warren newspaper, recalling at his death his early associations in that city:

"Those of his classmates (in the Warren Union schools) surviving him will ever remember his cordial greeting, handclasp of true friendship and hearty laugh. Bright and quick, he was one of the foremost ones in everything of a local nature, musical or literary. Those familiar with the days of Roscoe Hall entertainments will recall August C. Morck as the principal character in the cast; no matter how difficult the part, or light, it was always splendidly sustained and carried out. In the social life of his time here he was a leading figure, and because of his fine personality, was ever in demand, and so very willing to assist in any effort for the welfare and civic improvement of his home town."

WILLIAM A. MORCK—The Morck Oil Company, owned by Mrs. August Carl Morck, is under the active management of her son, William A. Morck, member of one of Oil City's most influential families and a figure of prominence not only in the business life of the city, but in civic and public affairs.

Mr. Morck was born in Oil City on July 21, 1909, son of Dr. August Carl Morck and Anne Lee (Chambers) Morck. On his father's side he comes of German stock and is a grandson of August Detrich and Sophia Albertine (Kirberger) Morck, born respectively in Westphalia and Prussia. Through his mother he is descended from the families of Chambers, Nash, Stone, Smith, Frost, Hopkins and others notable in New England history since the early days. Dr. August Carl Morck, who was born in Warren, Pennsylvania, on November 16, 1859, and died at Oil City on November 4, 1925, was a distinguished scientist and successful business man. His invention of three types of bi-focal glasses and his various research monographs and articles constituted distinct contributions to the profession of optometry, in which he was active throughout his career. As head of the Morck Optical Company at Oil City, to which he removed in 1886 after prior residence in Warren, he developed one of the leading enterprises of its kind in northwest Pennsylvania. Anne Lee (Chambers) Morck, the mother, was born at Rouseville, daughter of Wesley and Cordelia J. (Bonnell) Chambers. Her father, born at Harbor Creek, Erie County, September 13, 1829, was a pioneer of '49 in the California gold fields and afterward one of the leading early producers in the Pennsylvania oil fields, carrying on large operations in Warren, McKean, Venango, Clarion and Butler counties. Through the importance of his interests and his public spirit he was numbered among the most influential citizens of western Pennsylvania.

Mrs. August Carl Morck received an excellent education and has demonstrated throughout her life a marked capacity for practical affairs as well as great generosity of spirit. She serves successfully as president of the Morck Oil Company and is widely known in Oil City as a benefactor of community institutions and a civic leader of force and vision. Dr. and Mrs. Morck became the parents of four children: 1. Cordelia Sophia, who married Benjamin H. Brinton, of Englewood, New Jersey, a lawyer, and has three children: Benjamin Harrison, Brinton, and William Morck. 2. Wesley Chambers, a graduate of Princeton University. 3. Augusta, a graduate of Dana Hall, Wellesley, Massachusetts, and of the Bennett School at Poughkeepsie, New York. 4. William Allen, of this record.

William A. Morck was educated in the public schools of Oil City and at the Hill School in Pottstown. For four years he was associated with the firm of Logan & Bryan, stock brokers at Oil City, following which, in 1932, he came into the Morck Oil Company, owned and operated by his mother. Immediately assuming large responsibilities in the company, he became its manager and has continued as such during the intervening years. In taking over the active supervision of its operations he has been occupied with wide interests in the western Pennsylvania fields, and his successful record reflects the qualifications which he brings to his post.

Nevertheless, Mr. Morck has found time for many civic responsibilities. He is now serving his second term as a member of the Oil City Council and has proved himself an energetic and capable public official, devoted to the city's interests. While he has been concerned with all details of the city's business, he has given special attention to the reorganization and rehabilitation of the Oil City Fire Department, which has now reached a high level of efficiency, with the result that local fire insurance rates have been substantially reduced. Mr. Morck has also been active in behalf of many community institutions. He is a member of the board of the Young Men's Christian Association, a trustee of Trinity Church, a member of the board of Oil City Hospital and Grand View Sanatorium and a member of the Oil City Library Commission. He has also been very active in the Oil City Community Fund and serves as a director of the Chamber of Commerce. In the present defense emergency confronting the country he acts as chairman of the Venango County Safety Council for National Defense.

In addition to his other connections, Mr. Morck is a director of the National Bank of Oil City. He is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is a member of all higher bodies of both York and Scottish rites, and is a member of the Venango Country Club and other clubs in this section.

On January 23, 1936, at Roanoke, Virginia, William A. Morck married Mary Kathryn Dudley, who was born

in Virginia, daughter of Claude Thomas Dudley, president of the Virginia Supply Company, and Helen (Armstrong) Dudley. Mrs. Morck is also active in club and civic work. They have two children: Gretchen Dudley, born December 13, 1936; and William A., Jr., born October 17, 1937.

JUDGE WILLIAM MCCREADY PARKER—

During his long career at the Venango County bar, Judge William McCready Parker has risen to prominence both in his profession and in public life. He served as judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Venango County, as judge of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania, and is now a justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

Judge Parker was born in Oil City on December 19, 1870, son of George Washington and Rebecca (McCready) Parker. He is a descendant of William Parker, the emigrant ancestor, a Revolutionary soldier, who settled at Parkers Landing, named for his son, John Parker, and died in 1808. John Parker was a surveyor and for more than thirty years (1800-33) was associate judge of Butler County. John Woods Parker, son of John Parker and grandson of William, was born in Butler County in 1800 and was a farmer there throughout his life. He married Mary Perry, a native of Pennsylvania, who was brought to Venango County in 1799, when she was one year old. They were the grandparents of Judge Parker. George Washington Parker, the father, was born in Butler County on February 22, 1841, and died at Oil City on March 12, 1913. He was a veteran of the Civil War, in which he served as sergeant with the 157th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and in civil life was a banker, heading the Oil City National Bank for a period of years. Rebecca (McCready) Parker, the mother, was born at Lambertville, New Jersey, on June 19, 1850, and died in Oil City, Pennsylvania, in January, 1909. She came of Scotch-Irish stock and was a daughter of William McCready, a paper manufacturer, born on Wall Street, New York City, died at Lambertville, New Jersey, and of Elizabeth (Thomson) McCready, born near Bordentown, New Jersey, died in Lambertville in 1854.

William McCready Parker received his preliminary education in the public schools of Oil City and after completing the high school course, in 1886, entered Princeton University, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1891. Subsequently, he read law in the office of Hays and Mattox, Oil City attorneys, and upon his admission to the bar in 1895, began the practice of law in this city. For thirty years he was a partner of J. D. Trax in the law firm of Trax and Parker, whose important practice brought him large responsibilities. During these years he appeared successfully in all courts. In 1925 he was elected judge of the Court of Common

Pleas and served on this bench from 1926 to 1931, bringing to his duties the experience gained in many years of practice and a wide knowledge of the law. In 1931 he was appointed judge of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania to fill an unexpired term and in the general election of 1932 was elected to this office for a term of ten years and in December, 1940, he was appointed a justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

Judge Parker is a member of the American Bar Association, the Pennsylvania Bar Association and the Venango County Bar Association. He has been active in the civic life of Oil City for many years and has been prominently associated with a number of the principal community institutions. During the first World War he was chairman of the local Red Cross and was a "four-minute" speaker in behalf of the Liberty Loan drives. Judge Parker also headed the Community Chest organization at this time. He is an honorary member of the Oil City Rotary Club, a member of the Venango County Club and an elder of the Second Presbyterian Church of Oil City, which his father also served in the same capacity. In politics he is a Republican.

Judge Parker married, on April 21, 1898, Helen Innis, who was born in this city, daughter of W. O. and Carrie (Brodhead) Innis and a descendant of General Brodhead, commander of the Pennsylvania forces in the Revolutionary War. Her father, who was born in Massachusetts, was an oil producer during his active career and has now reached his eighty-fourth year. He is living in the Parker home at Oil City. Her mother, who was born at Callensburg, Pennsylvania, died at Oil City on January 12, 1927. Mrs. Parker is a granddaughter of W. J. Innis, a manufacturer of oil supplies in Oil City.

Judge and Mrs. Parker are the parents of four children: 1. Marian, who married J. H. Johnson and is at present living at Alexandria, Egypt, with her husband, who is treasurer of the Near East Division of the General Motors Corporation. They have three children: Helen, John H., Jr., and Anne Parker. 2. Warren I., an attorney at Oil City, who married Marion Lammers, of this place. 3. Rebecca, wife of Harry E. Cummins, who is associated with the Continental Refining Company. She is an attorney at Oil City. 4. William McCready, Jr., a teller in the Oil City National Bank. He married Betty Rynd, of Oil City, and they have one daughter, Elizabeth Rynd Parker.

LEO H. MCKAY—The Sharon law firm of Brockway, Whitla and McKay has developed a large and important practice in corporation, banking and other phases of civil law. Leo H. McKay, the junior member of this firm since 1933, has large responsibilities in the conduct of its practice. He is an experienced lawyer whose suc-

cessful record has made him one of the best known lawyers of Mercer County.

Mr. McKay is the third member of his family in successive generations to practice at the Pennsylvania bar. He was born at Black Ash, Crawford County, on February 12, 1895, son of Hugh G. and Florence I. (Ross) McKay and a grandson of David T. McKay, who was an attorney at Meadville. This Pennsylvania family was established in the Commonwealth in 1817 by Joseph McKay, whose son was Neal McKay, the father of David T. McKay. During the Civil War, David T. McKay, a graduate of Allegheny College at Meadville, helped to raise a company of troops for the Union cause. This was Company B of the 18th Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry, in which he served as first lieutenant until he was captured by Confederate forces and imprisoned at Libby Prison, where he was confined nine months. His total military service covered a year and a half.

Hugh G. McKay, the father, was born at Black Ash, Crawford County, January 6, 1871. He was educated in Edinboro and Clarion State Normal schools and while attending these institutions, taught school in alternate terms in order to defray the expenses of his education. Having decided to seek a career at the bar, he studied law privately, according to the custom of the time, under Joshua Douglas, of Meadville, was admitted to practice in 1900 and remained for another year at Meadville. At the end of that time, however, he moved to Sharon, where he built up an extended and successful practice. He served for one term as borough solicitor of Sharon. Mr. McKay was also elected and served as secretary and manager of the Shenango Valley Building & Loan Association and became an influential figure in the general life of Sharon. He married, in 1892, Florence I. Ross.

Leo H. McKay, son of this marriage, received his early education in the public schools of Sharon and subsequently entered Allegheny College, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1916. He prepared for his profession at the University of Pennsylvania Law School, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1922. Meanwhile, during the World War, he enlisted in the United States Army as a private and was afterward commissioned second lieutenant as a pilot in the Army Air Service, with which he remained until after the Armistice. Because of the termination of the war, he did not see service overseas. Admitted to the bar in 1922, Mr. McKay entered practice at Sharon in partnership with his father, an association continued until 1931. From 1928 to 1932 he was district attorney of Mercer County and in 1933 became a member of his present law firm, Brockway, Whitla and McKay, the senior member of which is Chauncey E. Brockway (*q. v.*). This firm are attorneys for the First National

Bank in Sharon, the Pennsylvania Power Company, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, the Shenango Furnace Company, the Shenango Valley Water Company, the Shenango Valley Transportation Company and other important interests.

Mr. McKay's standing in his profession was reflected in his election as president of the Mercer County Bar Association in 1940. He is also a member of the Pennsylvania State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He is a member of Lodge No. 250, Free and Accepted Masons, and Rebecca Commandery, No. 50. He also belongs to the Order of the Coif, an honorary legal society; Knights Templar; the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, and the honor scholastic society, Phi Beta Kappa. He is a trustee of Allegheny College and an active Methodist layman, serving as a delegate to the General Conferences of his church in 1932 and 1940 and as a delegate to the Uniting Conference in 1939. In politics he is a Republican.

On September 14, 1918, at Meadville, Leo H. McKay married Ruth M. Ellis, daughter of Andrew C. and Adelia M. Ellis. They are the parents of five children: Ellis H., born March 5, 1923; Margaret A., born October 2, 1925; Donald R., born November 29, 1928; Florence R., born March 30, 1933; and David A., born October 20, 1939.

RAYMOND J. BRENNAN—Widely recognized as one of the outstanding figures in the younger group of men in the oil business of the Bradford petroleum district, Raymond J. Brennan is an excellent example of an American individualist in industry. He went straight from high school into the employ of the Forest Oil Corporation and in the following two decades rose to be an executive of this corporation and a dozen allied companies. Recently, 1940, he resigned all these executive posts to organize Eastern Royalties, Inc., of which he is president and treasurer.

Mr. Brennan is a native and lifelong citizen of Bradford, McKean County, Pennsylvania, born February 11, 1901, son of Thomas H. and Elspith (Wyse) Brennan. His mother was born at Markinch, Scotland; his father at Brockway, Pennsylvania. Thomas H. Brennan was a consulting engineer, identified with the construction and maintenance of the Panama Canal. Both parents are now deceased.

As mentioned, Raymond J. Brennan left the Bradford High School, at the age of eighteen years, to go with the Forest Oil Corporation, of this city, and worked his way up to many executive positions. He was elected to offices because he was the best man available of proven abilities and experience. As of the year 1938, the business connections of Mr. Brennan were: vice-president, treasurer

and director of Forest Oil Corporation; same offices with the Forest Petroleum Corporation; president and director of Forest Share Corporation; vice-president, treasurer and director of Niagara Oil Corporation; vice-president, treasurer and director of Forest Development Corporation; same offices with Forest Supply Company, Inc., Bradford Penn Refining Company, Penn Kansas Petroleum Company, Forest Producing Corporation; treasurer and director of Belmont Quadrangle Drilling Corporation; secretary, treasurer and director of Southern Lubricating Company, Inc.; president and director of Penn Share Corporation, and president and director of Penn Bradford Oil Company. The last three companies have ceased operating, but their charters are still in effect.

In June, 1940, Mr. Brennan resigned all of the above-named positions to organize Eastern Royalties, Inc., a New York corporation dealing in the production of oil. He is president of the company and its treasurer, and also is trustee for "Abner H. Wiborg," a debtor, under Chapter 12, of the Bankruptcy Act of Pennsylvania. Keeping always in touch with other men in his line of business, Mr. Brennan is a member of the Bradford District Grade Crude Oil Association, the American Petroleum Institute, the National Petroleum Association, and the Independent Oil Producers Association. He is a Republican in politics. Fraternally he is affiliated with Union Lodge, No. 334, Free and Accepted Masons; Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Council, Royal and Select Masters; Commandery, Knights Templar; Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and Zem Zem Temple, of Erie, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Numbered among his clubs are the Bradford, Pennhills and the Valley Hunt. He attends the First Presbyterian Church of Bradford.

On July 24, 1931, Raymond J. Brennan married Edith Dunn, of Oil City, and they are the parents of two children: Beverly Ann and Peter Dunn, both attending local schools.

FREDERICK WILLIAM KOEHLER—Frederick William Koehler was born at Warren, Ohio, February 4, 1863. He was the son of John and Catherine (Kyrsh) Koehler, formerly of Cleveland, Ohio. John Koehler was for a number of years prior to his death proprietor of a marble and granite business in Warren, occupying property which was afterward purchased from one of his heirs to be a part of the site of the First National Bank of that city.

Frederick W. Koehler received a public school education, and at an early age served an apprenticeship in the jewelry trade under J. C. Hanna, in New Castle, Pennsylvania. Soon after its completion he moved to Sharon, Pennsylvania, where he worked for the W. P. Hanna

Jewelry & Music Store until he became proprietor of the enterprise.

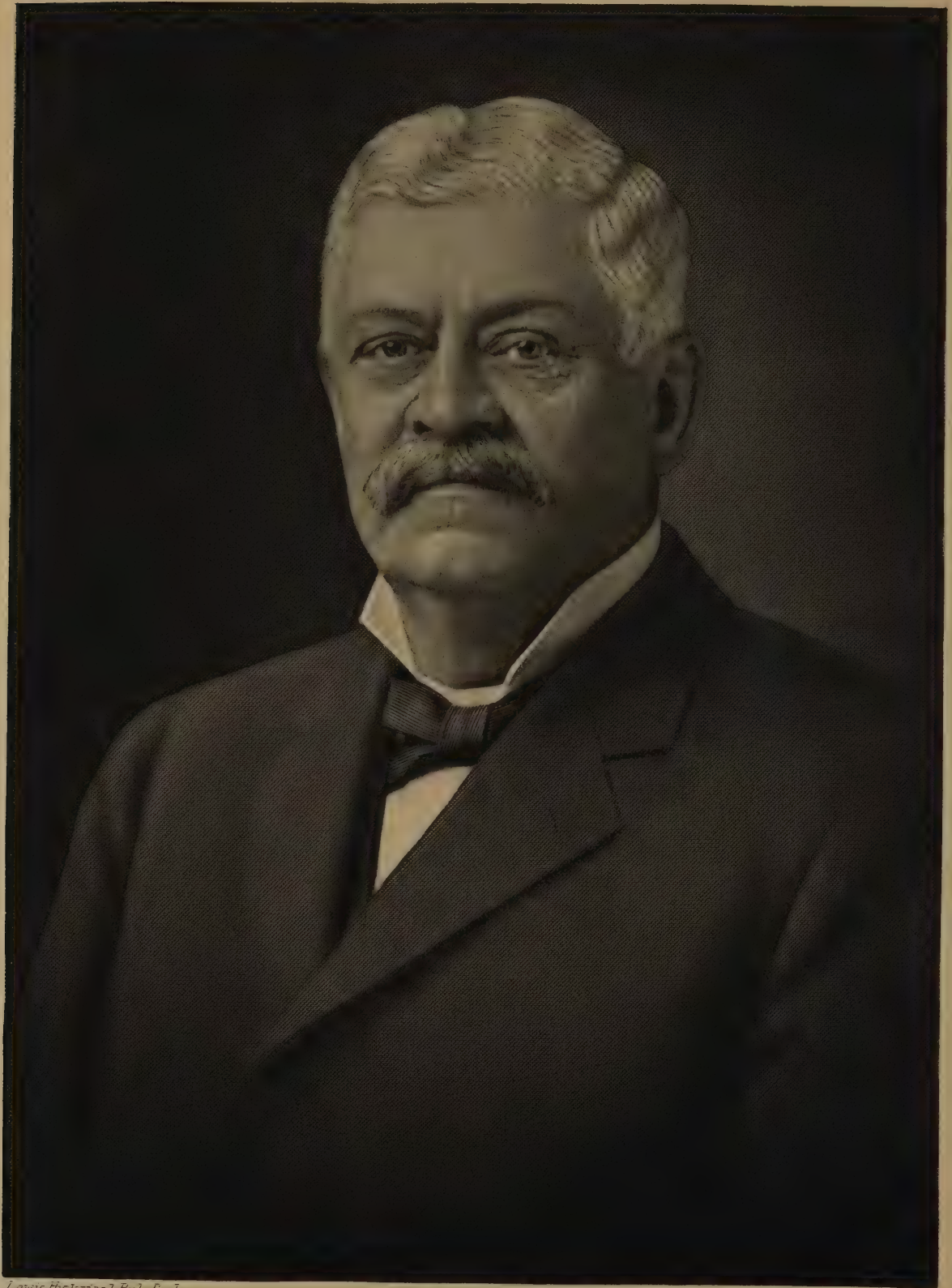
He was elected a director of the Sharon Building & Loan Association in 1904, and its president in 1910, an office which he held until the time of his death. As a leading Sharon business man, Mr. Koehler was made a member of the directorate and vice-president of the McDowell National Bank in 1907, and upon the death, in 1913, of Alexander McDowell, founder and first president of the institution, Mr. Koehler was chosen to succeed him. He served in this position for twenty years, during which the bank made steady growth and progress. Conservatism was the keynote of his administration. He was a member of the Sharon Chamber of Commerce, and actively interested in various community projects.

About 1910 Mr. Koehler disposed of his jewelry business and was for a short time purchasing agent of the Sharon Steel Hoop Company. Severing his connection with the steel company, he became associated with the benevolent enterprises of the late Frank H. Buhl, of Sharon, and in 1911 was made secretary and treasurer of the trustees of the F. H. Buhl Club, a charitable association created by Mr. Buhl in 1903. In this connection he had practically entire responsibility for the development of the F. H. Buhl Farm, a public recreation centre established by Mr. Buhl for the free use of the citizens of Sharon and vicinity. He held this office, and supervised the management of the farm throughout the remainder of his life.

Upon Mr. Buhl's death in 1918, Mr. Koehler was appointed one of the executors of his estate. In this capacity he was entrusted with the administration of the legacy of \$2,000,000 given by Mr. Buhl for the relief of war sufferers of Northern France and/or Belgium in the First World War. His responsibilities were further increased by the bequest of the residuary estate to the trustees of the F. H. Buhl Club as a fund for the beneficial usage of the citizens of the community.

Mr. Koehler was for many years president of the Buhl-Kimberly Corporation, originally a development company having large mining and mineral interests in the West and elsewhere. He was also president of the Twin Falls Land & Water Company, an organization which under Mr. Buhl's personal guidance had earlier irrigated and reclaimed thousands of acres of farming land in the State of Idaho, being one of the first companies formed for such purposes under the Carey Act. He was a trustee of the charity fund set up under the will of the late Peter L. Kimberly, of Sharon, who was the associate of Mr. Buhl in the Buhl-Kimberly Corporation and was himself one of Sharon's generous benefactors.

Mr. Koehler was long active in the Masonic Order, in which he was deeply interested. He was affiliated with Sharon Lodge, No. 250, Free and Accepted Masons,



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entering the lodge in 1889 and serving as Worshipful Master in 1893. He was also a member of various higher Masonic bodies, including Norman Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of which he was High Priest in 1897; Rebecca Commandery Knights Templar, of which he was Eminent Commander in 1898; the higher bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, up to and including Pittsburgh Consistory; and Syria Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. For a time he held an appointment under the Pennsylvania Grand Commandery, Knights Templar; and was one of the organizers, and treasurer, of the Masonic Association of Sharon, which built the present Masonic Temple.

In addition to these lodge connections, he was a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Protected Home Circle.

On October 11, 1893, he married Carrie Rhodes, who was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Downer Rhodes, of Sharon. Mrs. Koehler died in 1915 as the result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Mr. Koehler's own career came to a close January 21, 1933, after a brief illness. He was in his seventieth year. For half a century he was intimately connected with the growth and development of Sharon, "rendering marked community service, the fruits of which will be reaped through years to come." On one of the prominent drives in the F. H. Buhl Farm, the trustees have placed a boulder bearing a memorial plaque, the inscription on which fitly describes his life:

IN MEMORIAM
FREDERICK W. KOEHLER
From 1911 to 1933, as
Secretary and Treasurer of the
Trustees of The F. H. Buhl Club,
He fulfilled with wisdom,
Untiring zeal and
Rock-like fidelity,
The trust reposed in him.
BY HIS SELFLESS DEVOTION
HIS COMMUNITY IS THE RICHER

This Tablet Erected By
His Fellow Trustees
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FRANK HENRY BUHL—"As a manufacturer of iron and steel, the history of the trade would be my history.

"I have no reason to complain of my success."

So wrote Frank H. Buhl, of Sharon, Pennsylvania, in reply to a request from the secretary of his class, Yale 1869, for a brief sketch to appear in the "Quarter-Century Record" of the class, compiled in 1894.

At this period in his career, Mr. Buhl was laying the foundations of the fortune, the future distribution of which was to make his name a synonym in his home com-

munity, and famed internationally, for magnanimity, true philanthropy, and genuine humanitarianism.

Frank Henry Buhl was the son of Christian H. and Caroline (DeLong) Buhl. He was born in Detroit, Michigan, August 3, 1848. Christian H. was an early resident of Detroit, having settled there in 1833, after following the fur trade West from his birthplace in Zelienople, Pennsylvania. His father, Christian Buhl, the American pioneer of the family, born in Hof, Bavaria,* had settled in Zelienople and built one of the first homes there, soon after emigrating to the United States in 1800.

The family history is one of success and achievement, denoting a strain of character and business genius, combined with love of humanity, which later reached full fruition in the life of Sharon's "great citizen." For generations his ancestors were prosperous merchants and civic leaders. In Detroit his father founded the sound and successful wholesale hardware firm which is still in existence under the name of Buhl Sons & Company; and in Sharon the name of the Christian H. Buhl Hospital testifies to his benevolence. In Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, a cousin, Henry Buhl, Jr., established, with Russell H. Boggs, the substantial mercantile business of Boggs & Buhl; and by his will bequeathed the noteworthy charitable fund called the Buhl Foundation.

It was in Detroit that Frank H. received his public school and pre-college education. After leaving Yale in 1867 he came to Sharon to work in the Sharon Iron Works, a concern which his father had organized in 1865 in association with C. H. Andrews, W. H. Hitchcock, and James Westerman. All these names were to become prominent in steel manufacturing circles.

James Westerman was then manager of the plant, which was later enlarged and named the Westerman Iron Company. After working five years in the mill, and acquiring a thorough knowledge of iron manufacture, Mr. Buhl took Westerman's place when the latter disposed of his interest and retired in 1874. The name was changed to Sharon Iron Works Company, and Mr. Buhl remained as superintendent until 1878, when he went back to his early home in Detroit to take charge of the Detroit Copper & Brass Rolling Mill. In August, 1887, however, he returned to Sharon, again assuming the management of the Iron Works Company, which in 1882 had come under the complete ownership of C. H. Buhl. By 1888 it was the largest individual plant in Mercer County, employing about seven hundred men.

Mr. Buhl's second and permanent settlement in Sharon was perhaps the most important single event in its history. He then became finally identified with the city, and definitely adopted Pennsylvania as his home State.

* "Centennial History of Zelienople," L. R. Mohr, A. B., Historian.

In 1896 the Buhl Steel Company was formed at Sharon, with Frank H. Buhl as president. Its open hearth department began operation in May, 1897; and the blooming mill soon afterward. March, 1899, witnessed the absorption of Buhl Steel by the National Steel Company, which later was combined with the Carnegie Steel Company and became a part of the United States Steel Corporation.

About this time Mr. Buhl engaged in a new branch of the steel business, originating in Sharon the making of steel castings, then almost unknown. In partnership with Daniel Eagan, he built the Sharon Steel Castings Plant, which later was taken over by the American Steel Foundries.

Mr. Buhl was also largely influential in bringing about the choice of Sharon as the site of the Sharon Steel Hoop Company, founded by the late Morris Bachman. This company, as the Sharon Steel Corporation, now operates works both at Sharon and at Youngstown, Ohio.

After the sale of his Buhl Steel Company to National Steel, Mr. Buhl associated himself in 1899 with John Stevenson, Jr., in the organization of the Sharon Steel Company, located just outside Sharon's boundaries. Around it, in 1900, sprang up the new town of South Sharon, now the city of Farrell. Four years later this company, like its predecessor, was sold to United States Steel.

With this sale, Mr. Buhl retired from his activities as a pioneer in steel plant construction, doubtless sensing that the character of the industry was changing so as to render the field unpromising to individual enterprise. In 1903 he and Peter L. Kimberly, another steel manufacturer of Sharon, together founded the Buhl-Kimberly Corporation, which acquired various mining properties and extensive ore interests in the Mesaba Range in Minnesota. He also became interested in the irrigation of waste lands in the West under the Carey Act. With others, he incorporated the Twin Falls Land & Water Company to finance the reclamation by irrigation of some two hundred thousand acres of land in Idaho, on which several thriving towns and cities arose. Chief of these were Twin Falls, Buhl, Kimberly and Milner. Going even farther afield, to the Philippines, he became an underwriter of securities of the Philippine Railroad, a steam railway line, and of the Manila Suburban Railways Company.

During all the years when he had been active as an industrialist, Mr. Buhl had shown a solicitous regard for the welfare of his employees, neighbors and fellow-citizens.

Now, when he relinquished personal leadership of his many enterprises, his thoughts turned more and more to the problems and needs of his community. He noticed the lack of recreational and cultural institutions, and with characteristic energy and directness set in motion a com-

prehensive and long-range program of public benefits which show not only his generous spirit, but also a breadth of vision in advance of his time.

The first of his benefactions, indicating the sensitive practicality of his temperament, was the building in Oakwood Cemetery, Sharon, of a beautiful limestone mausoleum, in which services for the dead could be held and temporary sepulture made. This he endowed with a maintenance fund of ten thousand dollars.

He next erected, and fully equipped, the F. H. Buhl Club, to function, on an entirely non-sectarian basis, similarly to the Young Men's Christian Association and the Young Women's Christian Association, neither of which existed in Sharon. It is an imposing brick and stone structure, centrally located; and contains an excellent library, reading room, reference room, social and music rooms, gymnasium, bowling alleys, billiard and game rooms, etc. It is today serving the people of Sharon in manifold ways. It was opened in 1903, at which time Mr. Buhl created a self-perpetuating charitable association, the trustees of the F. H. Buhl Club, to whom title to the club building was entrusted, and in whose care he later placed the other properties which he made available for the use of the fortunate inhabitants of the Shenango Valley.

For the club's library, Mr. Buhl gave a book fund, a portion of which has been conserved until the present date. His wishes were considered in the original selection of its reading content, in which fiction was well balanced by a rich supply of technical and other non-fiction publications valuable to ambitious workers and students. His policy has been maintained, and as a result, this library, now in use as a free public institution, is of unusual worth for study, cultural and reference purposes.

While thus providing indoor social and educational facilities for the community, Mr. Buhl was quietly planning an outdoor recreational centre, to be called the F. H. Buhl Farm. Selecting a site midway between Sharon and Sharpsville, he purchased some three hundred acres of beautifully located land, the development of which required nearly five years. Over four miles of finely constructed bituminous roads were laid out to give access to all parts of the site; approximately seventy-five thousand trees and shrubs were planted; and the grounds were beautified with an artificial lake eleven acres in extent. On its shore he built a handsome casino, with all conveniences for the use of dancers, swimmers, skaters and other guests of the farm, including opportunity to secure light refreshments at moderate prices. The dance floor was one of the best in western Pennsylvania.

On this property Mr. Buhl also erected the F. H. Buhl Farm House, meeting a need for a dignified place for public or semi-public entertaining. This building, constructed of limestone and finished in hard wood, was com-

pletely furnished and equipped, and leased for a nominal sum to the Sharon Country Club. Provision was made by Mr. Buhl so that it might be so leased from year to year in the future if desired; and this has been done.

The farm further included a picnic grove with shelter building, tables, benches, lawn swings, and swings and slides for children; ten tennis courts; a nine-hole golf course; an athletic field with steel grandstand having a seating capacity of one thousand; a football field; and a children's playground with customary apparatus. Seven drilled wells furnished an abundance of clear, cold water of excellent quality. In accordance with Mr. Buhl's express directions, formality was avoided in the landscaping, and there are no "keep off the grass" signs.

On November 1, 1915, title to the farm, and the accompanying endowment fund, was vested in the trustees; and this unique institution opened, all its facilities to be forever free "for the proper use, benefit and enjoyment of the public generally, and more especially the residents of this community, as a playground and place of recreation."

Along with these great philanthropies, Mr. Buhl gave generously to the C. H. Buhl Hospital and all worthy causes coming to his attention. Both by example and precept he influenced friends of means to make large contributions to deserving charities in and near Sharon. The welfare work of the local branch of the international Sunshine Society had earned his approval and support, and the next step in his well-rounded program of public benefits was the construction of the Sunshine Home, a three-story brick edifice, to house their operations. This building has become headquarters for a multitude of relief and charitable organizations, for baby clinics, Red Cross work, and general community assistance. It filled a long-felt need.

On February 8, 1888, Mr. Buhl married Julia Forker (*q. v.*), of Sharon, daughter of Henry and Selina (Porter) Forker. She fully shared the interests of his life, and participated sympathetically in his lavish giving.

Frank H. Buhl died at Sharon, June 7, 1918. By the terms of his will, after making generous provision for the members of his family, he assured the maintenance of the benevolent projects he had established during his lifetime, by placing his residual estate in the hands of the charitable association he had previously created, the trustees of the F. H. Buhl Club. "for the beneficial usage of the citizens of Sharon and vicinity." Thus the services of the F. H. Buhl Club have been extended and enlarged; and at Buhl Farm there is now a properly safeguarded modern outdoor swimming pool where free lessons in swimming are given, besides new buildings where every summer several hundred children in kindergarten and Junior Play School receive free instruction by trained supervisors.

Mr. Buhl's broad humanitarianism was manifested in the will by his bequest of \$2,000,000 to relieve suffering caused by the First World War to the people of Northern France and/or Belgium. In both countries there are permanent evidences of the magnificent work accomplished through this legacy. In France there are to be seen the Buhl Pavilion in the Sanatorium d'Helfaut and various bronze and marble plaques in other charitable oeuvres; and in Brussels, Belgium, a free Buhl Dispensary in the Edith Cavell-Marie DePage War Memorial Hospital, still in use, according to advice received in 1941.

At the request of the Memorial Association, a bronze bust of Mr. Buhl was, some years ago, placed in the National McKinley Birthplace Memorial at Niles, Ohio, in company with those of Andrew Carnegie, Judge Gary, Theodore Roosevelt and other memorable steel men and statesmen of our Nation. Its inscription reads:

FRANK H. BUHL
Constructive Citizen
Beloved Philanthropist
Friend of the People
Pioneer Manufacturer
of Iron and Steel.

A tablet at the entrance to Buhl Farm, placed in 1933, testifies to his trustees' grateful memory of "A Wise Philanthropist—*Vita Plena Laboris*."

But Frank H. Buhl needs no monument. He will be remembered by future generations for the enduring cultural, recreational and health-building benefits, looming larger through the years, with which his far-seeing generosity enriched the lives of his fellowmen.

JULIA FORKER BUHL—Julia Forker Buhl was born in Mercer, Pennsylvania, May 29, 1854, the daughter of Henry and Selina (Porter) Forker. Both the Porters and Forkers were prominent families, and her grandfather, T. J. Porter, was a pioneer of the Shenango Valley coal industry, operating a number of mines in the vicinity of Sharon, Pennsylvania.

In 1860 the Forker family moved to Sharon, where Julia Forker spent her girlhood and youth. She was educated in the local schools, and early began to take an active part in the town's civic and cultural life.

On February 8, 1888, she was married to Frank H. Buhl (*q. v.*), founder of the iron and steel industries of the Shenango Valley, and, with his wife, its greatest benefactor. Her keen and intelligent interest in the growing industry sponsored by her husband, and her humanitarian outlook, enabled her to contribute much to the harmonious integration of the community by her friendly helpfulness to his hundreds of employees and their families.

When upon retirement from active business Mr. Buhl began his program of philanthropies, she joined enthusi-

astically in his benefactions, among which were the erection of the F. H. Buhl Club (an institution having aims similar to those of the Young Men's Christian Association and the Young Women's Christian Association), the mausoleum in Oakwood Cemetery, the Sunshine Building (headquarters for welfare work of the local branch of the International Sunshine Society), large contributions to the C. H. Buhl Hospital, and the establishment of the F. H. Buhl Farm, a free public recreation centre. She shared happily in the gratitude their joint benevolences aroused among her appreciative fellow-citizens; and supplemented these gifts with her manifold kindly and thoughtful personal charities, many of which will never be known except to the recipients.

Following her distinguished husband's death in 1918, Mrs. Buhl devoted herself, as co-executor under his will, both to carrying out the plans they had made together and, in coöperation with the trustees of the F. H. Buhl Club, a charitable association which had previously been created, and which now became owner of the residuary estate, to initiating many new projects for the benefit of her home community. With the funds thus provided, Mrs. Buhl in conjunction with the trustees, remodelled and refurnished the F. H. Buhl Club, paid off the accumulated debt of the C. H. Buhl Hospital, installed new X-ray, Deep Therapy and operating equipment in the hospital, established the girls' department of the F. H. Buhl Club (later named the Julia F. Buhl Girls' Club), and provided means for giving summer vacations on nearby farms to hundreds of underprivileged children. She maintained a constant interest in the welfare work of the Sunshine Society, assisting both morally and financially.

When the depression which began in 1929 brought new problems to Sharon, as to all other American communities, Mrs. Buhl's energies were directed particularly to the preservation of the health and morale of those in the schools and industries of the city. Special attention was given at this time to providing needed dental services, eye glasses, tonsillectomies, also clothing, shoes, milk and lunches for school children; thus maintaining Sharon's youth at a normal public health standard.

Mrs. Buhl was a devoted member of St. John's Episcopal Church at Sharon. She was a faithful attendant at the services, and manifested her interest in the church in many ways, including the gift of a beautiful chapel.

Mrs. Buhl died at Sharon on May 3, 1936, in her eighty-third year. The affectionate respect and gratitude of her fellow-citizens were attested by countless tributes, and have been perpetuated by the yearly observance of Buhl Day, and by the planting in the F. H. Buhl Farm of a Memorial Garden, in which innumerable flowers and shrubs given by friends in all walks of life, "keep ever green remembrance of a life fruitful in friendly service to this community."

FRANK MCCAIN BREWSTER—Into the relatively small period of two decades, Frank McCain Brewster, of Bradford, McKean County, has packed an extraordinary amount of experience as a natural gas and petroleum expert. He had just completed his education in engineering when the United States entered the first World War, and he spent the following two years with the American Expeditionary Forces as an engineer and officer. Upon his return to civilian life, he entered upon a career in gas and oil for seven years prior to 1927. In 1927 he located permanently in Bradford as an official of a company of which he was elected president four years later. He has headed this company and another ever since. He is a successful executive, a nationally known authority in engineering circles, and a popular figure in a number of professional organizations.

Mr. Brewster was born at Torch, Ohio, August 10, 1892, son of Henry and Mary (McCain) Brewster, both of whom came originally from the birthplace of their son. The family moved to West Virginia at the turn of the century, where the elder man engaged in the natural gas business. Frank McCain Brewster prepared for higher education in the Weston High School, and matriculated at the University of West Virginia, where he was graduated in 1917, a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. As will be recalled, this was the time the United States became involved in the first World War, and he enlisted in the United States Army and later became Company Commander of Company A, 15th Engineers Corps, United States Army, overseas.

Upon being mustered out of military service, in 1919, Mr. Brewster accepted a position as assistant superintendent of the Hope Natural Gas Company. Within a year he was made superintendent, acting as such until 1923 when he resigned to go to Wyoming as petroleum technologist with the United States Bureau of Mines. A year later he was assigned to California as assistant deputy supervisor of the Pacific Coast for this government bureau. After a year he was transferred as assistant superintendent to the Bartlesville Experimental Station, at the town of this name in Oklahoma. After some months he went to Washington, District of Columbia, as assistant chief petroleum engineer.

In 1927 Mr. Brewster left the United States Bureau of Mines to locate in Bradford, Pennsylvania, as general manager of the Petroleum Reclamation Company. In November, 1928, he joined the Belmont Quadrangle Drilling Company as general manager. Two years later, in 1930, he was made vice-president and in 1931 was elected president of the corporation, a post he has since filled most efficiently. John A. Thompson and Mr. Brewster organized Otis Eastern Service, Inc., in 1937 and Mr. Brewster has been its president to the time of this writing. During 1932-33 he served the Canadian Gov-

ernment in the Turner Valley field, Calgary, as advisory counsel on the conservation of natural gas. Along professional lines Mr. Brewster is a member of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers, American Petroleum Institute, American Gas Association, the Engineering Society of Western Pennsylvania, and the Pennsylvania Natural Gas Men's Association. His college fraternities include Scabbard and Blade, and the national Beta Theta Pi fraternity. Fraternally he is affiliated with Morgantown Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Council, Royal and Select Masters, and Osiris Temple, Wheeling, West Virginia, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is active in the American Legion, the 40 and 8, the Valley Hunt Club, Pennhills Country Club, Circus Saints and Sinners, and the Bradford Chamber of Commerce.

On April 5, 1921, Frank McCain Brewster married Guinevere Chidester, of Weston, West Virginia, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Frank, Jr., born July 24, 1922, attending Culver Military Academy. 2. Betsy Ann, born February 10, 1933, attending local schools.

ROBERT COLEMAN HULING—In the business and civic life of Franklin, Robert Coleman Huling has played an active part for more than twenty years. He is co-owner of the Hygienic Baking Company in this city and is now serving as county treasurer of Franklin County, which office he assumed in 1940.

Mr. Huling was born in Pleasantville, Pennsylvania, on September 9, 1892, son of Jared P. and Myrtle E. (Elder) Huling. His father, who was born in Lycoming County and is now deceased, was a carpenter and rig builder in the Pennsylvania oil fields. The mother, born at East Brady, Clarion County, is now living in Warren.

Robert Coleman Huling was educated in the public schools of Forest County and after completing high school, taught for three years in the Forest County rural schools. The next chapter in his career took him into the oil fields of Kansas, Texas and Oklahoma, where he remained until about 1920. During this period he was also associated with the interests of the Hon. Joseph C. Sibley, founder of the Galena Signal Oil Company. In 1920 he launched his present business at Franklin, with Samuel H. Tingley, and has since operated the Hygienic Baking Company, one of the principal enterprises of its kind in the Franklin area.

During his entire career in Franklin, Mr. Huling has been active in welfare work and in the civic life of the community. For some ten years he was chairman of the Franklin Salvation Army and is now vice-president of the Franklin Community Chest, with which he has long been closely associated. He has also been interested in

the Boy Scout movement, whose value in building character and citizenship he clearly recognizes, and is past finance chairman for the local council of the Boy Scouts of America, comprising several counties. Through his business and civic connections, he became a well-known figure in the county and in 1939 was called into public life when he was nominated for county treasurer of Venango County on the Republican ticket and was elected for the term beginning January 1, 1940, which he is now serving. As a fully qualified public official, he enjoys the confidence of the county.

Mr. Huling has also served several terms as school director in Cranberry Township. He is active fraternally in the Free and Accepted Masons, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Loyal Order of Moose and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. In the Masonic Order he is affiliated with Myrtle Lodge, No. 316, Free and Accepted Masons, and with all higher bodies of both York and Scottish Rites, including Franklin Chapter, No. 211, Royal Arch Masons; Keystone Council, Royal and Select Masters, of which he is Past Illustrious Master; Franklin Commandery, Knights Templar, of which he is Past Commander; Venango Lodge of Perfection, in which he now serves as Junior Warden; Princes of Jerusalem, of which he is Council Prince; Rose Croix Chapter, and New Castle Consistory. Mr. Huling is also a member of the Grange and of the Franklin Club. In religious faith he is a Methodist.

In August, 1922, he married Hazel M. Albaugh, of Oil City and they have one son, Robert Coleman, Jr., now attending the Franklin public schools.

ROY P. NELSON—Following an active career in business and education, Roy P. Nelson turned to the sphere of public service with his designation as deputy city treasurer of Oil City in 1932. He has since held public office continuously and is now completing his second term as prothonotary and clerk of courts of Venango County.

Mr. Nelson was born at Cooperstown, Venango County, on April 26, 1885, son of the late Hugh D. Nelson, who was a farmer and salesman, and of Emily L. (Ferry) Nelson, who was born in Crawford County and is also now deceased. The other children of Hugh D. and Emily L. Nelson were: Mrs. Elda J. Freedman, Mrs. H. H. Brink, Mrs. A. W. Ricketts, H. Ernest Nelson, and Esther Nelson.

Roy P. Nelson received his early education in public and high schools and subsequently studied at Clarion Normal School and Grove City College. As a young man, he taught in the rural schools of Venango County for seven years, following which he entered the employ of the Lamberton National Bank in Oil City, beginning

as bookkeeper on July 5, 1911. He was later promoted to the savings cage and after two years was appointed receiving teller and finally paying teller. In this capacity he served until 1919, when he became associated with the Reed Gas Engine Company as bookkeeper, a connection he continued for more than a decade. Meanwhile, in 1928-29, he served as tax collector of the Seventh Ward in Oil City. In 1932 he became deputy city treasurer of Oil City and in 1935, on the basis of his prior record, was elected prothonotary and clerk of courts of Venango County, taking office on the first Monday of January, 1936. In 1939 he was reelected to his present office for a second four-year term, which he is now serving.

Mr. Nelson's offices are in Franklin. He is well known throughout the county as an efficient and courteous public official and for his long activity in Republican politics. He has been influential in his party for many years and in 1928 was temporary chairman of the Venango County Republican Committee. In addition to the responsibilities of his office, Mr. Nelson is associated with various civic enterprises and is a member of the board of directors of Grandview Sanitarium. He is affiliated with Sugar Creek Grange, No. 1131, is a member of the Franklin Kiwanis Club and a member and deacon of the First Presbyterian Church of Oil City.

On October 25, 1911, Mr. Nelson married Sarah Cochran, of Sugar Creek Township. They are the parents of twin children: William C. Nelson, who was graduated from Maryville College, Tennessee, studied law for one year at Dickinson Law School and is now associated with the Universal Credit Corporation at Knoxville, Tennessee; and Dorothy Elizabeth, who received the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Temple University, married Robert Allen, of Allentown, and now resides in Larchmont, a suburb of New York City; they have one daughter, Patty Ann Allen.

JOHN WEIR VAN TINE—As a young man more than sixty-four years ago, John Weir Van Tine began his connection with the life of Bradford and McKean County. Throughout this long period he had been an oil producer in the Bradford field and an influential figure in the city in which he made his home until his accidental death, August 26, 1941.

Mr. Van Tine was born at Fairview, Allegheny County, on January 31, 1858, and was a member of one of the old Dutch families of Dutchess County, New York, where his forebears resided up to and including the time of his grandfather, Thomas Van Tine. His father, who came to Pennsylvania in early life, operated a ferry at Freeport for many years, but at the time of the oil excitement at Oil City he moved his ferry and poled the river until the first covered bridge was built. He then went to work for

Philips & Van Ausdale in Venango County and devoted himself to agricultural pursuits from that time on. He was a veteran of the Civil War, in which he served as a member of the 14th Pennsylvania Cavalry. Marguerite (Weir) Van Tine, the mother, was born in Westmoreland County.

John Weir Van Tine received a common school education. His early boyhood was spent at Freeport and Oil City, and in the early 1870s he moved with his parents to the Shaw farm in Venango County. A neighbor there was John P. Zane, who later became his father-in-law. Mr. Zane was an oil operator and besides his Venango County properties had some oil leases in McKean County. In 1878 Mr. Van Tine came up to McKean County to work for him. In the following year he married Mr. Zane's daughter, at Plummer, Venango County, and returned with his bride to McKean County. They established their home at Gilmore, but after two years moved into Bradford. Meanwhile, Mr. Van Tine was gradually acquiring additional oil properties. Since then he had been an active producer in this field and although his properties for several years had been managed by his sons, he remained one of the best known oil men of the Bradford area.

Mr. Van Tine was always a power for good in the Bradford community and through his leadership or effective support, contributed largely to its civic progress and the success of its principal civic institutions. He was a member of the Bradford district branch of the Pennsylvania Oil Producers Association, had been a Republican committeeman for fifty years and was prominent in local councils of his party. At his death he was the oldest living member of the Epicurean Club. In religious faith he was a Methodist. Mr. Van Tine's kindly sympathies and ready wit reinforced his influence and won him a host of friends. His career covered an epoch in the development of Bradford, whose beginning he well remembered. The very property on which he lived is a part of the original sixty thousand acres purchased in 1851 by Daniel Kingsbury for six and one-quarter cents the acre.

In September, 1879, John Weir Van Tine married Anna Jane Zane, daughter of John P. Zane, who helped to write the history of this region, and Jane (Herrington) Zane. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Katie, who died in 1899. 2. Charles Snowden, who married Mae McKinney, and followed his father in the oil business. 3. Roscoe, also in the oil business. He married Gertrude O'Connor. 4. Laura, who married Henry J. Beck, of Bradford, and has three children: Henry J., and Theodore Roosevelt, both attending the University of Oklahoma; and Paul Zane. 5. Florence Newell, who married Robert Morgan (died in 1919), and later married Lee L. Lawry, of Derrick City. She has five children by her first marriage. 6. Hazel Rebecca, who married Dr.



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Arthur D. Marsh, of New Haven, Connecticut, and has one daughter, Jean, now attending Willimantic (Connecticut) High School. 7. John, who served in the United States Army during the first World War period, spending three years in Company C, 112th Regiment, as sergeant in the Sanitary Detachment. 8. Elizabeth Phillips, who married R. A. Deloe, of Derrick City, and has two children: Anna Jane and Betsy Anne.

John Weir Van Tine's record will stand in the annals of the petroleum industry as that of the "Grand Old Man of the Oil Industry," a title conferred upon him, with a gold medal, by the International Petroleum Exposition meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in 1938. It was an honor well deserved, and supported by the testimony of the wide circle of his friends and associates.

NICHOLAS JOSEPH MANGUS—A strong background of business and public service has well equipped Nicholas Joseph Mangus for his present work as Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue, with headquarters in Warren.

Mr. Mangus was born June 11, 1894, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, son of Anthony and Mary (Guiffre) Mangus. His grandfather, Nicholas Mangus, spent his life in Italy, where he owned an olive grove, producing olive oil, and was also engaged in the retail coal business. His maternal grandparents, Anthony and Lucy Guiffre, also were native Italians. Anthony Guiffre was a retail merchant there until his death. His widow came to the New World, however, bringing her family with her, settling first in Pittsburgh and afterward removing to Warren, Pennsylvania, where she died at the advanced age of eighty-eight years. Anthony Mangus, Nicholas Joseph Mangus' father, born November 14, 1861, in Italy, died in 1896 in Pittsburgh, received his early education in Italy, and spent a year in 1885 in the Italian Army. After coming to America, he became the operator of a retail fruit and confectionery store in Pittsburgh. He was a member of the Roman Catholic Church. His wife, Mrs. Mary (Guiffre) Mangus, Nicholas J. Mangus' mother, was a Sicilian by birth. After her husband's death, she came to Warren with members of the family and they still live here.

Nicholas Joseph Mangus attended St. Joseph's Parochial School, in Warren, and in 1914 was graduated from the Hoff Business College, in Warren. He became associated with the Struthers-Wells Company, of Warren, serving in their engineering department from 1914 to 1918. He then volunteered for World War service, training in Washington, District of Columbia, and subsequently was attached to the Chemical Warfare Service of the United States Army until he was honorably discharged

in December, 1918, with the sergeant's rank. He returned to the Struthers-Wells Company, in Warren, remaining in their engineering department until July, 1921. In 1917 he and two associates purchased the Soda & Mineral Water Company, in Warren, incorporating it in 1920. Becoming president of this enterprise, Mr. Mangus headed it until 1934, when he disposed of his interest in it and began a career of public work.

As revenue agent of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, he had offices at Warren State Hospital, continuing that work for four years. On August 21, 1939, Mr. Mangus assumed his present duties as Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue. He is a Democrat, a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church and a prominent fraternalist. He belongs to Warren Council, No. 964, Knights of Columbus, and is a Past Grand Knight. In the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks he is affiliated with Warren Lodge, No. 223, in which he has been a member for more than a quarter of a century. He also is active in the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the American Legion. In leisure time he enjoys contract bridge and healthful outdoor sports.

On October 17, 1928, Nicholas Joseph Mangus married Helen Mooney, a native of Meade Township, Warren County, Pennsylvania, daughter of John and Margaret (McNally) Mooney. Her father, born June 23, 1855, in Ireland, died February 10, 1931, in Warren, came to America with his parents at the age of ten years. The family settled in Meade Township, on a farm which is still in possession of the family and which is noted for its oil and timber production. He was a farmer, and took an active interest in local politics. At the time of his death he was serving as tax collector. His wife, Mrs. Margaret (McNally) Mooney, Mrs. Mangus' mother, who was born June 4, 1866, in Ireland, was long a resident of Warren until her death here July 20, 1933. Mrs. Mangus' paternal grandparents, Hugh and Sarah Mooney, were also natives of Ireland, who died in Meade Township, Warren County, after valuable careers in farming. Mrs. Mangus herself was graduated from Warren High School with honors in 1916 and from the Hoff Business College here in 1918, and for some years before her marriage she was associated with the New Process Company, of Warren, serving in an executive capacity. She is a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church. She was founder and first regent of Warren Court of the Catholic Daughters of America. Nicholas Joseph and Helen (Mooney) Mangus became the parents of the following children: 1. Mary Margaret, born August 8, 1930. 2. Nicholas Joseph, Jr., born November 30, 1931. 3. Helen Collette, born February 2, 1933. 4. John David, born September 17, 1934.

GEORGE VAUGHAN POTTS—Many Bradford business establishments have benefited from the part that George Vaughan Potts, of this city, has taken in their affairs. He is now secretary-treasurer of the Bradford Laundry Company and a prominent figure in the cleaning industry.

Mr. Potts was born October 27, 1892, son of George W. and Lucia H. (Smith) Potts. His father was a gauger with the Tide Water Pipe Line Company and an active worker in the great Pennsylvania oil industry. The Smith family trace their ancestry direct to the "Mayflower" descent.

George Vaughan Potts attended the Custer City Grammar School and Bradford High School, and early became a student at the New York State College of Forestry, Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York. From 1910 to 1913 he was active in the office of the Dresser Manufacturing Company. In 1917 and 1918 he was associated with the Custer City Chemical Company. From 1918 to 1921 he was with the Bradford National Bank. Then, in 1921, Mr. Potts joined forces with the Bradford Laundry Company, becoming its secretary-treasurer and so continuing down to the time of writing.

A prominent figure in the laundry industry, Mr. Potts has served as president of the Pennsylvania Association of Dyers & Cleaners and has held other positions of leadership in the cleaning trade. He was president, in 1939 and 1940, of the Bradford Board of Commerce. Since 1936 he has been secretary-treasurer of the Willow Dale Cemetery. Politically Mr. Potts is a Republican, and he is serving as a supervisor of Bradford Township, president of McKean County Supervisors Association, and member of the executive board of the Pennsylvania Supervisors' Association. He belongs to the Bradford Club, and in the Free and Accepted Masons is affiliated with many bodies and is a past officer in all of these—Union Lodge, No. 334; Bradford Chapter, No. 260, Royal Arch Masons; Bradford Council, No. 43, Royal and Select Masters, and Trinity Commandery, No. 58, Knights Templar. Mr. Potts is a member of the Methodist Church.

George Vaughan Potts married, December 31, 1917, in Bradford, Pennsylvania, Lois I. Maltby, daughter of Lewis L. and Nora L. Maltby. They became the parents of the following children: 1. George Vaughan Potts, Jr., born January 26, 1928. 2. Robert Lewis Potts, born January 28, 1930.

JAMES WILLIAM COIT—For many years active in the Pennsylvania oil industry, James William Coit centers his work along these lines in his native community of Bradford, where he has also distinguished himself as a leader in civic affairs, notably as mayor of the city.

Mr. Coit was born April 4, 1882, in Bradford, Pennsylvania, son of George L. and Ellen (Thompson) Coit, of Bradford and Titusville, respectively, both now deceased. His father was an oil producer.

Public schools of Bradford provided James William Coit's early formal education, and he was early made familiar with the oil industry through his environment and particularly through his father's close connection with it. His father had come to this district in 1879, and had built up a lively business as a teamster before entering the oil fields as an operator, selling his previous holdings in 1901 and engaging in the production branch of the business. The younger Mr. Coit was, at the beginning, a tooldresser, later becoming a driller. Then he associated himself with his father in the production of oil. Between 1923 and 1938 he operated the Coit lease, but in 1938 sold the property to the Kendall Refining Corporation.

In addition to his work in the oil industry, Mr. Coit has taken a lively interest in political and civic affairs. He is a member of the Republican party. On the party ticket he was elected mayor of Bradford on November 7, 1939, for a four-year term, and took office January 1, 1940. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Loyal Order of Moose, and in the Masonic Order he is affiliated with the Bradford Lodge and other bodies up to and including Coudersport Consistory of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and is an initiate in the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Zem Zem Temple, at Erie. He belongs to the Presbyterian Church.

On October 13, 1909, James William Coit married Jessica Williams, of Indiana. They became the parents of one daughter, Elizabeth Coit, who was graduated from Bradford High School and in 1940 from the Knox School, at Cooperstown, New York.

HORACE HAMLIN REDFIELD—For many years Horace Hamlin Redfield was engaged in the hardware business in Smethport, and he had other business interests in this community, as well as in nearby Eldred and Bradford. As time went on and his activities extended in scope and over a broader geographical area, he acquired holdings in the South and in the far-flung empire of the gas and oil industry in America. His attainments brought him wide respect, admiration and confidence, and his many friends were endeared to him by delightful qualities of personality and his warm friendliness.

Mr. Redfield was born January 10, 1878, in Chattanooga, Tennessee, son of Horace Victor Eugene and Jeannette (Hamlin) Redfield and a descendant in the eighth gen-



H. N. Redfield



eration from William Redfin, as the name was originally spelled, who was probably an early immigrant from England into Massachusetts, and who died about May, 1662. William Redfin and his wife, Rebecca, had a son, James Redfield, who was supposedly born in 1646 and was a tanner by trade at Martha's Vineyard, New London and Saybrook, and who married (first) Elizabeth How and (second) Deborah Sturgis. His son, Sergeant Theophilus Redfield, born about 1682, died February 14, 1759, lived at Killingworth, Connecticut; he married, in 1706, Priscilla Greenel, born in 1689, died in 1770. Their son, Richard Redfield, born June 18, 1711, died February 2, 1771, was a sea captain, whose home was at Killingworth; he married (second) — Wilcox. Their son, Reuben Redfield, born January 8, 1766, at Killingworth, died January 8, 1835, at Eden, Erie County, New York, lived at Highgate, Vermont, on the international boundary; he married, at Castleton, that State, about 1788, Elizabeth Jocelyn, who died February 4, 1829. Their son, Horace Linzy Redfield, born December 23, 1809, at Highgate, died December 23, 1849, at Eden, where he was a physician; he married, April 28, 1838, Clarissa Jane Forbes. Their son, Horace Victor Eugene Redfield, Horace Hamlin Redfield's father, was born December 23, 1845, at Eden, and died November 17, 1881, in Washington, District of Columbia.

That Horace Victor Eugene Redfield, a newspaper correspondent, was at one time correspondent in Washington for the Cincinnati "Commercial." He lived for a time at Chattanooga, Tennessee, where he was also correspondent and an alderman. He was a Republican in politics, and both he and his wife were Episcopalians. He married Jeannette Hamlin, daughter of Byron D. and Harriet (Holmes) Hamlin and a descendant in the tenth generation from James Hamlin. James Hamlin lived in London, England, in 1623, and later founded his family in Barnstable, Massachusetts, and there became a freeman March 1, 1641, and died in 1690. By his first wife, Ann, he had several children, one of whom, also named James Hamlin, was baptized at St. Lawrence, Reading, Berkshire, England, April 10, 1636, and came to America in 1642 with his mother and sisters, settling at West Barnstable, Massachusetts; he married Mary Dunham. Their son, Deacon Ebenezer Hamlin, who succeeded to his grandfather's property and his father's, later removed to Rochester, Massachusetts, where he was a deacon and an original member of the first church, but in 1742 removed to Sharon, Connecticut; he married (first) Sarah Lewis. Their son, Thomas Hamlin, born May 6, 1710, in Barnstable, Massachusetts, represented the fourth generation. His son, Nathaniel Hamlin, born June 7, 1738, in Agawam, Massachusetts, died in Sharon, Connecticut, was a merchant, and kept a house of entertainment for travelers at Sharon Moun-

tain; he was a first lieutenant in the 3d Company of Sharon, and later was a private in Colonial forces in the War of the American Revolution; he married (first) Lucy Foster, and they had twelve children. The ninth of these, Asa Hamlin, born March 30, 1780, in Sharon, Connecticut, died September 8, 1835, in Smethport, Pennsylvania, received a sound education, studied medicine, and practiced his profession at Sharon with considerable success until about 1814, when he removed to Fairfield, New York, going in 1816 to Salem, Pennsylvania, and in 1833 to Smethport, where he died September 8, 1835. This founder of the Hamlin line in Smethport, Dr. Asa Hamlin, practiced medicine under difficult conditions and found it difficult to collect money owing him. His family received little at his death. He was a Federalist in politics and a Presbyterian in religious faith. He married, December 26, 1802, Asenath Delano, born April 6, 1780, in Sharon, Connecticut, daughter of Stephen and Huldah (Doty) Delano. They had eight children. One of these was Byron Delano Hamlin, born May 7, 1824, in Sheshequin, Pennsylvania, removed to Smethport in 1833, was elected treasurer of McKean County in 1850 and State Senator in 1852 on the Democratic ticket, and served in 1854 as presiding officer of the State Senate; he married, November 17, 1846, Harriet Holmes, born in Chenango County, New York, January 1, 1826, daughter of John and Nancy (Richmond) Holmes. Their children were: 1. Delano Richmond Hamlin, born August 10, 1847. 2. Jeannette Hamlin, born September 18, 1852. 3. Mary Holmes Hamlin, born September 29, 1856. The second-named of these children, as indicated above, became the wife of Horace Victor Eugene Redfield.

Their son was Horace Hamlin Redfield, who spent his childhood in Smethport and was graduated from high school here. He later was a student at Hobart College, in Geneva, New York. In earlier years he was for a time a student at St. John's Academy, in Manlius, New York. He spent many of his summers in early life in Smethport, and his winters in Augusta, Georgia. Later he chose Smethport as his permanent residence. He early went into the hardware business in this city, so continuing for a number of years. As time went on and his interests became more ramified, he was at one time or another a leading figure in many businesses. He served as president and a director of the Grange National Bank, in Smethport, and was founder and president of the First National Bank of Eldred. In Bradford he was a director of the First National Bank, and he was also a director of the Hamlin Bank & Trust Company. Mr. Redfield became a member of the advisory board of the First Mortgage Guarantee & Trust Company, of Philadelphia, and was a director of the Great Southern Lumber Company, of Bogalusa, Louisiana; vice-president and a director of the New Orleans Great

Northern Railroad; president of the McKean County Refining Company; and a director of the Smethport Water Company. He later sold his holdings in the McKean County Refining Company, which had headquarters at Farmers' Valley, Pennsylvania, to the Quaker State Oil Company. Mr. Redfield was also a director of the Coudersport & Port Allegany Railroad.

One of the active oil producers in the Bradford field, Mr. Redfield was a director of the Gaylord Container Corporation, and also served as chairman of the board of directors of the Jefferson County Gas Company, of Warren. He helped during the World War period of 1917 and 1918 to promote many war time campaigns, notably as chairman of the McKean County War Savings Stamp drives. He served one term in the Pennsylvania State Legislature. Many organizations found in Mr. Redfield an enthusiastic worker, among these being the Smethport Country Club and the Conopus Club. In the Free and Accepted Masons he was affiliated with McKean Lodge, No. 388, and was a Past Master of that Lodge. He also had memberships in Coudersport Consistory of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and was an initiate in Zem Zem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Erie. He was a member of St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal Church, where he had served as vestryman, treasurer and junior warden.

On October 10, 1900, Horace Hamlin Redfield married Grace Emily McCoy, daughter of Frederick A. and Emily Leona (Huenerfeld) McCoy. She was born April 1, 1878, at Ellicottville, New York, and was graduated from Smethport High School in 1895, after which she became active in Smethport affairs as a member of St. Luke's Church and Smethport Chapter, No. 15, of the Order of Eastern Star. Her father, Frederick A. McCoy, son of Stephen and Eliza McCoy, was long a druggist in Smethport. Her mother, Emily L. (Huenerfeld) McCoy, was born February 3, 1855, at Ellicottville, daughter of Peter Joseph and Emily (Riggs) Huenerfeld. Peter J. Huenerfeld was born September 18, 1818, at Cochem, Prussia, son of Paul and Mary (Gillis) Huenerfeld; and Emily (Riggs) Huenerfeld was born March 26, 1827, at North Adams, Massachusetts, daughter of John and Melenza (Litchfield) Riggs.

Horace Hamlin and Grace Emily (McCoy) Redfield became the parents of the following children: 1. Hamlin Delano Redfield, born January 17, 1902, at Smethport. 2. Robert Horace Redfield, born March 12, 1905, at Smethport. 3. Louise Redfield, now Mrs. John R. McAlpin, born March 16, 1909, at Smethport. There are four grandchildren.

The death of Horace Hamlin Redfield removed from Smethport one of the community's leading citizens, respected for his many-sided accomplishments and well beloved by a host of friends. He will long be affec-

tionately remembered in every quarter in which he was known, and the fine influence of such a life must go on being felt as a power for good through future years.

COLONEL JOSEPH R. CARVOLTH—After years of association with the business life of Bradford and McKean County, Colonel Joseph R. Carvolth began a career of public service at the beginning of 1933, since which time he has served continuously as prothonotary of the county, with headquarters in Smethport, the county seat. He still makes his home in Bradford.

Mr. Carvolth was born January 17, 1888, in Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, son of Richard and Lillian (Ferris) Carvolth. His father, of English birth, now deceased, was for years a powder maker with E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company. The mother, a native of Lackawanna County, this State, was descended from Samuel Callender, a soldier of the Revolutionary War. She also is now deceased.

Receiving a common school education, Joseph R. Carvolth held numerous odd jobs as a young boy, as boys usually do, gaining a broad experience in this way and laying the foundations for his future career. His first steady work was as clerk in the Bradford office of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. There he remained until, in 1912, he became connected with the oil well supply business in Bradford, continuing so engaged until January, 1933. Most of that period he spent with the firm of Bovaird & Company. His election as prothonotary of McKean County came in the autumn of 1932, and he took office January 1, 1933. Since that time he has continued in this position. During the reorganization of the city government in Bradford, Mr. Carvolth was appointed superintendent of police of the city; but that appointment was only a temporary one.

Paralleling his other activities, Mr. Carvolth has had a notable military career. In 1905 he enlisted in the 13th Infantry Regiment of the Pennsylvania National Guard, at Scranton, Pennsylvania, continuing his interest and activity in military affairs thereafter. On July 15, 1915, he was made second lieutenant of Company C, in Bradford, with which unit he served on the Mexican Border. From July 15, 1917, to May 6, 1919, as a first lieutenant, he was with the 149th Machine Gun Battalion, 42d ("Rainbow") Division, going overseas with that division and performing meritorious service for which he was cited by General John J. Pershing and was awarded the decoration of the Purple Heart. After the conclusion of hostilities he organized Company C, 112th Infantry Regiment, Pennsylvania National Guard, and was made a captain. In September, 1922, he received the major's commission, and in August, 1938, he was promoted to lieutenant-colonel. On December 5, 1940, he was promoted to colonel and as-

signed to command the 112th Infantry. On February 17, 1941, he was called to Federal service in command of the 112th Infantry. He graduated from the United States Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia, 1930, and again in 1941.

In politics Colonel Carvolth is a Republican. He served for ten years as director of accounts and finance of the city of Bradford. He is a director of the Bradford Building and Loan Association. Active in the American Legion, he also helped organize John C. Roche Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and became its first commander. Fraternally Colonel Carvolth is associated with Union Lodge, No. 334, Free and Accepted Masons; Bradford Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Trinity Commandery, Knight Templar (of which he is a Past Commander); Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Zem Zem Temple (Erie), Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and he is also a member of the Bradford Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a member of the Baptist Church.

On February 1, 1917, Colonel Joseph R. Carvolth married Blanche A. Gardner, of Bradford, daughter of Charles B. and Nellie C. Gardner. Colonel and Mrs. Carvolth became the parents of the following children: 1. R. Arthur, graduated from local schools and from Penn State College, took a course in hospital administration at Columbia University (New York), and then was made administrator of the Potsdam Hospital, Potsdam, New York; he married Marian Roberts. 2. Erma M. (deceased). 3. Janice G. 4. Carolyn R. 5. Joseph R., Jr. 6. Martha Lee (deceased). Three of these children are students in the Bradford schools at the time of writing.

CHARLES A. McFADDEN—For half a century, Charles A. McFadden was active as an independent oil producer in the Bradford field. As one of the best known oil men in this section and as a resident of Derrick City, where his enlightened citizenship and constructive efforts were a vital force in the community, he enjoyed a wide reputation and an honored name.

Mr. McFadden was born at Millers Station, Crawford County, on July 17, 1859, son of Joseph and Mary McFadden. He was reared on his father's farm in Crawford County, meanwhile attending the common schools, and after his marriage in 1883, came to Cambridge Springs, where he worked in a mill until 1886. In the latter year he established his residence in Derrick City, where he made his home until his death. Following his arrival here, Mr. McFadden worked for three years as a gas lease pumper for the Argue Brothers. Ambitious to make the most of his opportunities, he carefully saved his earnings and with capital thus acquired he purchased oil

property in the Bradford field and launched his career as an independent producer in partnership with F. M. Johnson. This association was continued successfully for many years, but eventually Mr. McFadden withdrew from the partnership and operated alone. He was an oil producer for over fifty years and remained active until his death in November, 1940.

Mr. McFadden's record of civic service was equally long. Public-spirited and generous in his sympathies, he gave generously of his time and means to many useful causes and to the principal institutions of the Derrick City community, in which he long made his home. He was especially interested in education and youth. He played an active part locally in movements for aiding crippled children and the tubercular, served for a number of years as a member of the Foster Township Board of Education and liberally supported any enterprise which had for its purpose the training of boys and girls for democratic citizenship. Mr. McFadden also served for many years as judge of elections in his voting district. His opinions were often sought and always valued by his fellow-townsmen, not only in matters of public interest but in their private problems and difficulties.

Mr. McFadden was a member of the Penn Grade Crude Oil Association and the Bradford District Branch of the Pennsylvania Oil Producers Association. He was affiliated fraternally with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he was a member from the time he attained his majority until his death, was treasurer for many years of Derrick City Lodge of this order and later a member of Tuna Lodge, No. 411, at Bradford. He was also affiliated with the Encampment of the Odd Fellows, the Daughters of Rebekah and the Knights of Pythias. For many years he was an active member of the Young Men's Christian Association. Mr. McFadden was a Republican in politics.

He married, on October 7, 1883, Amelia Straw, of Crawford County, daughter of Hasro and Matilda Straw. Mrs. McFadden survives her husband. They became the parents of one daughter, Edna, who was educated in the local public schools and was married, on September 27, 1919, to Ransom H. Van Orden, of Red House, New York. Mr. Van Orden, who died on June 16, 1937, worked in the steel mills at Youngstown, Ohio, as a young man and later became a drilling contractor. In this capacity he was very active throughout the Bradford field and neighboring fields, building up a large business which he carried on until his death. Mr. Van Orden was affiliated with Northern Star Lodge, No. 555, Free and Accepted Masons, and was prominent in the higher bodies of the order, including Bradford Royal Arch Chapter; Bradford Council, Royal and Select Masters; Trinity Commandery, Knights Templar; and Coudersport Con-

sistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. Mrs. Van Orden, who survives her husband, is one of the most active women in this section. A keen business woman and able administrator, she is executrix of her father's estate and operator of the oil properties comprising it. In civic and association affairs, she has also evidenced her gift of leadership and is now a member of the Pennsylvania State Board of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the State Board of the Parent-Teacher Association. At Derrick City she is secretary of the Sunday school of her church and second vice-president of the Current Events Club. Mrs. Van Orden is also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and of the Pennhills Country Club. There is one son of her marriage, Al Mack Van Orden, born January 16, 1921. He is a graduate of the local schools and for a time was a student at Carson Long Military Institute, but withdrew from school after his father's death to help his mother in the operation of the family oil properties.

Charles A. McFadden was eighty-one years old when he died. He remained until the last an honored figure in this section, "highly respected for his uprightness of character, his strict business integrity and his kindly understanding."

WILLIAM ALBERT ROSS—Since 1927 William Albert Ross has served, in Smethport, as agricultural agent of McKean County. His lively interest in community affairs has earned for him wide admiration and respect, and he holds the confidence and affection of all who know him.

Mr. Ross was born June 12, 1897, in Rockefeller Township, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, son of C. E. and Eva (Eister) Ross, both of Rockefeller Township, engaged in farming operations there.

Graded schools of that township provided William Albert Ross' early formal education, and in Sunbury High School and Penn State College he received his subsequent training for his career. In January, 1922, he was made a Bachelor of Arts at Penn State College, where he received the Master of Science degree in 1934. Meanwhile, after taking the baccalaureate degree, Mr. Ross accepted a post as agricultural agent of Cameron County in March, 1922, remaining there in that capacity until February 1, 1927. At that time he came to McKean County to be agricultural agent here, and has been in Smethport since that time carrying forward the work of this office.

Interesting himself in a wide variety of Smethport activities, Mr. Ross is prominent in civic and community affairs in the whole of McKean County. He is at the time of writing chairman of the McKean County Draft Board, known as Draft Board No. 1, set up under the Selective

Service Act of 1940. A Republican in politics, he is a director and secretary of the Board of Education of Smethport. During the World War period, in 1917 and 1918, he rendered special service while a student at Penn State College. He is a director of the Rotary Club and chairman of its program committee, and is also active in the Penn State Alumni Association and the Grange. He is a Past Commander of Bucktail Post, No. 138, American Legion, and in the Free and Accepted Masons is affiliated with lodge and Royal Arch Chapter at Emporium, Pennsylvania. He is a member of the official board of the Methodist Church.

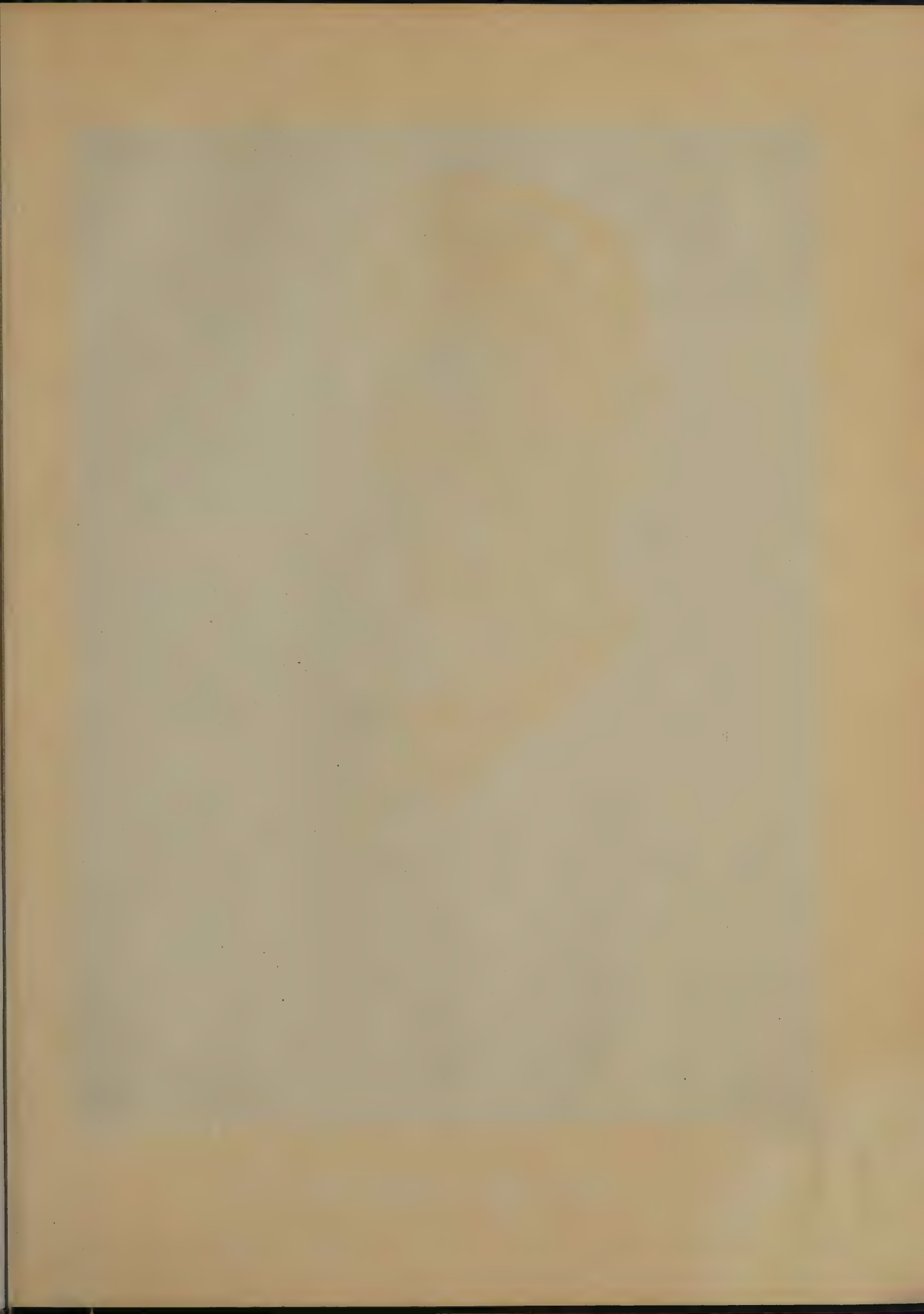
On June 21, 1926, William Albert Ross married Grace Brooks, of Milton, Pennsylvania. They became the parents of two children: Martha Jean and Donald Edward Ross, who both attend Smethport schools.

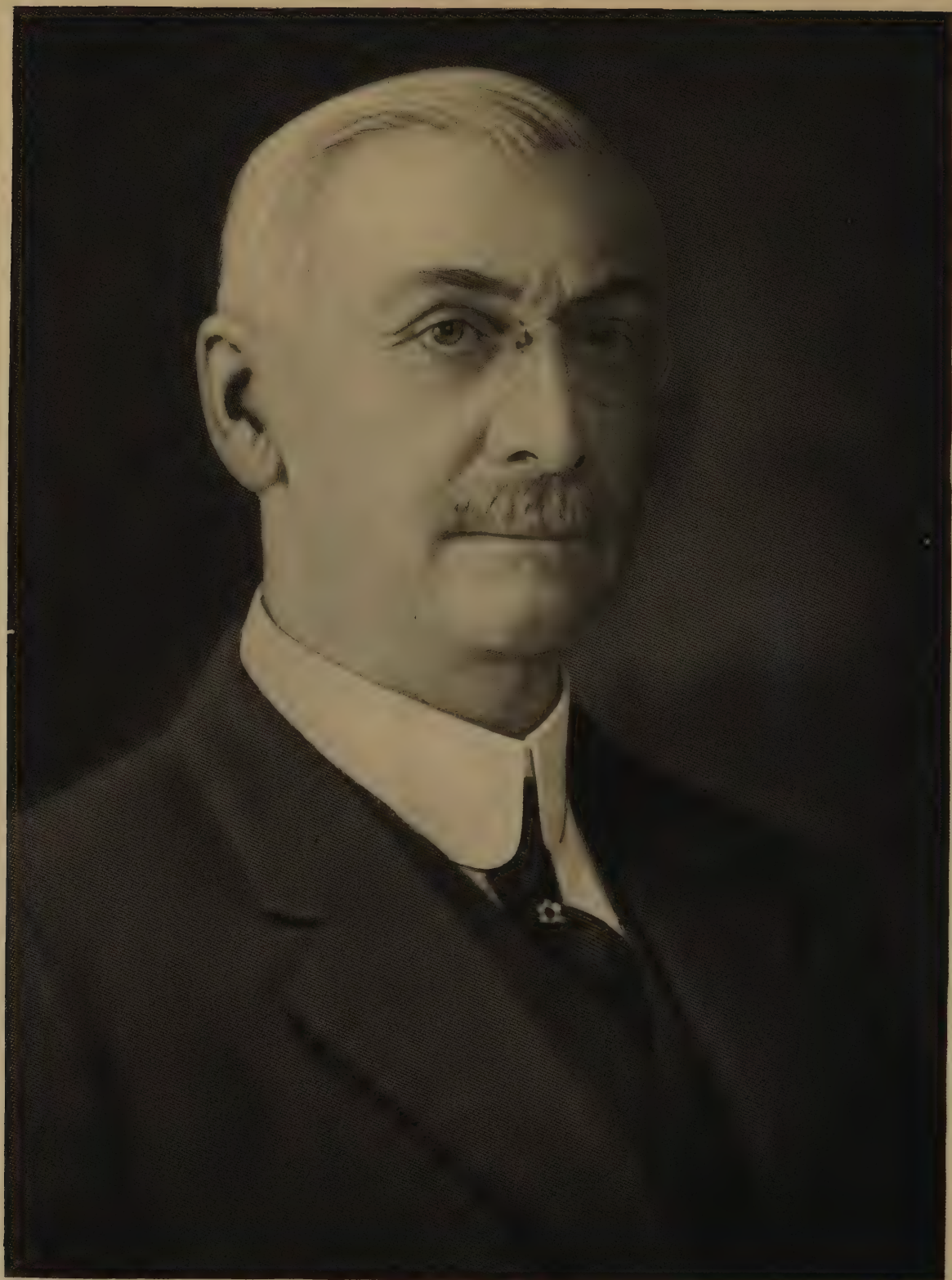
BRUCE H. CLARK—Extensively engaged in insurance work in Eldred, Bruce H. Clark occupies a position of leadership in the business and financial life here, being widely known as founder of the firm now known as Clark & Grow, a leading agency of this district, which represents some of the foremost insurance companies.

Mr. Clark was born May 21, 1879, in Portageville, Wyoming County, Pennsylvania, son of Leander H. and Emma (Hinds) Clark. His father, who came from Clarksville, New York, was long associated with the Genesee Valley Blue Stone Company until his death in 1915. The mother, who came from Portageville, New York, died in March, 1940.

Public schools of his native district of New York State furnished Bruce H. Clark's early formal education, and after graduation from high school he became a student at the Genesee Normal School, also in New York State. Next he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as an agent, soon learning the intricacies of the telegraph. For a number of years he was relief agent and operator on the Buffalo division of that railroad, and during that period he served in every station on the division, not once, but many times. In 1916 Mr. Clark became associated with the Pennsylvania Oil Products Refining Company, in Eldred, serving as treasurer and office manager. In 1918 he affiliated himself with the Bradford Supply Company as manager of the Eldred Store, holding that post until 1928.

It was in that year that Mr. Clark went into the insurance business in Eldred, buying the agency of a Mr. Colegrove and proceeding to operate a general agency down to the time of writing. He represents a number of important insurance companies, internationally known, and since July 1, 1936, has had, as a partner, William A. Grow, who operates with him the agency known as Clark & Grow.





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George C. Miller

In addition to his other activities, Mr. Clark is a director of the McKean County Memorial Park. A Republican in politics, he has served as president of the Eldred Borough Council and as a member of the Board of Education. He is secretary and a director of the Eldred Rotary Club, and in the Free and Accepted Masons is affiliated with Eldred Lodge, in which he is a Past Master; Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and Arnold Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, at Port Allegany. Mr. Clark is also a trustee of the Methodist Church.

On September 3, 1903, Bruce H. Clark married Anna L. Burdick, of Rixford, Pennsylvania, daughter of Ralph Burdick. The Clarks became the parents of the following children: 1. Howard L. Clark, who was graduated from Eldred High School and from Penn State College, and is now an engineer with the American Bridge Company; he married Mary Louise Davies, of Ambridge, Pennsylvania. 2. Edna Clark, graduated from Eldred High School and Buffalo State Teachers' College, became the wife of W. K. Bailey, a pumper for the Forest Oil Company. 3. Dorothea Clark, graduated from Eldred High School, a student at Mansfield State Teachers' College at the time of writing.

GEORGE C. MILLER—On the pages of Venango County history the name of George C. Miller is indelibly written. (Miller Park in this section of Pennsylvania is named for him.) (His beautiful estate was one of the show places in the Franklin area.) By his personal achievements in the petroleum business he contributed several chapters to the story of the development of this industry. He was, moreover, by investment and leadership, prominent in many other enterprises. Not the least of his accomplishments were his civic and humanitarian activities, for he was a progressive citizen endeavoring always to further the advance of the community, and generous in his support of charitable institutions and in the aid of the less fortunate.

Mr. Miller was born at Concord, Erie County, New York, in 1857, son of Christian and Salome (Frantz) Miller. His father came from Alsace-Lorraine to the United States in 1854, locating for a time in Buffalo, New York, where the son attended the public schools and the Buffalo Business College. Further formal education he postponed to after years when it became exceptionally well-rounded. As a youth, however, he was ambitious to make his own livelihood, and his best schooling was in the "College of Experience."

His first employment of note was as a clerk with Millar & Peck at East Aurora, New York, where he remained until 1880 when he came to Franklin and thereafter was identified with this Pennsylvania city. In the Venango County seat, he entered the Galena-Signal Oil Company,

in a clerical capacity. Hard work, keen intelligence and a willingness to do more than his position required won him promotion. Down the years he was assistant superintendent, superintendent, general superintendent, and vice-president in charge of manufacturing and purchasing, the most responsible executive offices in production. His reputation grew apace, and he became one of the major authorities on the petroleum industry in northwestern Pennsylvania, one widely recognized and constantly consulted even after his retirement in 1929.

As is to be expected, Mr. Miller operated in oil wells on his own account, and owned a number of leases at one time or another. One of these was located at the historic Indian God Rock along the Allegheny River in Venango County. George C. Miller was president of the Pennsylvania Coal Company, of Franklin; member of the firm of the Kobler & Miller Company, of Buffalo; and associated with the Economy Food & Products Company of Boston; the Sibley Soap Company, of Franklin; the Peoples Supply Company of Summerville and Clarion, Pennsylvania. Altogether he served on the board of directors of more than twenty corporations, including the First National Bank of Franklin. He was, in fact, one of the outstanding business men and financiers in Venango County. Fraternally Mr. Miller was affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and was a member of the Franklin Club, and active in philanthropic and progressive projects and organizations.

George C. Miller married Nellie Allen, and they were the parents of a daughter, Josephine Allen, who married Boyd Nelson Park, on November 19, 1917. Mrs. Park died November 10, 1918.

Mr. Miller was seventy-seven years of age and had lived in Franklin for much more than half a century at the time of his death on May 28, 1934. His passing was mourned as that of a truly great citizen of the city and the county, a man who had served his day and generation well. He had been blessed with the vision, the foresight and determination that won him leadership in the oil industry, and to invest in enterprises that furthered the development of a large section. His success, however much it benefited himself, was of tremendous value to others. He gave generously but in the main anonymously, never desiring to set himself above or apart from his fellowmen. Of his kind are the builders of the strength and wealth of our country.

PHILIP BRADFORD TABER—In the development of the natural resources of northwestern Pennsylvania its forests furnished the first and longest continued opportunity. With the passing years the so-called by-products of timber became valuable and attracted the attention of industrialists. Philip Bradford Taber, president of the American Extract Company, is of the second

generation of one group of these enterprising manufacturers, and is carrying on the business and traditions of his elders most successfully. He is a widely recognized executive, a prominent figure in his particular field of operations and noteworthy for his progressive spirit and activities in the affairs of Port Allegany, McKean County.

Mr. Taber was born at Port Allegany, July 12, 1904, son of Bright C. and Elma (McDowell) Taber. His mother was a daughter of Thomas and Theresa (Holmes) McDowell, her father being one of the prominent merchants and citizens of Port Allegany, and one of the authentic pioneers in the development of this community. The story of Bright C. Taber is so much a part of the history of a company, that he can best be represented in this connection. It appears that in about 1887 two Chicago, Illinois, men started a tanning extract concern which soon failed. Bright C. Taber purchased the assets and persuaded his three brothers to join him in the operation of what was called the American Extract Company in the production of tanning extract. The four brothers also became the owners of the Taber Pump Company in Buffalo, New York, and the Alpena Leather Company of the town of the same name in Michigan. Each of the brothers became the head of one of these three establishments, the fourth acting in a public relations capacity for the combined plants.

Philip Bradford Taber was educated in the Nichols School, the Hill School, and Yale University, where he took a degree. From the New Haven institution he went to the large brokerage firm and investment bankers, Lee Higginson & Company, in New York City. After about a year, however, he joined the American Extract Company, at Port Allegany, of which place he has since been a prominent business man. In 1929 he was elected president, at the height of prosperity in the United States, and it has been his responsibility to control the destinies of the corporation during more than a decade of repeated financial depressions. How well he has done his work is indicated by the present strength of the company, and of a noteworthy expansion in the number of products and breadth of distribution. The Port Allegany plant has its own fleet of tank cars, and employs from sixty to seventy-five people.

Mr. Taber is a director of the First National Bank of Port Allegany. He is a Republican in his political affiliations. His college fraternity is Beta Theta Pi; he is a member of the Buffalo Country Club, and he attends the Protestant Episcopal Church. So far as time permits he enjoys such outdoor sports as fishing, hunting and playing golf.

On September 5, 1930, Philip Bradford Taber married Ann Penn, of Lewiston, New York, and they are the parents of a daughter, Anita, attending Buffalo schools.

FRANK E. WILSON—Frank E. Wilson is vice-president of Eldred's famous National Powder Company, situated just outside the town.

Mr. Wilson was born February 2, 1874, at Smith Mills, Chautauqua County, New York, son of Joseph and Ellen (Bloss) Wilson, of Cattaraugus County, New York, both now deceased. Common schools provided Frank E. Wilson's early education, and in boyhood he went into the oil business as a lease dealer and broker, acquired his own first lease in 1910 and became a producer. He has continued along these lines down to the time of writing. In 1935, along with several associates, he went into the explosives business, organizing the National Powder Company and becoming its vice-president. The company at first manufactured nitroglycerine for oil well shooting, but as time went on they developed general commercial explosives for coal mining, quarrying and other industrial purposes. The company today employs forty-five to fifty persons, and ships its products throughout the whole eastern portion of the United States.

Mr. Wilson is a Republican. He is a member of the Eldred Rotary Club, is active in the Methodist Church, and in the Free and Accepted Masons is affiliated with Duke Center Lodge, Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Zem Zem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (in Erie).

On October 31, 1894, Frank E. Wilson married Edna May Gillespie.

P. J. DENMAN—Business and civic affairs in Bradford have received great impetus from the work of P. J. Denman, who has in recent years performed a valuable service as postmaster and in the furtherance of civil service and educational interests.

Mr. Denman was born November 4, 1887, in Marshall, Indiana, son of I. W. Denman, born in 1864, and Grace (Whitner) Denman, born in 1866, of Indiana and Ohio, respectively. His father was engaged in the real estate and insurance business.

Public schools of Marshall, his Indiana birthplace, provided P. J. Denman's early formal education. Afterward he was a student at Earlham College, in Richmond, Indiana, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1910, and he had graduate work at the University of Chicago and the University of Wisconsin in the years that followed. In young manhood he turned his attention to teaching, doing work along this line in Indiana and Illinois and so continuing for about seven years. He was coach of the football and basketball teams and had marked success as a teacher of athletics, some of his teams being still famed in the vicinity of Robinson, Illinois. About 1917 Mr. Denman became associated with the Ohio Oil Company. In 1919 he came to the Bradford Supply





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Company, in Bradford, as office manager and chief accountant, and he was associated for eighteen years with this same firm. Meanwhile, he acquired oil properties and was an active producer of oil in the Bradford and Allegheny fields. He served as vice-president of the Ella Oil Company for a time. A serious accident incapacitated him in 1938, however, recovery coming only after several months.

On June 20, 1940, he was commissioned postmaster of Bradford under the new Civil Service law, taking office August 1, 1940. He served from 1934 to 1940 as president of the Civil Service Commission, and has done much in a variety of ways for the furtherance of civil service. He has served also as a trustee of Penn State College for several years. He is secretary of the McKean County Building and Loan Association. For fifteen years Mr. Denman served as a director of the Bradford Young Men's Christian Association. In the Free and Accepted Masons he is affiliated with Bradford Lodge, No. 749, of which he is a Past Master; Royal Arch Chapter, Robinson, Illinois; Trinity Commandery, Knights Templar, of which he is a Past Commander; and Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. Mr. Denman was superintendent of the Sunday school of the Presbyterian Church in Bradford for some time.

P. J. Denman married, January 29, 1913, Bertha Baker, of Oakland City, Indiana, daughter of E. H. and Anna Louise (Williams) Baker. They became the parents of two children: 1. James B., born in 1920, graduated from Bradford High School, now a student at Penn State College. 2. Grace Louise, born in 1924, a student at Bradford High School at the time of writing.

ELLIS B. BERKWATER—As Superintendent of Highways in McKean County, Ellis B. Berkwater holds a position of importance. He had gained extensive experience in road construction before being elevated to this post, and his efficient activities have won merited public approval.

Mr. Berkwater was born at Warren, Pennsylvania, on November 2, 1881, son of William Harrison and Jane (Mays) Berkwater. His mother, a native of Forrest County, Pennsylvania, has reached the fine age of eighty-four years. William Harrison Berkwater was born and reared in Missouri, but came East during the Civil War times and enlisted in the Union forces. After the conflict was over he settled in Warren County, this State, but when his son was about six years old he removed to McKean County. Here he was engaged in the lumber business as an operator, winning a substantial success. He raised a large family, and by example and word instilled into his children the principles of honesty, industry, integrity and good citizenship.

As a young man Ellis B. Berkwater began his business career in the window glass industry at Kane where he had grown up and had been educated. He was quick to learn, possessed unusual gifts for the mechanical, and was wise enough to study engineering by taking courses in several correspondence schools. His advancement was rapid and it was not long before he was promoted to assistant superintendent. However, in 1923, he accepted a position as inspector with the Engineering Department of the Pennsylvania State Highway Commission. In 1931 he went in the construction business for himself, and also during the following few years was associated with a number of firms doing contract work. In 1939 he was elevated to the post of superintendent of the McKean County Highways, a position he has since filled most capably.

To whatever vocation he followed, Mr. Berkwater has always given his complete devotion, and therefore never has had the time to join organizations. He is a Republican in political affiliations; and is of the Methodist Episcopal faith. A contemporary, in commenting upon the character and career of Mr. Berkwater, said: "He is a rugged individualist, original in ideas, always prepared to drive forward any project that he has undertaken. He believes in the old time tested virtues of honesty, hard work and constructive citizenship, tenets he learned in his boyhood home. He gives full allegiance to causes that he deems just but is always fair in his consideration of the arguments of others. Few men hold so high a place in the esteem of their fellowmen."

On January 28, 1905, Ellis B. Berkwater married Edith Amacher, of Ridgway, Pennsylvania, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Florence M., a graduate of Kane public schools, and Lockhaven State Teachers College, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. She began teaching in the elementary schools in Pittsburgh, and while there attended the University of Pittsburgh, where she received her degree of Master of Arts; she married Walter A. Crissman, who is associated with the Jones & Laughlin Steel Company at Pittsburgh. 2. George E., a graduate of Kane public schools, attended Mansfield State Teachers College for two years, and graduated from Waynesburg College; now employed as county registrar.

WILLIAM STEPHEN DIETRICH—The Greenville Steel Car Company, large manufacturers of railroad freight cars and parts and operators of extensive repair shops at Greenville, traces its origin to the business established here in 1910 by Frank L. Fay and associates under the name of the Greenville Metal Products Company. Initially the company was engaged in the manufacture of automobile parts and afterwards of electric starters for automobiles, stationary electric light plants

and complete motor cars of the Empire and Fay lines. In 1913 the present business was begun and a new company was chartered for the purpose under the name of the Greenville Steel Car Company. Since that time the company has developed steadily and in recent years has undergone a rapid expansion under capable leadership. William Stephen Dietrich, vice-president and general manager of the company since 1925, is its present operating head.

Mr. Dietrich was born November 28, 1879, son of William Dietrich, a live stock dealer, and Clara (Senderling) Dietrich. He received his preliminary education in the public schools of Pittsburgh, attended old Allegheny High School and afterwards studied at Carnegie Institute of Technology, where he received his technical training. He began his active career in the Thirty-third Street plant of the Carnegie Steel Company at Lawrenceville, Pittsburgh, went from there to the Pressed Steel Car Company at McKees Rocks, and in 1919 was transferred to a subsidiary, the Koppel Car Repair Company, whose plant he built. When the connection of this company with the parent company was severed, he was general manager of the Koppel Car Repair Company and assistant to the vice-president in charge of operations of the Pressed Steel Car Company. Since 1925 his interests have centered in the Greenville Steel Car Company, in whose recent development he has played a leading rôle as vice-president and general manager. Mr. Dietrich, in 1933, established the Pokadot Chemical Company and has been president since. For the past five years Mr. Dietrich's son-in-law, W. H. Boyce, has been the managing director of the company. During that period the business has increased eight hundred per cent. and is numbered among the most successful companies in Meadville.

Since the early years of the Greenville Steel Car Company as builders and repairers of freight cars, when it successfully completed the repair of 740 hopper cars for the Bessemer & Lake Erie Railroad, this company has enjoyed a notable reputation, based on the quality of its materials and service. The first order for new cars was received from the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company in 1916, at which time the bench system was used, later giving way to the progressive system, effecting important economies in cost and time. The company has built or repaired almost every type of railroad freight car. Among the freight cars built are automatic air-dump cars, which may be dumped to either side, singly or in series, much used by mining companies and by railroads for maintenance of way operations; covered hopper cars for transporting bulk cement, phosphate and like commodities; box cars with inside loaders for the transportation of automobiles; insulated refrigerator cars for hauling milk in large containers, in which a variety of insulating materials are used; mine cars of ten-ton capacity, probably the largest built to date; rack cars for hauling pulp wood; and the all-welded car, in the manufacture of which

the Greenville company pioneered. An important part of its business is the manufacture of fabricated steel parts, sold to railroads for use in their own shops.

Despite the depression, beginning in 1929, and other difficulties, the Greenville Steel Car Company has continued its long-range expansion of production and the improvement of its plant and equipment. In 1932 a large fire destroyed the machine and pattern shops and in 1934 another fire destroyed the power house, blacksmith shop, millwright shop, pipe shop and paint shop. These were quickly replaced with more modern buildings, with little delay in production. Today, almost all the railroads in the eastern half of the United States are customers of the company, an indication of its standing in its field. Some five hundred men are employed in average production periods, a figure increased to about eight hundred at peak production.

Mr. Dietrich, under whose management the operations of the company have gone forward during the past sixteen years, is well known in industrial circles of western Pennsylvania and in Greenville life. He is a member of the Duquesne Club of Pittsburgh, the Iroquois, the Republican party and the Presbyterian Church.

In 1906, at Pittsburgh, he married Evangeline St. Clair. They are the parents of four children: Kenneth P. Dietrich; Mrs. Gaye Boyce; Mrs. Ruth McClure; and Mrs. Claire Wilwohl.

JAMES KING BELL—Following an extended business career which covered more than thirty years, James King Bell entered public life and has since been active in the sphere of public service. He is former county commissioner of Warren County and is now postmaster at Warren.

Mr. Bell was born in this city on January 29, 1876, son of Robert and Lucinda (Harmon) Bell. His father, who was born in Scotland, came to this country in early life and was a stone mason and contractor in Warren until his death. The mother, who was born in Warren and died here on December 24, 1901, was a daughter of Patience (King) Harmon and a niece of Rufus P. King, banker and leading business man of Warren.

James King Bell was educated in the public schools of Warren, where he completed the high school course in 1896. During the following six years he was bookkeeper for O. H. Hunter & Son, dry goods merchants in Warren, and at the end of that time entered the dry goods business for himself at Tidioute as a member of the firm of Hamilton & Bell. One year later he purchased his partner's interest and afterward conducted the business alone under his own name until he sold out in 1911. Next he became a traveling salesman for the Tidioute Union Cutlery Company, but after about a year moved to St. Augustine, Florida, where he was associated with the dry

goods business of J. E. Snyder for a short time. Upon his return to Pennsylvania, he reentered the dry goods business at Tidioute with D. L. Dennis and continued this connection until 1918, when the enterprise was sold. After that, he became a traveling salesman for the Union Cutlery Company of Olean, New York, and then was accountant and assistant manager of the Baldwin Cutlery Company of Tidioute until 1922.

In the latter year, Mr. Bell became associated with C. E. Carnahan, an oil operator of Tidioute, for whom he acted as accountant until 1928. During the following three years he was accountant with the Tidioute Refining Company and the Wolverine Empire Refining Company, which absorbed it, working at Tidioute and Oil City. At the end of this time he became a candidate for County Commissioner of Warren County, won the Democratic primaries, was duly elected in November and took office in January, 1932. After serving two and a half years of his term, he resigned to accept the appointment as postmaster of Warren on July 1, 1934. In 1938 he took the civil service examinations and on September 1, 1939, received his reappointment as postmaster. Mr. Bell brings to his duties the experience obtained in many years of business and has maintained high standards of efficiency in the direction of the local postal service. In past years he was a member of the school board and the borough council in Tidioute and has been active and influential in the Democratic party in those communities where he has made his home.

Mr. Bell is a member of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Association of Postmasters and a director of the Twentieth Congressional District of the Pennsylvania Chapter of this association. He is affiliated fraternally with Warren Lodge, No. 223, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is a member of the Warren Chamber of Commerce, the Kiwanis Club and the Cone-wango Club. He is a past trustee of Warren State Hospital and during the World War period was a member of the local draft board at Tidioute and chairman of Tidioute Chapter of the American Red Cross. Mr. Bell is also an active Episcopal layman, serving as treasurer and member of the vestry of Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church in Warren. Bridge is his favorite recreation.

On June 17, 1902, James King Bell married Emma Tipton, who was born in Tidioute, daughter of the late Shadrick Tipton and Hannah (Griffon) Tipton, a lumberman of Tidioute. Mr. and Mrs. Bell have one daughter, Grace Lucinda, a graduate of Tidioute High School and Edinboro Teachers' College. She is a teacher in the Jefferson Street School at Warren and during the summer months is taking a graduate course at the University of Pittsburgh.

SOLOMON ROBERT DRESSER—One of the foremost figures in the development of northwestern Pennsylvania was the late Solomon Robert Dresser, of Bradford, who was long active in the production of oil and gas in this area and who did much to build up his city. In a variety of ways he promoted the interests of his fellow-citizens here, earning their warm approbation and confidence, which they manifested by electing him to the Pennsylvania State Legislature and the United States Congress. To his other distinctions he added inventiveness, patenting a number of devices that were used in industry, particularly in oil and gas production.

Mr. Dresser was born February 1, 1842, in Litchfield, Hillsdale County, Michigan. His ancestry was English on the paternal side and Dutch on the maternal side. His father was engaged in oil production for a number of years in Indiana.

After Solomon R. Dresser completed his preliminary education, he became a student at Hillsdale College, in Michigan, and began his career in the oil industry in association with his father in Lafayette, Indiana. There he remained until 1865, assisting his father. Afterward his career not only touched many industries and was highly useful to others, but was instrumental in a significant way in the promotion of the northwestern Pennsylvania oil industry. It was in 1872 that he came to this region to engage in the production of oil and gas, first in Butler County, where he stayed for three years, then to Bradford. His sense of thrift and economy made him a valuable business man, while his inventions added many new principles to oil and gas producing operations.

Challenged by the need, for instance, for better packings and couplings, Mr. Dresser patented in 1880 a packer for oil and gas wells that was quickly adopted elsewhere. Afterward he devised a patented rubber pipe coupling which secured a perfectly tight joint. A third invention, an insulated pipe coupling, had the effect of preventing the destruction of gas and water pipes by electrolysis. The advantages of these inventions were soon perceived, and the demand for them led to the construction, in Bradford, of manufacturing plants employing hundreds of men. This manufacturing business grew with the passing of the years, making great headway under Mr. Dresser's skillful guidance, and from time to time he added shops, storerooms and business blocks in Bradford, thus fully directing his energies into the improvement of his adopted city.

From an early period Mr. Dresser interested himself also in politics and public affairs. He was a Republican in his partisan views and an ardent protectionist. His constituents showed their faith in him by electing him to the State Legislature of Pennsylvania and then to the

United States Congress. In the Fifty-eighth Congress he introduced sixty-two private and two public bills, of which eight passed both houses and were approved by the President. In the Fifty-ninth Congress he introduced relatively as many bills, of which as many were passed and won Presidential approval. As representative of the Twenty-first Pennsylvania District (he was, moreover, the district's first representative), he performed much valuable work and came to be widely recognized for his achievements as a legislator. In his religious faith he was a Presbyterian, and he belonged to the Free and Accepted Masons and to many social, business and political organizations.

Solomon Robert Dresser married (first) Vesta E. Simpson, daughter of Chauncey Simpson, of Hillsdale County, Michigan. They became the parents of five children. A daughter, Ione, married F. A. Miller, and a son, Robert Alexis, born September 9, 1875, in Millerstown, Butler County, Pennsylvania, became a manufacturer of gas engines. Robert Alexis Dresser married, December 27, 1900, in Bradford, Olive May Brady, daughter of James and Mary Brady. Their children are: Ione Helen and Virginia Louise Dresser, the latter of whom became, on June 18, 1925, the wife of John Martin Kelly.

Solomon Robert Dresser married (second) Caroline Kirsch. They became the parents of three children: Carl K.; S. Richard, who married Doris Shannon, of Lima, Ohio, daughter of Harry F. and Maude (Williams) Shannon, and had two children: Dorette and S. Richard, Jr.; Doris, who died at the age of six months.

The death of Solomon Robert Dresser, January 20, 1911, in Bradford, Pennsylvania, was an occasion of profound regret in every quarter in which he was known. His accomplishments were of a high order of usefulness along many lines, earning for him wide admiration and confidence, and he will long be affectionately remembered by a host of friends.

CLAUDE W. SHATTUCK—For many years Claude W. Shattuck has been engaged in a practice of law in Smethport, and since 1936 he has been district attorney.

Mr. Shattuck was born May 16, 1877, in Olean, New York, son of Edwin R. and Mary (Hyland) Shattuck. His father, an oil operator, came from Warren County, New York; he died when Claude W. Shattuck was only two years old. The mother was a native of Keating Township, McKean County. She is also now deceased.

Public schools of Brooklyn, New York, furnished the early education of Mr. Shattuck, who early became a student at St. Francis' College, Brooklyn. In 1901 he was graduated from the Law School of Yale University as a Bachelor of Laws. There followed a year's clerkship in

the office of John E. Mullin in Kane. In 1906 he was admitted to the McKean County bar, whereupon he practiced for a year in Eldred before coming to Smethport. His general law practice has been highly useful to his community, as has his many-sided public service. He has served as solicitor of the borough of Smethport and as McKean County solicitor. Since 1936 he has been district attorney, having been so elected in that year.

Constantly active in civic affairs, Mr. Shattuck is a member of the McKean County Bar Association, and the Pennsylvania State Bar Association. He is licensed to practice before the courts of McKean County and the Appellate courts of Pennsylvania. A Republican in politics, he is a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is affiliated with St. Elizabeth's Roman Catholic Church.

Claude W. Shattuck married Prue Cotter, of Eldred, Pennsylvania. They became the parents of a son, Richard C. Shattuck, who was graduated from Smethport schools and St. Bonaventure College, where he took both his degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts. He is now a teacher of Latin and social studies in Smethport High School, and is an enthusiastic collector of antiques and historical data.

FRANK BAKER MILLER—Turning from his earlier career in banking to the sphere of public service in which he is now engaged, Frank Baker Miller has been associated since 1936 with the Warren County Agricultural Conservation Association. He is a member of one of the oldest families in this section.

Mr. Miller was born in Sugar Grove Township, Warren County, on September 15, 1902, son of Hugh Younie and Fida (Baker) Miller. He is a descendant of Obadiah Miller, who came of English and Welsh stock and was at Springfield, Massachusetts, as early as 1654. In the direct line is Amok Miller, born in 1763, died in 1806, a soldier in the Revolutionary War, who married Rachael Bishop. Their son was Richard Bishop Miller, who was born in Whitestown, near New Hartford, Oneida County, New York, on March 10, 1791, and died on June 10, 1832, at Maysville, Kentucky, while engaged in the lumber business there. His home, however, was in Sugar Grove Township, Warren County, Pennsylvania, where he settled on February 16, 1814, and acquired farming land. Since that time his descendants have resided here. Richard Bishop Miller was a soldier in the War of 1812. He married Cynthia Catlin, who was born in Conway, Massachusetts, March 4, 1791, died in Sugar Grove Township on March 1, 1883, and their son was Franklin Richard Miller, born in Sugar Grove Township, July 6, 1827, died on March 29, 1899, at his home in that township. He was a substantial farmer, a member of the local draft board



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during the Civil War and at one time assistant assessor of internal revenue in this district. Franklin Richard Miller married Christie Younie, who was born on May 14, 1834, on the ship "Isabella Irving," crossing the Atlantic from Scotland to New York, and died on December 6, 1908, in Sugar Grove Township. They were the grandparents of Frank Baker Miller. Hugh Younie Miller was born in Sugar Grove Township, January 30, 1872, and is now living there. He is a farmer and surveyor, a Republican in politics and for some twenty-five or thirty years acted as judge of election in the local district. Fida (Baker) Miller, the mother, was born in Freehold Township, April 19, 1874, daughter of Joel Wilson and Olive (McCullough) Baker and granddaughter of Brayton Baker, a carpenter and farmer, who was born in Vermont and died at Harmony, New York, and his wife, Betsy (Phillips) Baker, who died in Erie County, Pennsylvania. Joel Wilson Baker was born at Danby, Vermont, on June 13, 1838, and died in Freehold Township, Warren County, Pennsylvania, on June 18, 1909. He was a farmer. His wife was born in Lottsville, Pennsylvania, April 3, 1847, died on January 6, 1935.

Frank Baker Miller received his general education in the public schools of his native township. In 1921 he was graduated from Sugar Grove High School. In 1922 he completed a course at Jamestown Business College and in the same year became associated with the Liberty National Bank of Jamestown, New York. After serving as bookkeeper with this institution for eight months, he entered the Sugar Grove Savings Bank, which employed him as teller and bookkeeper for about two years. During the following five years he was auditor with the Central National Bank in Cleveland, Ohio, and at the end of this time became associated with the Warren County Agricultural Conservation Association. He has served in this connection since May, 1936, having offices in the courthouse at Warren.

Mr. Miller, who is well known in the county, is a Republican in politics and has many Masonic affiliations with the local bodies, including Stillwater Lodge, No. 547, Free and Accepted Masons, formerly at Sugar Grove and now at Youngsville, of which he is Past Master and secretary; Occidental Chapter, No. 235, Royal Arch Masons, at Warren; Warren Commandery, No. 63, Knights Templar; and Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He is also Past Noble Grand and past secretary and treasurer of Cold Brook Lodge, No. 1124, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Sugar Grove. He retains his residence at Sugar Grove and is an elder of the Presbyterian Church there and a trustee of the Sugar Grove Free Library Association. Since the organization of this body he has been secretary of the board of trustees. Mr. Miller's principal hobbies are local history and gene-

alogy, and he is thoroughly familiar with the annals of this area, in the writing of which his family has played an active part during the past century and a quarter. Mr. Miller has three brothers: Gerald R. Miller, of Sugar Grove, a machinist; Clyde T. Miller, a farmer of Sugar Grove Township; and William R. Miller, a teacher in the high school at Bruin, Butler County.

DANIEL J. CAVANAUGH—Known for his public spirit and public benefactions, for his business sagacity and enterprise and for his exemplary domestic and private life, Daniel J. Cavanaugh left an impression of good on his community and far outside its borders.

Spartansburg, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, was his birthplace; he was born September 23, 1868, the eldest of fourteen children and a son of Sylvester and Bridget (Judge) Cavanaugh. He was graduated from the public high school and entered the employ of the Buffalo, New York & Pittsburgh Railroad which was later merged into the Pennsylvania Railroad System. He became station agent and telegraph operator in his native town and after seven years was transferred to the same positions at Rouseville. In 1892 he forsook railroading, where, however he had learned a great deal as to business transactions, and became a bookkeeper for the Valley Oil Company; he continued relations with that corporation and its successors for over forty years. The Valley Oil was purchased by the Germania Refining Company and he served the Germania as an accountant for fourteen years, after which he was made assistant to the general manager, and later assistant to the president. In 1914 the Germania and the Penn Refining Company were consolidated, Mr. Cavanaugh becoming secretary of the merger and in 1916 he was elected one of the directors. When the combine in 1922 became the Pennzoil Company he was continued as secretary and retained that office until his voluntary retirement in 1935.

His business relations, however, were by no means confined to this corporation. He was, for a long time, a director of the British-American Oil Company of Toronto, Canada. He was an organizer of the Suhr-McSweeney Oil Company, producers, now dissolved. He was secretary of the Consolidated Window Glass Company of McKean County, was vice-president of the Oil City Glass Bottle Company, and a director and vice-president of the First National Bank of Oil City.

Rouseville was his home from the time he located there as station agent and the railroad was unwittingly a benefactor to Rouseville when it sent him there. When that community became a borough he was active in its organization and served as council member and secretary of the council for years. He took a lively part in advancing the welfare of the public schools, serving for many years on the board of school control. In Oil City, too, he con-

tributed to the public good. He was a member of the Oil City Chamber of Commerce for a score of years, and for several years headed the Oil City Community Fund and was a director of the fund from the time that it was founded. He was, likewise, a director of the Oil City Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Mr. Cavanaugh was a devout Catholic yielding unquestioning obedience to the supreme authorities of that faith and worshipping at St. Venantius Church of Rouseville, but when he passed away the little Rouseville church was not large enough to contain the great body of sympathetic friends and mourners and the obsequies were held at St. Stephen's Church in Oil City; he was the most outstanding Catholic layman in his section of Pennsylvania. He held the highest degree in the Knights of Columbus and various offices in that organization and was the chief factor in building the Knights' fine auditorium in Oil City. He was president of the Oil City Home Building Association of the Knights from its origin.

He was a leader, too, in the Boy Scouts movement in the Clarion-Venango Council, a member of the Kiwanis Club and of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and long an officer in the Royal Arcanum. He was a member of the Venango County Tuberculosis Society. He loved outdoor sports, particularly baseball and the local teams received his hearty support. Indeed every cause that enlisted his interest received his material encouragement and most of the financial aid that he rendered to individuals and to public and quasi-public movements were given unostentatiously and often clandestinely.

In 1892 Daniel J. Cavanaugh married Clara B. Straub, of Rouseville, and their children are: 1. Gertrude, married Frank Kinney, of Corry, Pennsylvania, and they have five children. 2. Ralph, manager at Canton, Ohio, for the Pennzoil Company. 3. George, chief chemist and vice-president of the Pennzoil Company at Los Angeles, California; he has five children. 4. John, adjuster for the Pennzoil Company at Rouseville; he has two children. 5. Catherine, married Thomas Stubler, who is associated with the Pennzoil Company; she has one child. 6. Daniel J., Jr., chemical engineer, Summerville, Pennsylvania; he has two children. 7. Eugene, vice-president of the Keystone Public Service of Oil City; he has three children. 8. Richard, associated with the Pennzoil Company, Oil City; he has three children. 9. Robert, of the Federal Department of Insurance Corporations, Washington, District of Columbia.

Mrs. Cavanaugh, who survives her husband, has twenty grandchildren, the oldest seventeen years, the youngest three months. Mr. Cavanaugh's mother has thirty-three grandchildren and forty-eight great-grandchildren, all living.

Daniel J. Cavanaugh passed away at Oil City Hospital on January 10, 1940. When he died one of the newspapers

of Oil City, "The Derrick," said editorially: "Grievous as the loss of Daniel J. Cavanaugh is to his family, and painful as it is to his friends, it is as great to the community as any it has suffered for a generation. . . . It is doubtful if our local hospital ever contained a patient who was the object of more personal solicitude."

His advancement to comfort and security in the economic world was the reward of native talent, study and hard work, and he was subjected to all the hardening influence of business, but he kept a sympathetic and warm heart through it all and kept charity in thought and action as the cardinal virtue of his whole career.

JAMES HERBERT ALEXANDER—For many years active as a member of the law firm of Alexander and Clark, James Herbert Alexander is one of the respected professional men of Warren.

Mr. Alexander was born October 23, 1877, in Warren, Pennsylvania, son of William J. and Alice S. (Smith) Alexander. On the paternal side of his house his grandfather was Archibald Alexander, who married Margaret Webster. Both were natives of Scotland, and came from Ireland to America, settling in New York State for some time, at Fort Covington, then at Harbor Creek, in Erie County, Pennsylvania, and lastly in Youngsville, Pennsylvania, where they died. Archibald Alexander was a farmer and a soldier of the War of 1812. Their son, William J. Alexander, James H. Alexander's father, was born March 5, 1836, in Erie, Pennsylvania, and died October 27, 1904, in Warren. A young man when the Civil War began, he fought under General Sherman in the Union Army as a member of the 111th Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers, holding a captaincy in Company D for a considerable period, then being promoted and retired as lieutenant-colonel. Resuming his peacetime activities, he was engaged in business for some time, and for eight years he was registrar and recorder of Warren County. He was a Republican in politics and a member and vestryman and treasurer of Trinity Memorial Church, Warren. His wife, Alice S. (Smith) Alexander, James H. Alexander's mother, was born in Silver Creek, New York, and died in Warren, Pennsylvania, January 23, 1914, daughter of Chauncey and Nancy Charlotte (Mellon) Smith. Her father, born July 24, 1809, at Wethersfield, Connecticut, died December 15, 1886, in Youngsville, Pennsylvania, was engaged in banking affairs in his early life in the city of Buffalo, New York, and at Harbor Creek, New York, but later settled in Youngsville as a general merchant. Her mother, Mrs. Nancy C. (Mellon) Smith, was born October 22, 1816, and died April 15, 1856, in Youngsville.

James Herbert Alexander attended the Hill School, in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, where he was graduated in 1896. He studied law in the office of Hinckley and Rice

in Warren, and on June 15, 1903, was admitted to the Warren County bar. He then was made a partner in the law firm with which he had studied, which came at that time to be known as Hinckley, Rice and Alexander. This firm, dating back about sixty years, was started as Wetmore, Noyes and Hinckley. Then it became, successively, Hinckley and Rice; Hinckley, Rice and Alexander; then, after Mr. Rice became a judge, Hinckley and Alexander; then, in 1908, with the admittance of William Stuart Clark (*q. v.*) to the firm, Hinckley, Alexander and Clark; and finally, after Mr. Hinckley became a judge, simply Alexander and Clark, beginning in 1909.

In addition to his work as a member of the law firm of Alexander and Clark, in which he has continued down to the time of writing, James Herbert Alexander has rendered valuable service to his community in many ways. He is a Republican in politics, a member and past president of the Conewango Club, a member of the Warren Chamber of Commerce, a member and president of the Warren County Bar Association, and a member of the Pennsylvania State and American Bar associations. He is president of Warren General Hospital. Active in religious life, he is a vestryman and past warden of Trinity Memorial Protestant Episcopal Church, of Warren. In spare time he enjoys the out-of-doors and healthful recreations such as fishing and camping.

James Herbert Alexander married, August 12, 1918, Mrs. Florence (Allen) Bowler, of Cleveland, Ohio. Norton P. Bowler, a son of Mrs. Alexander's former marriage, resides with Mr. and Mrs. Alexander.

WILLIAM STUART CLARK—Widely known for his contribution to the welfare of Warren, William Stuart Clark is a member of the law firm of Alexander and Clark and is a leading figure in many business, civic and social organizations.

Mr. Clark was born March 21, 1879, in the borough of Warren, Warren County, Pennsylvania, son of John and Eliza (McMullan) Clark. His paternal grandparents, James and Jean (McPherson) Clark, were both natives of Scotland, who died in Warren County, Pennsylvania. They were farmers. John Clark, William Stuart Clark's father, was born in Scotland in 1831, and died in Warren on January 2, 1917. He was fourteen years old when he came to America with his parents. They settled in Glade Township, now a part of the borough of Warren. John Clark was a millwright by trade in early life, later becoming a patternmaker and being associated for many years with the Struthers Wells Company, of this county. On the maternal side of his house, William Stuart Clark's grandparents were James and Susan (Sands) McMullan, who were born in northern Ireland, and, coming to America in 1847, settled in Warren and here died. James

McMullan was a blacksmith and carriagemaker, who later became a manufacturer of oil well machinery. Mrs. Eliza (McMullan) Clark, William Stuart Clark's mother, who was born November 24, 1839, in Ireland, and died December 23, 1914, in Warren, Pennsylvania, came to America with her parents when she was about eight years old.

William Stuart Clark attended schools in Warren, then was graduated in 1897 from Warren High School. Becoming a student at Dickinson Law School, in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, he took the degree of Bachelor of Laws there in 1901. In the following year he was admitted to the Warren County bar, whereupon he settled in Warren and began practicing his chosen profession. For seven years he practiced alone. Then he became associated with others in the law firm known as Hinckley, Alexander and Clark, beginning in 1909. This firm dates back to the eighties of the last century, when it was organized as Wetmore, Noyes and Hinckley. Later it became Hinckley, Rice and Alexander. When Mr. Rice was elevated to a judgeship, the firm became Hinckley and Alexander. Then it was Hinckley, Alexander and Clark until Mr. Hinckley became a judge and quit his practice of law. Then the present form of Alexander and Clark was adopted, and the firm has continued to be so styled and constituted down to the time of writing.

Mr. Clark has not only become one of Warren's respected lawyers, but has interested himself in the affairs of his profession on a broader and more general basis than that of his own practice. He is a past president of the Warren County Bar Association and one of its active members, and belongs also to the Pennsylvania State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. Politically he is a Republican. He served as district attorney from 1903 to 1909, inclusive, and was for six years a member of the Warren County School Board. He is vice-president and a director of the Warren National Bank, holds the same offices in the Warren Chamber of Commerce, is a former member of the Kiwanis Club of this city, and belongs to the Conewango Club here. He is a trustee of the First Methodist Church of Warren.

Mrs. Clark is also a member of this church, as well as of the Woman's Club of Warren and the Daughters of the American Revolution. Before their marriage, which took place June 20, 1907, she was Lillian E. Siggins, a native of Warren, daughter of Lavin A. and Margaret (Hunter) Siggins, both born in Warren County and died in Warren. Mr. Siggins was a farmer and an oil producer.

WILLIAM KENNETH MEYER—Centering his activities in Bradford, William Kenneth Meyer is associated with Case, Pomeroy & Company in petroleum

reclamation work, serving as general manager of the Reclamation Supply Corporation, a subsidiary of the Case, Pomeroy organization. His deep interest in Bradford affairs has brought him the warm respect and admiration of his fellow-citizens in all walks of life.

Mr. Meyer was born March 28, 1898, in Salina, Kansas, son of George H. and Emma (Kirtland) Meyer. Both his parents are now deceased. His father, who came from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, was long a public official, acting as marshal and afterward as sheriff and holding still other offices in Kansas. The mother was a native Ohioan.

Public schools at Salina, his Kansas birthplace, furnished William Kenneth Meyer's early formal education, and in young manhood, after completing his high school studies, he became connected with Layne, Bowler & Company, of Memphis, Tennessee. That firm was engaged in the drilling of wells for water in the Southwest. He spent fifteen years with the company, then came to Bradford, where he associated himself with Case, Pomeroy & Company in petroleum reclamation work. He has remained with this same company down to the time of writing, and is at the present time general manager of the Reclamation Supply Corporation, a subsidiary of the other company. He has taken an important rôle in industrial life in northwestern Pennsylvania, and serves as a member of the industrial committee of the Bradford Chamber of Commerce.

In addition to his participation in the affairs of the industrial community, Mr. Meyer is active in civic affairs. He is a director of Bradford Hospital and of the Bradford Chapter of the American Red Cross. He was for five years in charge of city playgrounds. A Republican in politics, Mr. Meyer belongs to the Bradford Club and is a member of St. Bernard's Roman Catholic Church.

On June 4, 1924, William Kenneth Meyer married Mary Louise Coogan, of Carbondale, Pennsylvania.

ROBERT BARNABAS APPLE—Carrying on the practice of law in Smethport, Robert Barnabas Apple is also engaged in oil and gas production here and is active in civic and social affairs.

Mr. Apple was born October 22, 1906, in Smethport, Pennsylvania, son of John N. and Sarah K. (McNulty) Apple, both native Pennsylvanians, the father of Sager-town, Crawford County, and the mother of Smethport. The father, who is now deceased, attended Allegheny College, at Meadville, and was graduated from Franklin and Marshall College, then became a practicing lawyer and a leader in Smethport affairs, particularly education. For years he served on the Smethport Board of Education, carrying on this and his other civic activities during the half century of his law practice. He died shortly after

his son's admittance to the bar. The mother, Mrs. Sarah K. (McNulty) Apple, born in 1871, makes her home in Smethport.

Smethport public schools provided Robert Barnabas Apple's early formal education, and in 1928 he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts from Penn State College. He then went to the University of Pennsylvania Law School, where he received, in 1932, the degree of Bachelor of Laws. While at the university, he served as an associate professor of mathematics. Admitted in 1932 to the McKean County bar, Mr. Apple was clerk for a year in the firm of Gallup, Potter and Gallup, working under Mr. Potter's direction in that firm's Smethport office. In 1933 Mr. Apple opened his own office in Smethport, conducting here a general law practice down to the time of writing. He continues today his private legal practice, being licensed to practice in Pennsylvania courts and in the United States District and Supreme courts. He was elected secretary of the McKean County Bar Association in 1934, and still holds this position down to the time of writing. He is also a member of the Pennsylvania State Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

In addition to this work, Mr. Apple interests himself in political affairs as a Republican, and is a director of the Smethport Community Chest and a member of the Rotary Club, the Smethport Country Club, the Bradford Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and St. Elizabeth's Roman Catholic Church.

In leisure time Mr. Apple is fond of the out-of-doors, being especially interested in golf and aviation.

PAUL C. BRAUNSCHWEIGER—For many years Paul C. Braunschweiger has figured prominently in the business life of Warren, where he has been manager of the Mullen Drug Company since 1921, as well as one of the company's stockholders.

Mr. Braunschweiger was born September 29, 1892, in Wellsville, New York, son of Christopher and Alice (Paulman) Braunschweiger and a grandson of Andrew Braunschweiger, who was born in Germany and settled in Wellsville after coming to this country, being employed in different local industries in that place and remaining there until his death. Christopher Braunschweiger, born July 15, 1862, in Germany, is now a retired retail shoe merchant in Wellsville. A Republican in politics, he was at one time tax collector there, and also served as city clerk. He belonged to the Lutheran Church. His wife, Mrs. Alice (Paulman) Braunschweiger, Paul C. Braunschweiger's mother, was born May 29, 1865, in Wellsville, New York, and died there March 30, 1920.

Paul C. Braunschweiger attended Wellsville schools, and after graduation from high school there in 1911 he became a student at the University of Buffalo, taking the





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W. E. Barrow

degree of Graduate in Pharmacy at that institution in 1914. He was associated in his professional capacity with the Teeple & Green Drug Store for about eighteen months. He then trained for World War service at different military camps between June, 1917, and May, 1918, and was made first sergeant in the Army Medical Corps. He sailed with the 310th Infantry Regiment, 78th Division, from New York, and was in service in France until May, 1919, when he was honorably discharged from Camp Dix, New Jersey, with the rank of first sergeant. Thereafter he was with the drug firm of Harvey & Carey, of Olean, New York, as store manager and pharmacist for three months, then was transferred to their store in Warren. He was with Harvey & Carey in Warren for fifteen months as store manager and pharmacist, then formed his present affiliation with the Mullen Drug Company here. He has been manager of the Mullen business since February, 1921, and is also one of the company's leading stockholders.

Politically he is a Republican, being elected on his party's ticket to the Borough Council and serving as chairman of the park committee. Mr. Braunschweiger is also a member of the Rotary Club, of which he was for fifteen years secretary. He belongs to the Warren Chamber of Commerce. In the Free and Accepted Masons he is affiliated with North Star Lodge, No. 241, Occidental Chapter, No. 235, Royal Arch Masons; Warren Commandery, No. 63, Knights Templar, and Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He is a member of Cornplanter Post, No. 135, American Legion, in Warren, and, in addition to all his other connections, is a member of the Pennsylvania Pharmaceutical Association.

Paul C. Braunschweiger married, September 3, 1918, Helen Uehlacker, a native of North Collins, New York, daughter of John and Anna (Feth) Uehlacker, of North Collins. Mr. and Mrs. Braunschweiger became the parents of a daughter, Betty Ann Braunschweiger, who was born September 20, 1920, and was graduated from Warren High School and the Hoff Business College, in Warren, and is now associated with the New Process Company in this city.

WILLIAM EDWARD BARROW—Active in the business life of Franklin, William Edward Barrow is vice-president and a director of the Breckenridge Machine Company and chairman of the board of directors of the Joy Manufacturing Company.

Mr. Barrow was born December 13, 1879, in Toledo, Ohio, son of William E. and Catherine (Cherry) Barrow. His father was engaged in farming.

Public schools in Toledo, his birthplace, provided Wil-

liam Edward Barrow's early formal education, and after completing his high school work he spent a year in study at a business school there. He then became associated with the E. P. Breckenridge Company, of Toledo, a firm that was absorbed in 1900 by the American Can Company. In December, 1901, he left that company and became connected with the Colburn Machine Tool Company, in Franklin. Not only did Mr. Barrow assist in organizing this company, but he became its secretary-treasurer and so continued until the enterprise was taken over by the Consolidated Machine Tool Corporation in a merger operation in 1922. Until 1924 he remained with the consolidated company. Then he joined with H. W. Breckenridge to organize the Breckenridge Machine Company, in Cleveland, for the manufacture of special machinery. He remained as secretary-treasurer of the Breckenridge Machine Company until 1938, when he was elected vice-president of the company. He has been a director from the very beginning. In 1910 he took over the active management of the Franklin Core Rod & Gagger Company and has served as a director since that time. In 1912 he was elected secretary and in 1932 was made president.

Mr. Barrow's work with the Joy Manufacturing Company, in Franklin, began in December, 1926, when he became general manager and vice-president of the company. In 1934 he was made president, and in 1940 chairman of the board of directors. He has been a member of the board since 1927. He is also a director of the Lamber-ton National Bank, of Franklin. In politics he is a Republican. He belongs to the Wanango Country Club and the Franklin Club, in Franklin, and in the Free and Accepted Masons holds the thirty-second degree of Scottish Rite Masonry; is a Knight Templar, and an initiate in the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Barrow is affiliated with the Methodist Church.

On November 7, 1904, in Franklin, Pennsylvania, William Edward Barrow married Beatrice H. Hirsch, and their son, Charles Arthur Barrow, was born November 22, 1905.

After graduating from Cleveland Heights High School in 1923, Charles Arthur Barrow received practical training in mining and machine shop practice. In 1929 he entered the employ of the Joy Manufacturing Company in charge of purchasing and production, and in 1934 was made a director and assistant secretary and treasurer; later he became secretary and treasurer. In 1940 he left this firm to become identified with the Northern Pump Company, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, as vice-president in charge of their affairs in the Cleveland district. The Northern Pump Company specializes in equipment for the navy and at present is doing a substantial amount of defense work.

Keenly interested in aviation, Charles Arthur Barrow was a licensed pilot for several years and in 1930 or-

ganized the Franklin Aircraft Corporation to manufacture planes.

He married, on November 7, 1931, Julia Loren Henderson, of Franklin, and they have two children: Timothy Arthur and Cinda Ann.

JOHN MORROW TUSSEY—Prominently connected with oil operations in the Oil City area, John Morrow Tussey is vice-president and treasurer of the Southern Group Pipe Lines, with headquarters in this city.

Mr. Tussey was born March 1, 1880, in Arch Spring, Blair County, Pennsylvania, son of James Morrow and Mary Jane (Cunningham) Tussey. His great-grandfather, David Tussey, was a Pennsylvanian. His grandfather, John Means Tussey, born July 12, 1812, in this State, died near Tyrone, Pennsylvania, in January, 1892, after a valuable career in farming; he married Margaret Morrow, born June 10, 1810, in this State, died in August, 1898, near Tyrone. Their son, James Morrow Tussey, John Morrow Tussey's father, was born January 25, 1836, in Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania, and died July 1, 1916, at Arch Spring. He was an agriculturist, a Republican and a Presbyterian. He married Mary Jane Cunningham, born December 26, 1841, near Alexandria, Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania, daughter of Robert and Sarah (McGuire) Cunningham, native Pennsylvanians, who died in Alexandria, this State, and there were laid to rest. Robert Cunningham was also engaged in farming.

Public schools of Blair County, this State, provided John Morrow Tussey's early formal education. He was graduated from the State Teachers' College, at Millersville, in 1902, and for five years taught school in Blair County. He then became a student at a business college in Lancaster, where he was graduated in 1908. Associating himself with the Lancaster Trust Company there, he remained with them for three years, then became connected with the Southern Pipe Lines, first at Lancaster, then in New York City. He came to Oil City in September, 1915, as clerk in the accounting department of the Southern Group Pipe Lines, and became assistant treasurer in 1921, treasurer in 1925 and vice-president and treasurer in 1932.

Politically Mr. Tussey is a Republican, and he is secretary of the board of trustees of the Second Presbyterian Church of Oil City. In the Free and Accepted Masons he is affiliated with Lodge No. 43 of Lancaster. He is a member of the Wanango Country Club, of Oil City, and in spare time enjoys golf and spends his spare time on the club's links.

John Morrow Tussey married, April 16, 1914, Martha Vance, a native of Middletown, Pennsylvania, daughter of Samuel B. and Martha (Snively) Vance, both of whom

are now deceased. Her father was engaged in the wholesale feed business in Middletown. Mr. and Mrs. Tussey became the parents of two children: 1. Martha Jane Tussey, born April 28, 1915, graduated in 1933 from Oil City High School and in 1937 from Beaver College as a Bachelor of Arts, now associated with the Dickson Jewelry Store in Oil City. 2. Vance M. Tussey, born October 9, 1918, graduated from Oil City High School in 1936, died February 20, 1937, at Cornell Infirmary, Ithaca, New York, while he was a freshman at Cornell University.

LOIS MILDRED MERKEL, M. D.—As a physician, Dr. Lois Merkel has effectively served her patients in Sharon and has figured prominently in hospital work.

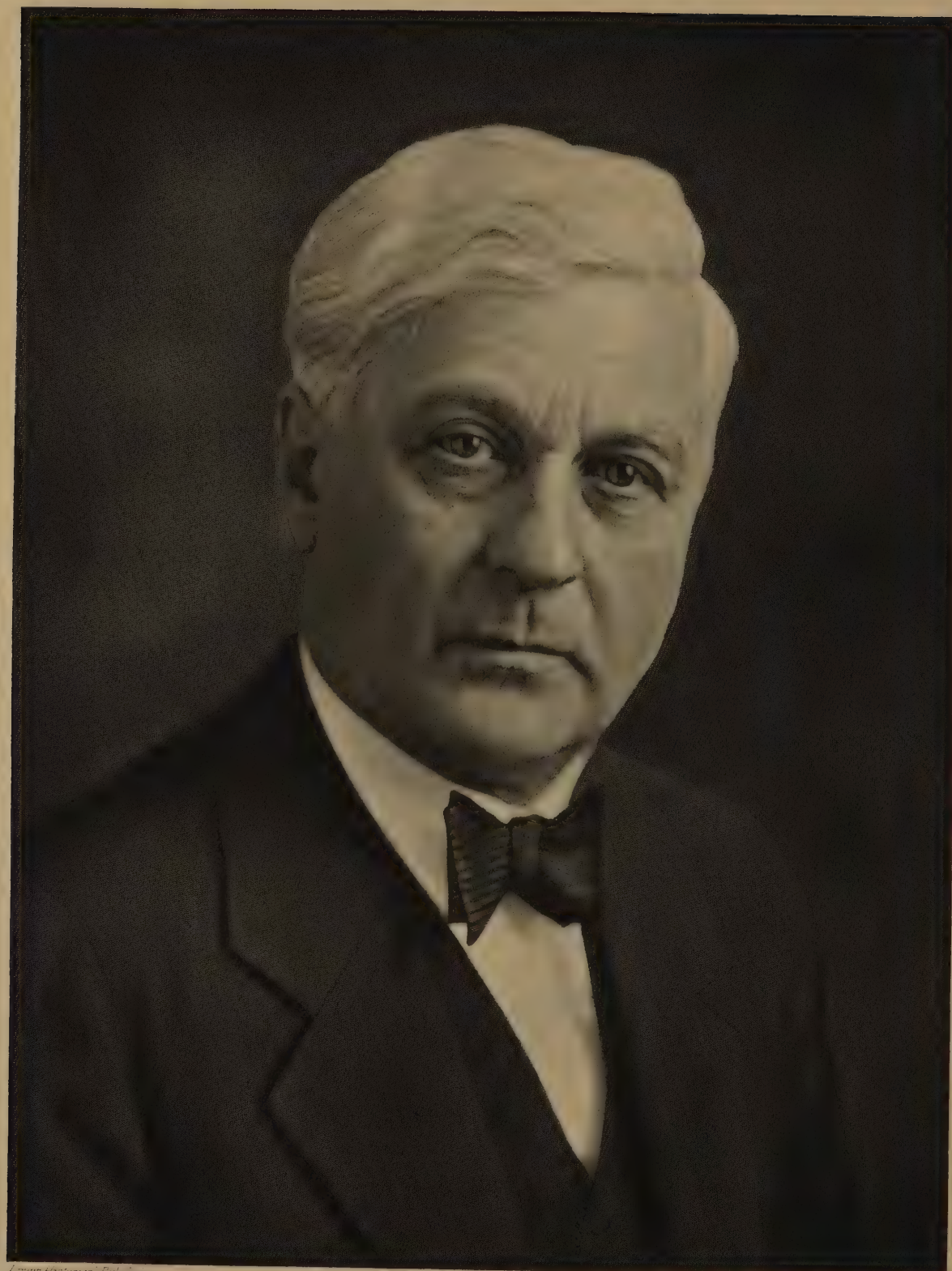
Dr. Merkel was born in Cleveland, Ohio, daughter of J. Frank and Mabel (Green) Merkel. The Olin family from which her mother descended was among the pioneer families of Kent, Portage County, Ohio. Dr. Merkel's mother is now deceased. Her father's people were for many generations residents of Stow Township, Summit County, Ohio, a rural community near Kent. Her father is a retired dairy farmer and celery grower.

Dr. Lois Merkel received a public school education in Stow, Ohio, later was employed as cashier for the Erie Railroad Company in Kent, and received her Bachelor of Arts degree at Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio. She then entered upon postgraduate work at Columbia University and subsequently became an instructor in the health education department of Ohio Wesleyan University. She taught health education at Kent State University in Ohio during several summer sessions and studied at the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia, where she received her Doctor of Medicine degree. There followed a period of staff work in psychiatry at the State Hospital in Westboro, Massachusetts, and a year of internship at the Western Pennsylvania Hospital in Pittsburgh. Upon leaving that hospital she was medical examiner with the pre-school division of the Pennsylvania State Health Department. She then came to Sharon in October, 1930, and entered upon a private general practice of medicine here. She is a member of the medical staff of the C. H. Buhl Hospital in this city.

Dr. Merkel belongs to the Presbyterian Church. She is a member of the Mercer County Medical Society and a Fellow of the American Medical Association. She is also a member of the Business and Professional Women's Club of Sharon, the Sharon College Club, and the Girl Scout Council.

FRED GEORGE BECKENBACH—Identified with the banking industry in Youngsville for more than thirty-three years, Fred George Beckenbach is still prominently





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identified with this profession, and at present he is cashier and director of the Youngsville National Bank.

Mr. Beckenbach was born December 14, 1883, at Youngsville, the son of Nicholas and Ann (Lineinger) Beckenbach, both natives of Germany and both deceased. The elder Mr. Beckenbach, a staunch Lutheran, worked as a tailor in Youngsville for many years prior to his death. Fred George Beckenbach secured his education in the local schools and then entered the employ of the Youngsville Manufacturing Company, furniture manufacturers, where he operated various machines. He remained with this firm for seven years, and then in October, 1907, he became associated with the Youngsville Savings Bank, serving as assistant cashier, and later as cashier. When this bank changed from a private institution to the Youngsville National Bank, Mr. Beckenbach remained as cashier, and he has filled this position most capably to the present time, being recognized as an authority on financial matters. When the pressure of business permits, he likes to enjoy his favorite diversions, hunting and fishing. Politically, Mr. Beckenbach is a supporter of the Republican party. He is well known in local affairs, being for many years president of the Youngsville School Board, and a director for fifteen years. He is also an active member and former secretary of Youngsville Lodge, No. 500, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and a leader in all activities pertaining to local civic development.

He married, September 29, 1910, Maude E. Andrews, a native of Pittsville Township, daughter of Robert Lee and Elmira (Hood) Andrews. She was educated in the Pittsville Township schools and the Youngsville Borough schools, and is an adherent of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Andrews, also a native of Pittsville Township, was engaged for years as a teamster and lumberman, and later became associated with the Youngsville Manufacturing Company where he remained until his death. His widow, a native of Forest County, Pennsylvania, remarried, and is now the wife of Frank M. Whitmore, formerly a sawyer with the sawmill operating firm of Wheeler & Duzenbury. Mr. and Mrs. Beckenbach became the parents of two daughters: 1. Elizabeth E., who died at the age of seven years. 2. Miriam F., born April 11, 1913, married Carl M. Anderson, associated with the National Forge & Ordnance Company of Irvine, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are the parents of one son, Glenn Lee Anderson.

SOPHRONOUS AHIMUS McCUTCHEON, M.

D.—Since 1923, Dr. Sophronous Ahimus McCutcheon has been engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery at Bradford. His career in this city has brought him a prominent position in his profession.

Dr. McCutcheon was born in Bradford on July 19, 1896, a son of James G. and Marguerite (Swartz) McCutcheon. His father, who was born in Scranton and later moved to Bradford, is owner and operator of the Bradford Printing Company. His mother was born in Milton.

Dr. McCutcheon attended the Bradford public schools and after completing his high school course, entered the University of Michigan, where he received both his pre-medical and medical training. In 1920 he was graduated from that institution with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. During the following year he served as interne at Hamot Hospital in Erie, after which he practiced for two years in Kansas City, Missouri, as an associate of Dr. B. L. Sulzbacher. In 1923 he returned to Bradford and established a general practice, to which he has since devoted himself. Although he has not specifically limited his interests, Dr. McCutcheon in late years has devoted most of his time to surgery. He is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, a member of the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and of the McKean County Medical Society. He is also a member of the staff of Bradford Hospital and has served one term as deputy coroner of McKean County.

In addition to his professional connections, Dr. McCutcheon is active in the Masonic Order, in which he is affiliated with Union Lodge, No. 334, Free and Accepted Masons; Bradford Chapter, No. 260, Royal Arch Masons; Bradford Council, No. 43, Royal and Select Masters; the higher bodies of the Scottish Rite, including Coudersport Consistory; and Zem Zem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at Erie. He is also a member of the Bradford Board of Commerce and the Pennhills Club. Dr. McCutcheon held a commission for twelve years in the United States Army Medical Reserve Corps. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the Methodist Church.

On June 21, 1916, he married Lucille Rook, of Bradford, daughter of Harry H. Rook. Dr. and Mrs. McCutcheon are the parents of five children: Jean, a graduate of the local schools and the University of Michigan, who married Robert E. Miller, of Bradford, and has one child, Jean; Sophronous Ahimus, Jr., a graduate of Kiskiminetas School, now attending Bethany College; Sue; Nancy; and Gerald. The three younger children all attend the Bradford schools.

FRANK L. FAY—Greenville owes much to the efforts of Frank L. Fay, founder and for many years president of the Greenville Steel Car Company, the city's largest industry, former State Senator and a generous friend of Greenville institutions. From the modest circumstances of his early life, he has risen to national prominence in American industry, and it has been the

privilege of his adopted city to share in the constructive influences of his career.

Mr. Fay, whose rise to success follows the fictional pattern of the Horatio Alger, Jr., stories, was born in Cleveland, Ohio, July 18, 1869, son of Patrick and Mary (Murray) Fay. He received a public school education, terminated at the age of fourteen, when he put aside his textbooks to become a messenger for the Western Union Telegraph Company in Cleveland. In leisure moments he practiced telegraphy, finally qualified as an operator and not long afterward secured a position as telegraph operator on the New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railway (Nickel Plate). In due time he was appointed station agent and operator at Wallace Junction, near Girard, Pennsylvania, where the line of the Bessemer & Lake Erie Railroad, then called the Pittsburgh, Shenango & Lake Erie, intersects the Nickel Plate. The Bessemer & Lake Erie used the line of the Nickel Plate from Wallace Junction to Cascade Junction, at the edge of the city of Erie. As a result there was a heavy interchange of traffic at Wallace Junction, although the station there was far from pretentious. It was, in fact, a retired box car.

While serving at Wallace Junction, Mr. Fay began to acquire a considerable reputation as an expert in locating lost cars. Consequently, the company, at intervals, sent him away from his home box car to track down missing cars. Learning of his successful record, the Bessemer & Lake Erie Railroad, as it is now known, offered him the post of chief car accountant at the operating offices of the line in Greenville. This offer he accepted and for several years filled the position with his characteristic energy and acumen.

A new chapter in his career soon opened, however. At Greenville there was a large plant, covering fourteen acres, standing idle and rusting away. It had been the master mill of the Shelby Weldless Tube Company, which had dominated the seamless tube industry of the United States. Almost overnight this company had moved away, leaving a group of large buildings and railroad tracks. For some years the plant remained an eyesore and a sad reminder to the community of the flourishing industry once located there. This was the situation when Mr. Fay conceived the idea of doing something about it on his own account. He decided to buy the abandoned property and initiate manufacturing operations of some kind. What kind he did not exactly know, having had no experience in manufacturing anything. Nevertheless, on a veritable shoestring, he bought the plant and resigned his railroad position, a life job increasing in importance almost daily with the growth of the railroad and paying a salary which was for those days quite attractive. His friends, unanimously, thought him crazy.

There were many times in the succeeding years when the course of action he had adopted seemed like folly in the nth degree. Mr. Fay's company made a variety of

things, small parts for automobiles, automobile frames; experimented with a novel idea, a self-starter for automobiles that did almost everything but start; built on contract the Empire automobile; then made the Fay car, to mention only a few of its products. Almost all of these were good products, mechanically speaking, but they failed to take hold in a large way. There was always chronic payroll trouble. Still, the company kept growing. When finally the facilities of the plant were turned over to the repair of steel cars, the upturn in the company's fortunes was prompt and striking.

Just then, after all the lean years, Mr. Fay's out-of-town associates decided to eliminate him from what seemed to be an assuredly successful business and become its sole owners. Naturally, Mr. Fay did not agree. There were a series of conferences. Finally an ultimatum was issued. Mr. Fay could either buy or sell, and the deadline was set for three o'clock of a certain afternoon. This gage of battle was accepted. Mr. Fay rather dramatized the proceedings and the opposing faction beamed with the prospect of sure victory. In the drawer of his desk, however, reposed a certified check for the agreed selling price, which was by no means a small one. It rested alone, since Mr. Fay had cleaned out every other scrap of paper so that there could be no mistake at the culminating moment. He had even taking the precaution of dog-earing one corner of the check in order that he could grasp it more firmly and surely. Then came the zero hour, just before the clock struck. As he had planned it, Mr. Fay pulled open the drawer, handed the check across the table and remarked: "Gentlemen, I'm buying."

It was in 1916 that Mr. Fay became practically sole owner of the works and the Greenville Steel Car Company was born. The repair business of the company expanded spectacularly, but the operations of the Greenville Steel Car Company did not stop there. It began to build railroad cars and soon was a real factor in the steel car industry, employing hundreds of men on a liberal wage basis and more than filling the gap caused by the departure of the Shelby Weldless Tube Company, whose abandoned plant it had taken over. Not only were the standard types of gondola, flat car and box car manufactured, but a number of special types were also built for the larger railroads. Although Mr. Fay eventually sold out his extensive business, the foundation had been laid and the impetus given. Only recently that plant built the largest steel car ever made in the world.

Mr. Fay retired from the presidency of the Greenville Steel Car Company in 1925, but continued to serve as chairman of the board of the organization, which had become Greenville's largest industry and one of the largest in northwest Pennsylvania, employing several hundred workers. Mr. Fay also became a director of the Pittsburgh Forgings Company and other corporations.

These connections, however, occupied only part of his time. Much of it was given to civic service embracing a wide sphere of interests. At Greenville, he became president of the Board of Trade, now the Chamber of Commerce, headed the Greenville Library Board and the Greenville Hospital Board, served as chairman of the local chapter of the American Red Cross, directed numerous community drives and lent effective support to virtually all useful community institutions. With his associates, he presented to the Greenville Post of the American Legion the fine post which it now occupies. Mr. Fay also became president of the board of trustees of Thiel College which conferred upon him an honorary degree in Business Administration. In 1926, with his election to the Pennsylvania State Senate, he entered public life and added to his stature during eight years of service at Harrisburg. Re-elected in 1930, he rounded out two terms as State Senator, in the course of which he became chairman of the important committee on railroads and a member of the committees on appropriations, banks and building and loan associations, canals and inland navigation, Congressional apportionment, corporations, education, judicial apportionment, law and order, mines and mining, municipal affairs, pensions and gratuities, public roads and highways and public supply of light, heat and water. Between these activities at home he found time to do much traveling abroad, having crossed the Atlantic thirty times. In 1927 he was the first American to visit the Caucasus region in Russia since the fall of the Tzar. In 1936 he crossed the Atlantic in the Zeppelin "von Hindenburg," and in 1938 flew from Southampton, England, to San Francisco, the first ticket issued for such service.

For a number of years, Mr. Fay served on the advisory board of the American Peace Society. He is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and is a member of the Greenville Rotary Club, the Bankers Club of America in New York City, the Union League Club of New York City, the Duquesne Club of Pittsburgh and the Congressional Country Club of Washington, District of Columbia. In 1940 he relinquished all active business connections and civic posts, but has remained an important and familiar figure in Greenville life. On November 11, 1941, he was awarded by the American Legion, Department of Pennsylvania, a certificate of distinguished service rendered the community, the first time the award had been made to a citizen of Greenville.

In 1896 Mr. Fay married Marie Wells, of Buffalo, New York. They are the parents of four children: Helen, Wells, James, and Florence.

BERNARD B. DEVLIN—Almost half a century ago, Bernard B. Devlin acquired his first oil lease in Dallas City and launched his career as an oil producer,

which he has since continued without interruption. He now operates about ninety producing wells.

Mr. Devlin was born at Church Run, near Titusville, Crawford County, on August 27, 1869, son of James and Margaret (Butler) Devlin, both of Irish birth. His father, an oil worker, died in 1930 at the age of ninety-one. His mother died in 1928.

In 1880, when Bernard B. Devlin was eleven years old, he moved with his parents from Titusville to Dallas City, where he continued his education in the public schools. At thirteen he started pumping for his father in the local oil fields and later went to Sistersville, West Virginia, and Oakdale, Pennsylvania, in the lower field, where he rounded out a thorough apprenticeship in all phases of the oil business. Thus equipped, he acquired his first property in Dallas City in 1896 and subsequently secured another, also located here. The development of his producing interests has made him one of the substantial oil men of the Bradford district, in which he has operated since the turn of the century.

Mr. Devlin is a member of the Bradford District Branch of the Pennsylvania Oil Producers Association and the Penn Grade Crude Oil Association. An independent Democrat in politics, he has been associated with many civic enterprises in Dallas City and Foster Township, as well as various benevolent causes. In religious faith a Roman Catholic, he is a member of St. Bernard's parish. Mr. Devlin has made a hobby of the violin, which he has played from boyhood, and in younger days was a featured performer at dances all over this section. He owns a fine group of four instruments, one of which is very valuable.

In September, 1902, Mr. Devlin married Cora Estella Cummings, of Indiana, Pennsylvania, daughter of William Cummings, a carpenter of that place, and Sophia (Swank) Cummings. Mr. and Mrs. Devlin have three children: 1. William Francis, thirty-seven years old, a graduate of Bradford High School, now managing his father's oil properties. He married Gertrude Bosworth, of Port Allegany, and has four children: William Maurice, Ora May, Robert Wayne, and Donna Jean. 2. Genevieve Margaret, a graduate of Bradford High School and Warner Business College, now associated with the MacGregor Working Barrel Company in Bradford. 3. Robert Leo, a graduate of the Bradford schools.

SAMUEL PETER KENNEDY—Active in the industrial life of this section for many years, the late Samuel Peter Kennedy enjoyed the highest reputation for honest and successful business operations.

Mr. Kennedy was born at Sawyer City, McKean County, March 29, 1866, the son of Peter Thomas Kennedy. Peter Thomas Kennedy, also a native of McKean

County, was engaged for many years as a lumberman and oil producer. Samuel Peter Kennedy received his early education in the Bradford schools and later studied at Media Academy, Media, Pennsylvania. His first position was in a sawmill operated by his father, but after a few years he became associated with the Bradford National Bank, soon becoming cashier for this institution. He remained in the banking field for a number of years, but began to devote more of his time to the oil industry, and it was not long before his oil interests became so extensive that he had to resign from the bank, although he remained as a member of the board of directors until his death. Mr. Kennedy experienced great success in the oil business and his operations were quite extensive, not only in the Bradford fields, but also in Oklahoma. He was also for years allied with the chemical industry, as an officer of the Lewis Run Manufacturing Company, but for several years prior to his death he began gradually to retire from active business associations. He was an ardent fisherman, and his lodge, known as Lone Star Camp at Manitowaning, Mantoulin Island, Ontario, Canada, was always a source of much pleasure to him.

Mr. Kennedy was a member of the Episcopal Church, a Republican, and a member of the Pennhills Country Club, Bradford Club and the Valley Hunt Club. Prominent in Masonry he was affiliated with Union Lodge, No. 334, Free and Accepted Masons; Bradford Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Bradford Council, Royal and Select Masters; Trinity Commandery, Knights Templar; Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Zem Zem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Erie, Pennsylvania.

On September 27, 1916, he married Mrs. Delevan Emory, the former Edna Walker, of Bradford, Pennsylvania.

A tireless and energetic worker, a leader in civic and fraternal life, and a public-spirited citizen of the highest rank, the late Samuel Peter Kennedy was held in high esteem by the many with whom he became associated, and his departure from this life was a source of genuine sorrow in this entire region.

WILLIAM CLARE BURR—Operating a completely up-to-date garage in Eldred, William Clare Burr also handles a full line of accessories and deals in gas and oil. Farming is one of his major interests in leisure time, and he owns a 256-acre farm near Port Allegany.

Mr. Burr was born May 5, 1895, in Port Allegany, Pennsylvania, son of A. L. and Ann (Ernst) Burr, of that place. The father is there engaged in farming.

William Clare Burr was formally educated in public schools in McKean County, and in young manhood he was employed by the Keystone Garage, in Port Allegany.

There he thoroughly learned the automobile business. In 1921 he came to Eldred, and, with Robert Scherer, established the firm of Scherer & Burr. In 1925 he sold his holdings in that partnership, whereupon, in association with Elwood Mix, he took over the Chevrolet agency in Eldred. In 1926 Mr. Burr bought, along with Mr. Mix, the old St. Elmo Hotel, which they tore down and rebuilt as a modern garage. In 1930 Mr. Burr bought his partner's interest in the business and proceeded to operate it independently. He has gained the respect of his fellow-townsmen in all walks of life for the quality of service that he gives at this establishment. He has a full line of accessories, gas, oil and the like, and is highly esteemed in Eldred business circles.

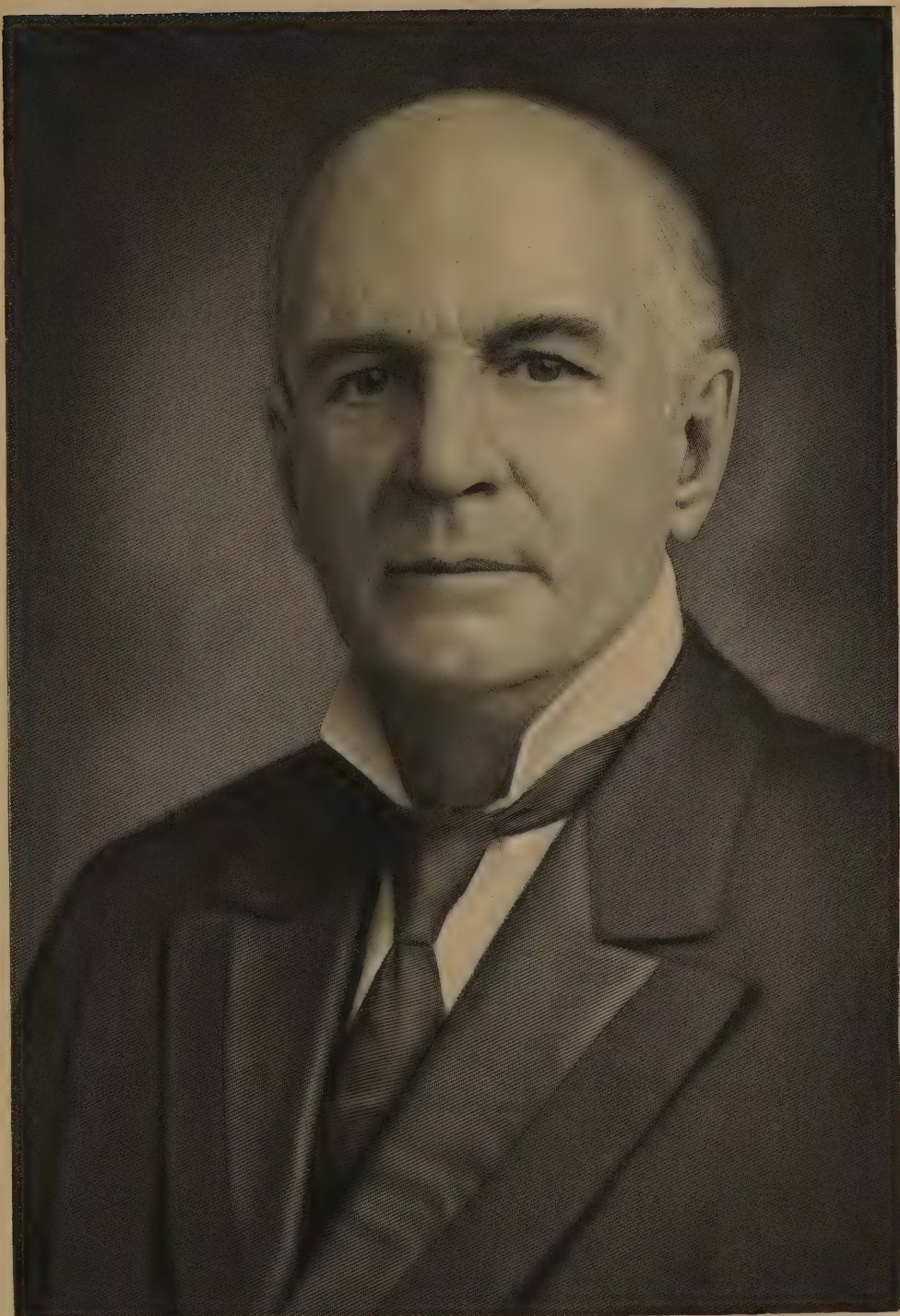
On his 256-acre farm near Port Allegany he raises roughage and grain to feed a herd of thirty head of graded dairy cattle. He is interested in breeding fine cattle, mainly Guernseys, and many agriculturists of the district are interested in his ideas on these matters. A Republican in politics, Mr. Burr has served on the Eldred Council, and he is, at the time of writing, president of the Board of Education here. During the World War he was with the Motor Transport Service. He is active in the Eldred Rotary Club, and belongs to Eldred Lodge and Port Allegany Royal Arch Chapter, Free and Accepted Masons.

Mr. Burr married Gladys Davies, of Buffalo, New York. They have two children: 1. Ann Elizabeth Burr, graduated from Eldred High School. 2. William Clare Burr, Jr., a junior in Eldred High School at the time of writing.

JAMES DENTON HANCOCK—For many years James Denton Hancock was recognized as a leading figure in the affairs of Franklin. He took a lively interest in business, civic and cultural affairs here and in this region of Pennsylvania. His accomplishments were both numerous and many-sided, earning for him wide admiration, respect and confidence, and his qualities were such as to endear him to a host of friends in all walks and departments of life.

Mr. Hancock was born June 9, 1837, in the Wyoming Valley of Pennsylvania, son of James and Mary (Perkins) Hancock. His family is, on the paternal side, an old and noted one in Pennsylvania, having lived here since 1790. The original settler of the name, Jonathan Hancock, had his first home near Wilkes-Barre, having been about twenty-three or twenty-four years old when he established it.

Common schools in his native district furnished James Denton Hancock's early formal education, and after attending Wyoming Seminary he became a student at Kenyon College, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1859. Later he was made the recipient of degrees of



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James Denton Hancock.



Master of Arts and Doctor of Laws in recognition of his notable achievements. His first employment was as a tutor at Western University, and while he was performing his services as an instructor there he took the opportunity to study law in association with William Bakewell, of Pittsburgh. Admitted to the bar of Pennsylvania, he practiced his profession for about three years in Pittsburgh, then removed to Franklin in 1865. He made Franklin his permanent home thereafter. For ten years he served as solicitor for the Allegheny Railroad Company, and in 1878 he was made lawyer for the Pittsburgh, Titusville & Buffalo Railroad.

In 1888 Mr. Hancock became general solicitor for the Western New York & Pennsylvania Railroad, though he resigned from that connection in 1891. He was also a director of the Pittsburgh, Ashtabula & Youngstown Railroad, of the Exchange Bank of Franklin, and of the Fayette County Gas Company. He owned the Hancock Block, at Twelfth and Liberty streets. In 1881 he was appointed by Governor Hoyt as a trustee of the State Hospital for the Insane, at Warren, Pennsylvania, so serving for thirteen terms and acting in 1888 as president of the hospital board.

For years Mr. Hancock had been a trustee of Kenyon College, at Gambier, Ohio, and never throughout his whole life did he allow his interest in educational matters to lapse. In Franklin he was one of the founders of the Public Library, and he and his wife made the first contribution toward its support. He was for many years an active member of the Protestant Episcopal Church, where he served for over fifty years as a vestryman. Deeply interested in modern social problems, he delved into abstruse problems of economics and finance, and at one time, in 1893, wrote a paper entitled "The Evolution of Money," which was published under the auspices of the National Board of Trade of the United States. He did much writing on tariff reform, and lectured widely on a variety of subjects. Perhaps his most important writing was "Petroleum Against Protection" for which he was awarded a gold medal by the English Government and elected an honorary member of the Cobden Club of England. He was active in the Sons of the American Revolution, and was elected national president-general of the order in 1904 and 1905. He also belonged to the For-esters.

James Denton Hancock married, in 1865, Ella C. Hitchcock, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, daughter of Lawrence P. and Elizabeth (Johnston) Hitchcock. She died in 1871. In 1873 he married (second), her sister, Mary Kate Hitchcock, who died January 1, 1929. James Denton and Ella C. (Hitchcock) Hancock became the parents of one son, Lawrence P., born June 10, 1866; married Louise Cooper, of Buffalo, New York, and practiced law in that city. By his second wife, Mary Kate Hitchcock,

he had four children: 1. Ella C., born June 21, 1874, married Frederick Lee Williamson, of Franklin, a banker in Oil City. Their child was: i. Katharine Hancock Williamson, who became the wife of Robert G. Allen, of Sewickley, Pennsylvania, a member of Congress; their three children are: (a) Katharine Hancock Allen. (b) Robert Grey Allen. (c) Mary Williamson Allen. 2. Mary Elizabeth, born July 22, 1876. 3. James Denton, born October 19, 1880, died in childhood. 4. Philip Gaylord, born June 11, 1883, also died in childhood.

The death of James Denton Hancock on October 11, 1929, removed from Franklin one of the community's leading citizens and forward-looking workers for the general welfare. Though he has long been departed from the earthly scene, his name and memory are still revered in the present generation and will be revered through the years yet to come.

RAYMOND F. HOSFORD—Since coming to Bradford, Pennsylvania, in 1928, Raymond F. Hosford has become an increasingly prominent figure in the city. For a decade he has been connected with the Bradford Hospital, for practically all of this period as superintendent.

Mr. Hosford was born in Zanesville, Ohio, May 13, 1896, son of Edward A. and Eloise (Muller) Hosford, both also natives of Ohio, his father born at Chardon, and his mother at Zanesville. Edward A. Hosford was a superintendent of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company of New York. In addition to his academic education, Raymond F. Hosford pursued courses in economics, commercial law, blueprint reading and psychology at the Carnegie Institute of Technology; courses in traffic and transportation at Duquesne University, both at Pittsburgh, and attended the Institute of Hospital Administration, University of Chicago.

From 1918 to 1921, Mr. Hosford was associated with the purchasing department of the Carbon Steel Corporation, Pittsburgh, and was assistant purchasing agent for this company, 1921-23. From 1923 to 1927 he was assistant purchasing agent with the Rust Engineering Company, also of Pittsburgh. In 1928 he came to Bradford, to be purchasing agent of the Sloan & Zook Company for more than three years. As indicated, in 1931, Mr. Hosford became business manager of the Bradford Hospital, and since 1932 has been superintendent of this institution.

The abilities and energies which have been devoted to his work with the Bradford Hospital have been freely placed at the call of the community. Along professional lines, Mr. Hosford is a member of the American College of Hospital Administrators, of the American Hospital Association; trustee of the Hospital Association of Pennsylvania, member of its council on policies and adminis-

trative practice. He is a charter member of the Northwest Section, Hospital Association of Pennsylvania, and president in 1936; a member of the Council of Social Health Agencies, Bradford, and program chairman in 1936. He planned and supervised the construction of several new buildings at the Bradford Hospital, including the new Kennedy Unit, the most modern unit of its kind in this part of the State. Mr. Hosford is a Republican in his political allegiance and has served as secretary, vice-president and president of the Bradford Rotary Club.

On July 5, 1925, Raymond F. Hosford married Dorothy Grant, daughter of George Paul and Mary (Duff) Grant, of Pittsburgh, and they are the parents of two sons (twins), Frederic Duff and Hugh Malcolm, who are attending West Branch school.

CHARLES WOODWARD SPENCER—For almost twenty-five years, Charles Woodward Spencer has been a leading figure in the banking industry in Youngsville, Pennsylvania, and since 1935 he has been associated with the Youngsville National Bank as assistant cashier.

Mr. Spencer was born July 2, 1889, at Kiantone, Chautauqua County, New York, the son of the late Henry J. and Flora V. (Woodward) Spencer. Henry J. Spencer, the son of Smith Spencer, was born at Cherry Creek, New York, June 25, 1856. In his early youth he followed his father's footsteps and was a noted breeder of pure stock Durham cattle. He was later associated for many years with the Youngsville Manufacturing Company. He was a Prohibitionist and was active in religious and civic affairs, being at one time a trustee of the Methodist Church and school director of Spring Creek. He died January 30, 1940, at Youngsville. His wife, born in Chautauqua County, near Jamestown, New York, March 21, 1857, died in Youngsville, Pennsylvania, in February, 1931. Flora V. (Woodward) Spencer was the daughter of Alexander and Elizabeth (Parsons) Woodward, both natives of Chautauqua County, both deceased. Mr. Woodward, a veteran of the Civil War was engaged for many years in the farming industry. He was prominent locally and for a time was a member of the local Fife and Drum Corps. Charles Woodward Spencer was educated in the Spring Creek public schools, and after graduating, he became associated with the Pennsylvania Railroad in Youngsville where he was employed as chief clerk for about six years. He then entered the employ of the Youngsville Savings Bank, and remained as teller for this institution from January 25, 1917, to October 11, 1935, at which time the bank assumed its present status as the Youngsville National Bank. Mr. Spencer was then appointed assistant cashier, which position he still retains, in addition to his duties as a member of the board of directors.

Active in religious, political and civic affairs, Mr. Spencer is president of the board of trustees of the Methodist Church, a well-known Republican, treasurer of the Youngsville Borough School Board and Borough Council, treasurer of the Pittsfield Township Supervisors, Pittsfield Township School Board and the Freehold Township School Board. He is also treasurer of Youngsville Lodge, No. 500, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and a Past Grand Master of this order, and the treasurer of the Youngsville Rotary Club since its organization.

He married, September 15, 1914, Mabel C. Mead, a native of Spring Creek, daughter of Alton and Ida (Briggs) Mead. Mr. and Mrs. Spencer are the parents of four children: 1. Robert Mead, born March 17, 1917, a metallurgical engineer, associated with the National Forge & Ordnance Company at Irvine, Pennsylvania, married Marguerite Ball, of Youngsville, and they are the parents of a son, Robert Dennis Spencer. 2. Howard W., born March 27, 1921, associated with Westinghouse Company at Sharon, Pennsylvania, as accountant. 3. Helen Louise, born January 28, 1925, at present a student at Youngsville High School. 4. Richard Frank, born May 12, 1929, at present also a student at Youngsville High School.

THE REV. CHARLES J. LIEBEL—Since his ordination to the priesthood of the Roman Catholic Church in 1918, the Rev. Charles J. Liebel has served in several Pennsylvania parishes. He is at this time pastor of St. Raphael's Church in Eldred, St. Mary's Church in Sartwell and of St. John's Church at Duke Center.

Father Liebel was born in Erie, Pennsylvania, on June 15, 1891. After education at St. John's Parochial School in Erie and Erie High School, Father Liebel entered St. Jerome's College at Kitchener, Ontario, subsequently studied at St. Bonaventure's Seminary in Allegany, New York. Here he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1915, the degree of Master of Arts in 1917. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 18, 1918, at St. Bonaventure's Seminary by Bishop John Mark Gannon and served as assistant pastor at St. Joseph's Church in Warren from 1918 to 1922. In 1922 Father Liebel was transferred to St. Sabina's Church at Clermont, McKean County. He saw the passing of the Norwich parish, and also had missions at Mt. Alton, Cyclone, and Bingham. His next assignment took him to Tidioute, where in addition to regular parish work he labored fruitfully among the Poles and Slavs in the hills of Warren County and maintained missions at Irvineton, West Hickory, and Garland, in addition to the parish church at Tidioute.

In October, 1933, Father Liebel was assigned to active duty as army chaplain to the Civilian Conservation Corps, in charge of all religious activities in fifteen camps of the Civilian Conservation Corps located in the Black Forest

section of Pennsylvania, comprising parts of McKean, Potter, Cameron and Clinton counties. One year later, in 1934, he assumed his present duties as pastor of St. Raphael's Church in Eldred and of St. Mary's Church at Sartwell. In 1938 he reopened St. John's Church at Duke Center, restoring a church which had been closed for sixteen years and which now serves a parish of seventy Catholic families.

Father Liebel is well loved by his people as their spiritual leader and has the universal respect of his community. He is a past president of the Eldred Rotary Club, and holds a commission of chaplain in the United States Army Reserve Corps.

ROBERT STEPHENSON HOWE—For many years connected with several railroads, express companies and the Western Union Telegraph Company, serving as agent, Robert Stephenson Howe continued that work until, in 1923, he became an officer of the Mount Jewett National Bank. He continues as cashier of this bank down to the time of writing, participates in a number of Mount Jewett's foremost business and civic enterprises, and is recognized as one of the community's leading citizens.

Mr. Howe was born June 22, 1887, at Wellsville, New York, son of Frederick E. and Adda (Stephenson) Howe. Both the Howes and the Stephensons were of English origin. On the paternal side of his house, Robert S. Howe's grandfather was a contractor, who built the old narrow-gauge railroad over the mountain at Rock City; and he also served for four years in the Union Army during the Civil War. The Howes came to the vicinity of Scio, New York, from the Cortland district of New York State. It was in Scio that Frederick E. Howe and Adda Stephenson were married. She was a granddaughter of a medical doctor in the English Army, who served in the Near East, and a daughter of another doctor who lived near London and was also in His Majesty's service, though his work was aboard a ship. It was this ship's doctor, Robert S. Howe's grandfather, who established the Stephenson family in America. In the course of his sea travels he landed in New York, found America an "enchanted spot," and, with a friend, boarded an Erie train that took him eventually to Scio, New York, then at the end of the Erie system. There he remained for some weeks, deciding meanwhile that it was "the finest spot on earth," and obtained his medical license from England in order that he might settle down in New York State. He became prominent as a physician and as a citizen. His daughter was Adda Stephenson, who became the wife of Frederick E. Howe. They had seven children, two sons and five daughters.

One of these children was Robert Stephenson Howe, who attended the graded school at Wellsville, his New York State birthplace, then went to high school in Olean, New York. Afterward he had a special course in business administration. Leaving school, he entered the employ of the Erie Railroad, with which he remained for more than a decade. He advanced steadily until he became associated with the superintendent's office, in which he served as station supervisor. Then, for five years, he had charge of the Mount Jewett station, where at that time five roads did business—the Erie, the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh, the Baltimore & Ohio, the Kushequa and the Valley railroads. Three express companies had local agencies—Adams, American and United States express—as did also the Western Union Telegraph Company. Mr. Howe served as agent for these organizations, so continuing until 1923, when he was made cashier of the Mount Jewett National Bank.

Coming then, in Mount Jewett, to make his influence felt as a power for good, he acquired a place of increasing prominence in the community as time went on. During the World War period he had effectively served his country as a member of Company B, 108th Field Signal Battalion, thirty-third Division, spending a year overseas, and he had seen and experienced war's futility and tragedy. Standing on Dead Man's Hill, outside Verdun, where 250,000 French and German soldiers fell, where scraps of harness, pieces of wagons and mingled bones of horses and humans lay about amid crater-like shell-holes, Robert S. Howe made the resolution that, if he ever should get off that hill, he would make good use of what life was left him and render service to other people. He felt, particularly, an indefinable sense of responsibility to those who did not come back from that hill.

So, when he returned and the nations declared themselves at "peace," he devoted ever-increasing attention to carrying out his resolve. A true humanitarian in Mount Jewett and in the world that touches him on all sides in his daily activities, Mr. Howe has served as a director of the McKean County Society for Crippled Children, and has rendered valuable aid as treasurer and chairman of the work done for crippled children through the Mount Jewett Rotary Club, of which he has for years been a member. He is president of the Mount Jewett Chamber of Commerce, secretary of the Mount Jewett Improvement Company, and a director of the McKean County Red Cross. He is also a member of the general committee representing McKean County in the Pennsylvania Economy League. He is chairman of the board of trustees of the Methodist Church. In politics he is a Republican, and he serves as treasurer of the Hamlin Township School District, finance officer of Mount Jewett Post, No. 574.

American Legion, and chaplain of Masonic Lodge, No. 627. In the Free and Accepted Masons he is affiliated with Mount Jewett Lodge, No. 627, is aide to the commander in chief of Coudersport Consistory of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and potentate's representative of Zem Zem Temple (Erie), Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a Past Noble Grand of Mount Jewett Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Robert Stephenson Howe married, October 17, 1917, Bess Thompson, daughter of Hugh A. Thompson. Her father and uncles were five brothers who owned the Thompson & Company Hardware Store. Mrs. Howe was graduated from Mount Jewett High School and Warren High School and from Olean Business College, and is now assistant cashier of the Mount Jewett National Bank, where her husband is cashier.

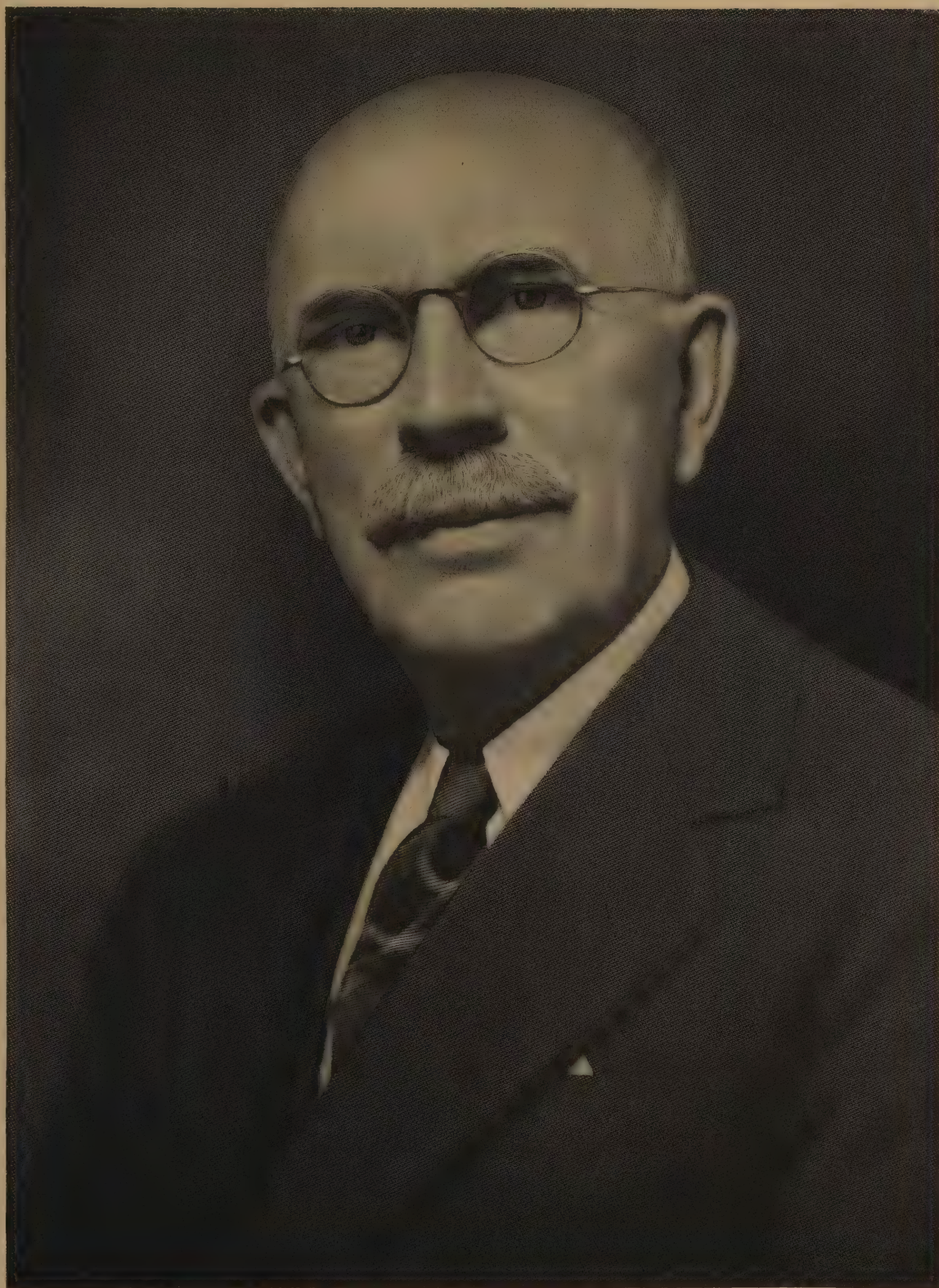
GEORGE K. ANDERSON—Born in Franklin, Pennsylvania, September 15, 1868, in what is now known as the Elks Club House on Buffalo Street, George K. Anderson is the son of Thomas F. Anderson and Margaretta (Connelly) Anderson. Like most boys of that time, besides attending public school he played yard man and milked the family cow, driving her to pasture on Bleakley Point hill each day. For several years while in his teens he made the collections for a local bank during his noon-hour school recess period, there being no clearing house in those days. Graduated from the Franklin High School in 1886, he attended Lehigh University, class of 1890, and was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity. Leaving college, he took a position with the Peoples Natural Gas Company of Pittsburgh, having charge of the mill district along the Monongahela River. The supply of gas was very erratic in those days and the mills were told daily when they could or could not run. Imagine such conditions in these armament days!

Two or three years later, following his natural bent for writing, Mr. Anderson purchased the "Turtle Creek Valley Record," a weekly newspaper in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, and moved the plant to Wilmerding. Here he helped promote sentiment for an electric line over the hill to McKeesport, which later gave him a good line of advertising from there. About this time, learning that the Republican town of Braddock was being controlled by a Democratic boss and finding resentment thereat running bitterly high, he started a daily Republican paper there, calling it "The Braddock Evening Herald." He operated this rather successfully until he hit the Wilson bill panic and Bryan free-silver scare of the nineties, when he rented the town hall and took the assemblage into his confidence. He told them he would have to get coöperation or quit. Securing sixty-three stockholders that night he was elected manager and editor for a year. Mr. Anderson organized a Seven-Hundred Republican Club; got

the newspaper in on the Allegheny County campaign funds, and stirred up enough libel suits to have it rated a live newspaper. One libel suit afforded him much amusement over the years. This, when a regular contributor's article slipped through unedited, charging the boss politician with collusion with the Mellons in getting the right of way for the Monongahela Traction Company through Braddock. The array of counsel was impressive and a small man named White presided on the bench. The fun began when Andrew W. Mellon, later our great Secretary of the Treasury, called to the stand, did not speak in audible tones. The judge kept up a resounding racket with his gavel but without avail. Then amid much puffing and scrambling he began to lift, shove and coax the huge judge's chair toward the witness stand, not forgetting his gavel as he went. Arriving at the edge of the dais, hand cupped over his ear and face close to Mellon's, he presented as humorous a scene as ever was seen in court. The court room was convulsed, but Mr. Mellon never raised his voice or cracked a smile, though in later years he would always greet mention of the incident with a wry smile.

Mr. Anderson remained with the "Braddock Herald" another year when, times getting no better and finding an opportunity to dispose of his interests there and at Wilmerding, he made the deal and went to Pittsburgh. Here he signed up with a collection agency that had branch offices in several nearby cities. After six months he was invited to take charge of the hard collections of the second largest retail mercantile house in the city, taking charge of eight thousand accounts with two assistants. A few months later the collection agency he had been with, opening a branch office in Cleveland, offered him the managership. Shortly after taking this position he had occasion to go to Pittsburgh and while there looked into the status of some of his former accounts. Not liking the looks of things he reported to the president, suggesting an audit. This showed a deplorable condition and Mr. Anderson was selected to close out the various offices. By the time he got back to Cleveland, peculations had also occurred there. He settled these out of his own pocket, closed the office and returned to Pittsburgh with "blood in his eye." But the main culprit had shaven off his beard and escaped to Canada. The net result of the whole affair was the acquirement of a lot of experience, the man's home property in Allegheny fully reimbursing him.

By this time thoroughly disgusted with the crookedness in human life, Mr. Anderson took the first thing offered him. This was a canvasser's job in the circulation department of the "Pittsburgh Times," then the largest circulating medium in the city. He covered the territory from Pittsburgh to Erie, except his home town. Later he often said that "only by the Grace of God he had stuck to this



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Geo. K. Anderson



work for a year and a half for it was a job that tried men's souls." Ever since he has had a soft spot in his heart for the canvasser. Next he went with a general newspaper advertising agency, working on commission, and soon saw a future in it. City advertisers had theretofore largely stuck to city dailies, and commercial "ad" writing had not yet come into vogue. It was a delight to approach a prospect, and, getting his manner of thinking, write an advertisement as if "made to order." Anderson imported a printer into the office who would proof-print his write-ups on book paper, surrounding them with attractive borders. It was wonderful how this innovation was received. In a few months his employer put him on a salary, saying he could not afford to keep him on a commission. Probably Anderson should have made this his life work, but one day the "Pittsburgh Times" called him up, saying they were starting an afternoon edition and would he take the financial desk. He hardly knew what a financial desk was but he took it. It sounded well and it was an advance in salary.

Probably few Pittsburghers today remember "The Daily News" as it didn't live long. But before its demise Anderson was promoted to the same position on the "Times." His tenure there was destined to be long and active. Soon the "Trust Era" came in with its innumerable amalgamations. Pittsburgh was the industrial center and now the news center. He always had reporters out looking for new combinations. It seemed that each branch of industry was getting together, capitalizing everything on a six per cent. earning basis. His working day grew steadily longer until he was getting home for a midnight dinner. One day he stopped long enough to wonder what it was all about—vowed he would take an hour each day as his very own—this to study, write, think—to clear the atmosphere of the grit and soot of the day or to dispel the fog of some of his befuddled reasoning. Soon this evening hour became an institution, much as any other fixed habit, a place where no ugliness of life should enter, a place to lay the cards of his day on the table and see if there was an ace, a two-spot or a joker. On his desk a copy of Emerson and O. Henry helped to send him to bed with a mind at peace. In his later years he thus extolled in verse this quiet hour he had discovered and which had come to mean so much to him:

One quiet hour—alone. One place to test
Our vision 'mongst the stars of one good day.
Our firmament!—nor none to see; yet to ourself be able
there to say:
"These are my own to joy with ere I rest."

Across this firmament where lights enthrone
This quiet hour, Thought takes its odyssey
Of peace. The fevered moments of the day forgot. From
fretting mood set free—
Only reflection!—and from lights, our own.

Unvain this hour that meditation brings
To star each noble impulse of the day;
Not vain the heart when we these stars would see as,
gone Day's garish pomps, we weigh
The sweet immensities of little things.

Poor is the man who may not thus invite
His hour of peace. Who, in this hour, alone,
May not from out some window of his soul discern some
heaven all his own,
And joy him there a moment in its light.

In 1893 Mr. Anderson married Martha Ann Walton, daughter of William and Martha (Allen) Walton, of Pittsburgh. From this union were born two children, Margaret and Helen, the latter now Mrs. Elbridge S. Boyd, of Sarasota, Florida. There is one grandchild, Peggy Plumer Boyd, now fourteen years old. Mr. Anderson has dedicated to her a book, "Poems to Peggy," which will soon be published.

George K. Anderson remained with the "Times" until 1902. Applying for a raise and being turned down with the word he was being paid more than the job had ever paid in the city, he forthwith resigned and went down to the Stock Exchange. Seeing a leading broker, Robert C. Hall, having his shoes shined, the following colloquy ensued: "Got a position for me, Bob?" "No, but come over and make one." "What will you give me?" "A hundred a year more than the 'Times' is paying you and I don't know what that is." "All right, I will give the 'Times' two weeks notice, but don't try to make me a floor man on this Exchange, I know my limitations." His new employer became ill and remained for months at his estate in Lyme, Connecticut. Anderson wrote him nightly, advising him times were shaping for a panic (this was the 1903 financial panic, not a commercial one but sharp while it lasted). He began to pile up the cash, drawing from every source—squeezing every excess equity out of each loan. His employer writing him from his bed strenuously excepted to this wanton extravagance. Anderson kept reassuring him and thanked God he had him on his back. Pittsburgh's knowledge of a demand loan those days was largely in name. Soon the storm broke. Calls of loans averaged over \$100,000 a day for weeks, but money was coming back from the surprised bankers he had paid who, in case of every large loan, telephoned they hadn't expected it all. Others kept calling and it was not long until he was getting five per cent. money before many others knew there was a six per cent. supply. This, then, was the position Anderson was to "make"—the building of a structure of trust, making Pittsburgh understand for the first time what a demand loan really was, and putting his employer's credit above reproach.

The 1907-08 panic was different; it reached to the roots of commercial life. Banks fell like houses of cards across the whole country; for a time specie payment had been

suspended. The 1929 panic did not create half its havoc. The Hall offices had been removed to a ground floor with a double frontage, located opposite the Stock Exchange. When the blow struck, the manager of the trading was sick in a hospital, Hall out of the city, and a flood raged in the rivers. Fourth Avenue basements were flooded, light and heating systems out of commission. Working in overcoat and by lamp and candle light, Anderson was taking commitments over four states and calling margins in between—the office crowded to suffocation. In the collapsing market, city bankers ordered him not to pay their country correspondent's loans; could not get the funds to them anyway. Then came a voice saying "close that Exchange, there is going to be a conflagration." This was meant to reach Hall, who was president of the local Exchange, and came from the head of one of Pittsburgh's largest industrial institutions, which later failed, but rose again. That panic personified was a pitiful commentary on the fright of capital when threatened with loss!

This panic, of 1907-08, left its mark on everyone who passed through it. Only a very busy life saved the subject of this sketch. Besides the brokerage loans, he had charge of his employer's three million dollars worth of properties; was officer in a dozen different companies; co-countersigner of thirty or forty million checks a year; and was forever raising money for this greatest real estate plunger Pittsburgh had ever known. Why need life be so spectacular, he thought. He would go back to his native heath and get into something natural and normal. But the chance for this did not come until 1912. He felt like a soldier returning home from the wars. He would now go into the oil business. Could he buy production at \$2,500 a barrel? Not this side of the millennium answered the wise ones. Yet two weeks after the war broke in Europe in 1914 he bought in on a one-thousand-acre tract in the Clintonville field at \$1,500 a barrel. Soon he purchased the interests of his several partners and when crude oil advanced to \$6.00 a barrel, paid off all his debts with what he termed fifty-cent dollars.

Upon returning to Franklin, George K. Anderson joined the Wanango Counry Club and the Franklin Club; was elected a director of the Chamber of Commerce; became a vestryman in St. John's Episcopal Church, a Kiwanian, and took an active interest in much else of public purport. In 1936 he was elected to the board of the Exchange Bank & Trust Company, which institution in 1941 took over the other two banks of the city.

Once Mr. Anderson resigned his membership in the Chamber of Commerce because Franklin had nothing but dirt roads leading out of town. A committee waited on him and offered him the chairmanship of the Good Roads Committee. He took it although he was practically blind at the time, having waited years for a cataract operation.

He started a column in the "News-Herald" calling it "Weekly Report of the Good Roads Committee of the Chamber of Commerce," no names attached. He could use the typewriter without seeing the keys and had one peek to correct copy by a system of lenses. Anderson organized a committee of five outside the chamber, for money and additional influence were needed. Contracts for highways began to come; in six months thirteen new highways were building in the county. State engineers, winter and summer, took him out to visit each project, knowing he could not see. The editor came each week to get his copy and the State sent him a tabulation weekly showing the week's exact progress on the various contracts. His report had graduated to the front page of the paper, doubled in length and sometimes carried "scare" heads. The editor told him "no man, woman or child in the county but was reading his articles." At the end of the year the district superintendent of highways called on him to tell him he had shut off further reports from the State and that he had caused him more trouble than anything in his administration, having every county in the western end of the State, including Allegheny, up in arms at the favoritism shown. The official acknowledged, however, that Anderson had done Venango good, which was all he wanted besides giving him a sense of some kind of usefulness so much needed at the time.

He was reelected continuously for many years to the directorate of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce and became a member of the State Chamber. He wrote two booklets for the local organization and spoke three times under their sponsorship over the Oil City radio station. These talks are included in a collection of his writings soon to be published. Anderson considered himself one of the Elbert Hubbard Roycrofters for he was invited into their symposiums, having written many articles for the Roycroft magazine over the years.

He has always been a Republican in politics, in 1940 being co-chairman of the Venango County Willkie Club, the largest single Willkie Club in the State numbering over five thousand members. Several years ago he was selected by the oil men in the western end of the State to represent them on some political work at Harrisburg. In 1941, accepting Leon Henderson's cancellation of a raise in price of crude already given the Pennsylvania oil men, Anderson offered to turn over his oil properties to the government "for the duration" without any accounting whatsoever for oil taken out, taxes, interest on capital, depreciation, or use of equipment. While the answer side-stepped the offer, he heard from this episode from all sections of the country.

The Anderson homestead is located at Elk and Eighth streets where he has installed a system of illuminated flower gardens extending over to Liberty Street, the gates always open to the public. Here he goes often to

see what a wonderful world this could be if run right. If you should ask him for a definition of success in life he would tell you "to live and die in the respect of the people about you." And if you ask him again how best to do this he would say, "Carry the ideal with you all the way with your practical life."

JAMES JAY FREEMAN—Through the closing years and decades of the last century and at the beginning of the present one, James Jay Freeman was engaged in the manufacture of furniture and in the steam laundry business in Bradford. As head of the Bradford Steam Laundry, he was a pioneer in this line of work, earning thereby the admiration and confidence of his fellow-citizens and distinguishing himself in this region of northwestern Pennsylvania.

Mr. Freeman was born March 29, 1853, in Corinth, Saratoga County, New York, son of Isaac and Eurilla (Raymond) Freeman and a descendant in the ninth generation from Edmund Freeman, who was probably born in England in 1589, died in Cape Cod in 1682, and came to America in 1635, in the ship "Abigail," arriving in Lynn, Massachusetts. His son, Major John Freeman, born in 1627 in England, according to indications of family records, died October 28, 1719, and married Mercy Prentice, daughter of Governor Prentice, and granddaughter of Elder William Brewster, of Mayflower fame. John Freeman, their son, born in 1651, in Eastham, Massachusetts, died July 27, 1721, at Harwich, Massachusetts, married Sarah Merrick. Their son, Nathaniel Freeman, born March 17, 1682 or 1683, in Eastham, died August 1, 1735, married, in Harwich, October 24, 1706, Mary Watson. Their son, Lemuel Freeman, born April 18, 1717, in Harwich, died in 1790, married, December 4, 1735 or 1736, Desire Sears. Their son, Isaac Freeman, born August 28, 1759, in Harwich, died January 12, 1823, served in the Revolutionary War, married, November 28, 1779, Jane Clark. Their son, also named Isaac Freeman, born June 13, 1786, in Brewster, died January 12, 1850, married, in 1809, Polly Myrick. Their son, Isaac Freeman, James Jay Freeman's father, was born September 13, 1824, in Albany, New York, enlisted in the Eleventh New York Battery for Civil War service in 1864, contracted typhoid fever in that year, and died October 27, 1864, at City Point, Virginia; he married Eurilla Raymond, born February 28, 1825, in Corinth, New York, died March 4, 1908, in Bradford, Pennsylvania. Their children were: William, James Jay, Charles, Mason A., Ida, and Miles E. Freeman.

Of these, James Jay Freeman, born March 29, 1853, attended school in his boyhood community of Corinth, New York, until he was twelve years of age. He was early employed in a woolen mill at Palmer Falls, New

York, and in 1870 began the manufacture of furniture at Salisbury Center, New York, continuing for six years. In 1878 he removed to Bradford, Pennsylvania, continuing also in furniture manufacturing here until 1885, when he moved to Wellsville, New York, in the same business. It was in 1895 that he moved back to Bradford and established the Bradford Steam Laundry, which became the most successful and the largest in the city.

James Jay Freeman married Irene Lawrence, born December 27, 1856, in Horican, New York, died in St. Petersburg, Florida, February 10, 1934, daughter of Ambrose and Rebecca (Holley) Lawrence. Her father was born April 8, 1824, and was long proprietor of a marble yard at Glens Falls, New York, where he died September 17, 1906. Her mother, born August 2, 1828, died March 17, 1901, at Glens Falls. Her sister, Sarah Holley, became the wife of George Hill, of that place. Ambrose Lawrence was a son of Benjamin Lawrence and a descendant of Jonathan Lawrence. Mrs. Irene (Lawrence) Freeman became active in the Methodist Church of Bradford. James Jay and Irene (Lawrence) Freeman became the parents of the following children: 1. Bertha Freeman, born at Salisbury Center, New York, February 10, 1876, became the wife of John Dunbar Love, born in Sinclairville, New York, farmer and cheese manufacturer, who died January 6, 1912, in Randolph, New York; their children were: James, Lawrence, and Donald Freeman Love. She married (second), in 1914, David A. Snyder, of Sinclairville, New York. 2. Edith Freeman, born May 9, 1882, in Bradford, educated in public schools here, graduated in 1899 from high school, became active in the Methodist Church, the Ladies' Literary Club and the Bradford Country Club; she became, June 1, 1905, the wife of Robert Hawley George (*q. v.*), and they were the parents of three children: Ruth Gretchen George, Robert Freeman George, and Jean George.

ROBERT HAWLEY GEORGE—A resident of Bradford since 1903, Robert Hawley George has taken an active part in the business life of this oil-producing city and district of Pennsylvania, and from time to time he has headed several different businesses.

Mr. George was born August 23, 1880, in Bradford, Pennsylvania, son of Robert and Sabra (Wilcox) George and grandson of Robert George, who lived and died in Scotland. Robert George, Robert H. George's father, was born in Glasgow, Scotland, in 1849, came to the United States in 1873, visited Texas, then settled in Bradford, Pennsylvania, where he was engaged in oil production until his death on June 15, 1911. The mother, Mrs. Sabra (Wilcox) George, was born in April, 1856, in Onoville, New York, and was long one of Bradford's well-loved citizens. Robert and Sabra (Wilcox) George were the

parents of the following children: 1. Ruth Wilcox George, born May 26, 1879, in Bradford, died January 15, 1906. 2. Robert Hawley George, of further mention. 3. Rodney George, born in January, 1889, in Bradford, died in April, 1903, in Los Angeles, California.

Robert Hawley George attended public schools in Bradford, and after three years in high school here he left to engage in business in Indiana. For some years he was a general "roustabout," pumping and drilling, and for three years he remained in Indiana oil fields. He also opened oil fields in Wyoming, and for nineteen years operated a sawmill in Japan, shipping native hard woods from that country to Europe and America. While still young, he returned to Bradford, Pennsylvania, beginning the production of oil here and combining this work with oil interests in Kansas. Gradually other business enterprises interested him more and more. Since 1903 Mr. George has conducted the Bradford Laundry. He started the Willowdale Cemetery Association in 1936, and is now its president and one of its directors. Farming also interests him, and he raises corn and soy beans in North Carolina.

In addition to his business activities, Mr. George is interested in public affairs. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the Bradford Club, the Pennhills Country Club, the Valley Hunt Club and the Free and Accepted Masons. In the Masonic Order Mr. George is affiliated with Union Lodge, No. 334; Bradford Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of which he is a Past High Priest; Bradford Council, Royal and Select Masters, of which he is Thrice Illustrious Master; Trinity Commandery, Knights Templar; Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and Zem Zem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (of Erie). He is a leader along many lines of activity.

Robert Hawley George married (first), June 1, 1905, Edith Freeman, daughter of James Jay and Irene (Lawrence) Freeman. She was born May 9, 1882, in Bradford, Pennsylvania. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Ruth Gretchen Hussong, now of Ensenada, Mexico. 2. Robert Freeman, married Elizabeth Adams, of Bradford, and has one daughter, Glennis. 3. Jean, wife of Lowell Johnston, of St. Petersburg, Florida; their children are: Timothy and Sabra Jane Johnston. Robert Hawley George married (second), July 17, 1926, Genevieve Eaton, of Bradford, daughter of Hiram Eaton, founder of the Oil Well Supply Company.

JAMES BLAINE WALKER—For years active in oil production in McKean County, James Blaine Walker heads the Walker Oil Company and makes his business headquarters and residence in Rew City.

Mr. Walker was born in Rew City, McKean County, Pennsylvania, son of Isaac and Margaret (Cooper) Walker. His father, born in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, left Canada as a young man and took up his residence in Rouseville, Venango County, Pennsylvania, in the early period of the oil excitement. There he established a drug store for a time until he came to McKean County. After a short period at Tuna, he came to Rew City, and was here employed by James E. Cochrane. Before long he acquired a lease of his own, and, with his brother, formed the Walker Brothers Oil Company. He was active, too, in Rew City affairs, especially as president of the Rew School Board, and was prominent as a fraternalist, particularly as a district deputy in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His wife, Mrs. Margaret (Cooper) Walker, came from Rouseville, Pennsylvania. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Ella, who became the wife of Bruce Matson, now deceased. 2. Edna, wife of S. P. Kennedy. 3. Fred, now deceased. 4. Harry, deceased. 5. James Blaine, of further mention. 6. George, associated with his brother in business.

Mr. Walker attended public schools, and in boyhood went into the oil business in association with his father. Before long he was able to run the business and became its active head. This enterprise was established about 1888 by Mr. Walker's father, as indicated above, and an uncle, the two men carrying on operations under the name of Walker Brothers. Subsequently the business became known as the Walker Oil Company. In operating these two organizations, James Blaine Walker and George A. Walker have been associated together, running fifty-eight producing wells on about 206 acres.

In the affairs of the Pennsylvania Oil Producers' Association he has long taken a leading part, serving as a director for the Bradford district. He is interested in community affairs, is a Republican in politics, and has many affiliations, fraternal and otherwise. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Maccabees. He is a member of the United Brethren Church. In leisure time he is fond of outdoor life and recreations.

James Blaine Walker married, September 16, 1914, Philippa Given, of Bradford, Pennsylvania. They became the parents of one child, James Blaine Walker, Jr., who is a student at Bradford High School at the time of writing.

ARTHUR E. CONN—Dealing in oil well supplies, lumber and related products used in this region of Pennsylvania, Arthur E. Conn centers his activities in Mount Jewett and is widely and favorably known in trade circles.

Mr. Conn was born May 7, 1875, in Nickleville, Venango County, Pennsylvania, son of Joseph O. and





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Frances V. (Weaver) Conn, of this county, both of whom are now deceased. His father was a woolen mill worker.

Public schools of Emlenton provided Arthur E. Conn's early formal education. As a lad he went to work in the Emlenton woolen mills as a bobbin boy, and for the twenty years following he remained in this same industry. His advancement was steady and continuous, and at the close of that twenty-year period he was superintendent of the Richland Mills. In 1915 he came to Mount Jewett as bookkeeper with the firm of Thompson & Company, engaged in the hardware business and handling oil well supplies, lumber and the like. In 1923 Mr. Conn bought this business and proceeded to operate it independently.

Carrying on the work of this firm down to the time of writing, Mr. Conn is recognized as one of Mount Jewett's leading citizens. He is president and a director of the Mount Jewett Improvement Society, president of the Mount Jewett National Bank, director of the local Rotary Club, and a leading Republican here. During the World War he effectively served his country as a participant in different drives and campaigns, though years earlier he gave active service with the United States Cavalry forces in the Spanish-American War and spent three years in Cuba. Mr. Conn is a member of the Spanish-American War Veterans' Association in Warren and of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Kane. In the Free and Accepted Masons he is affiliated with Mount Jewett Lodge, No. 627, of which he is treasurer, and with Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Zem Zem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. For ten years he was treasurer of the Methodist Church, in whose affairs he has long been active.

On December 17, 1903, Arthur E. Conn married Lottie M. Thompson, of Emlenton, Pennsylvania, daughter of W. S. and Janet (Crawford) Thompson. They became the parents of a son, Eugene T. Conn, who was graduated from Mount Jewett schools and from the Bryant and Stratton Business College, in Buffalo, then became associated in business with his father; he married Ellen Osbeck, and they have a child, David Conn, who was born October 28, 1939.

Mr. Conn, in spare time, enjoys woodworking as a hobby, and devotes considerable time and attention to it.

THE REV. JAMES FRANCIS FIELDING—Contributing notably to the spiritual life of Oil City through his pastorate at St. Stephen's Roman Catholic Church, the Rev. James Francis Fielding has earned a place of distinction among the members of his own parish and the people of Oil City as a whole.

Father Fielding was born October 8, 1868, in Leicester, Worcester County, Massachusetts. He was only two years of age when his parents removed to Clinton, that State, where he attended public schools and was graduated from high school. He then took a preparatory course at St. Charles' College, in Ellicott City, Maryland, following it with a theological course at St. Mary's Seminary, on North Paca Street, Baltimore, and advanced studies in Bonaventura Seminary, Allegany, New York, where he was graduated in 1895. It was with some background of family tradition that he chose the priesthood as his vocation; for his father's ancestors were men of high standing in literary life in the Church of England and his mother's forebears traced their ancestry back to early Irish kings.

Ordained priest of the Catholic Church on March 24, 1895, by Bishop Mullin, of Erie, the Rev. James Francis Fielding was at once sent to St. Walburger's German Catholic Church in Titusville, Pennsylvania, to take the place of Father Nau, who went to visit his parents in Germany. After three months at the Titusville church, Father Fielding was sent to St. Mary's Church, in Genesee Township, Potter County, Pennsylvania, as pastor, and there remained from July 7, 1895, to July 7, 1896. He entered then upon his duties at St. Peter's Cathedral, Erie, whence he was assigned a year later to St. Theresa's Church, in Union City.

His advent to Oil City came May 15, 1904, when he succeeded Father Link, founder and first priest of the parish. He did much in the years that followed to lift St. Stephen's to a position of leadership among the Catholic churches of the district. St. Stephen's, founded in 1898, made remarkable progress under Father Fielding's guidance; and not only did its work grow in value and the life of the community greatly benefit from it, but the physical structure of the church buildings and the appearance of the grounds about them were improved. The church, parish house and other church property are now valued at more than \$100,000, a figure that represents a notable increase over the period in which Father Fielding has been in charge. In the fall of 1905 he commenced the task of supervising erection of a beautiful new church edifice. The foundation was started October fourth of that year, then was allowed to stand over the winter as a test for possible defects. In July, 1906, construction was resumed in earnest, and the church was finally dedicated on the Sunday preceding Christmas in 1907. It is today an architectural addition to a city whose churches and other buildings are a cause of just pride to the citizens. The designer was a Mr. Ginther, an architect of Akron, Ohio, the contractors being the Schmeller Construction Company, of Cleveland, Ohio, and the superintendent of construction having been Albert Pickett. The building was built of Berea stone, the

style being modern throughout, with ample accommodations for the church's 1,800 members.

Father Fielding's kind and generous temperament and his fine theological and general scholarship have combined to render him one of Oil City's beloved spiritual leaders and public-spirited citizens. He has encouraged many movements of a praiseworthy sort, such as helping the Children's Playground Association of Oil City. A baseball enthusiast, he played semi-professional ball with some of New England's best teams in his younger days, and more recently he has assisted young men in Oil City and vicinity to form teams of their own. He is a member of Oil City Council, No. 385, Knights of Columbus; Union City branch of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association; the Ancient Order of Hibernians of Union City (in which he was State chaplain for four years, two terms of two years each), and Oil City Lodge, No. 344, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. The work of Father Fielding in all these groups and their activities has been a highly constructive one, earning for him the warm affection of his contemporaries in all walks of life and the love of many friends.

CLARENCE JENNINGS FOX—As a certified public accountant, Clarence Jennings Fox has distinguished himself in the Oil City district, serving as manager of the Oil City office of the firm of J. R. McCartan & Company, certified public accountants, whose headquarters are in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Fox was born December 26, 1897, in Emlenton, Pennsylvania, son of George Franklin and Gertrude (Crawford) Fox. He has one sister, Harriet Fox Scott, now residing in Dearborn, Michigan, who has two children: Jane Helen Scott and James Fox Scott.

His paternal grandparents were the Rev. Josiah Beideman Fox and Harriet (Kribbs) Fox. Rev. Josiah Beideman Fox was born in November, 1833, on a farm near Sassamansville, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, the son of Jonas and Susan (Beideman) Fox and the grandson of Anthony Fox. He had four brothers and no sisters. Following attendance at the local country school he attended Freeland Seminary at Trappe, Pennsylvania, and later Frederick Institute in Montgomery County. In 1860 he graduated from Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, after which he attended the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and was ordained to the ministry in 1862 at Allentown, Pennsylvania. Soon after his ordination he was elected pastor of the Salem charge consisting of four congregations in Clarion County, Pennsylvania. Being interested in education he opened an academic school in his parish in 1863, which he continued to conduct in addition to his regular ministerial duties until April, 1868. In June, 1866, he

was married to Harriet Kribbs. In April, 1868, he moved to Emlenton, Pennsylvania, accepting a call from two congregations near there. He established, in Emlenton, a school known as Tableau Seminary or Emlenton Academy, employing assistant teachers to help him in his school duties. In 1869 he established a Lutheran congregation in Emlenton. In May, 1888, he accepted a call from the Friedens, Heidelberg and Unionville congregations and moved his home to Slatington, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. As he closed his discourse in the pulpit May 19, 1901, he was stricken with paralysis and died the following Sunday, May 26, 1901.

Harriet (Kribbs) Fox was the daughter of Captain George Kribbs and Susanna (Scheffer) Kribbs, being a sister of the Rev. J. A. Kribbs and Judge George A. Kribbs. She was born in Clarion County, Pennsylvania, August 28, 1844, and died at Slatington, Pennsylvania, October 2, 1911.

George Franklin Fox, Clarence J. Fox's father, was born in Emlenton, January 22, 1870, where he now lives retired from his active endeavors. He formerly was active in the flour and feed business as secretary and treasurer of Emlenton Milling Company, Ltd., which company he helped organize in 1894. For a number of years he was also actively engaged in the insurance business. He is active in the Lutheran Church at Emlenton, Pennsylvania, and a member of the church council. He is a registered Democrat. His wife was born in Emlenton, and died there May 20, 1933. She was a daughter of Samuel W. and Jane C. (Truby) Crawford and a granddaughter of Ebenezer Crawford. Her father, Samuel W. Crawford, was born near Emlenton, Pennsylvania, August 20, 1829, and died there. He was one of the Forty-niners who went to California during the "gold rush" of that period, and he remained for twelve years in the West, then returned to the East and became an oil producer. Mrs. Fox's mother, Mrs. Jane C. (Truby) Crawford, was born in Emlenton, and died there.

Clarence Jennings Fox received his early education in the schools of Emlenton, where he was graduated from high school in 1915. He then became a student at Perkio-men School, in Pennsburg, Pennsylvania, which he attended for one year. After several years at home in the employ of the First National Bank of Emlenton, Pennsylvania, he entered the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce of the University of Pennsylvania, being graduated in 1923 as a Bachelor of Science in Economics. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. From 1923 to 1927 he was employed in Pittsburgh, first with Richter & Company, certified public accountants, then with Lybrand, Ross Brothers & Montgomery, accountants and auditors. In November, 1925, he sat for and passed the Pennsylvania State Board's examinations for public

accountants, receiving his degree as a Certified Public Accountant under date of December 22, 1925. In 1927 Mr. Fox returned to Emlenton, here associating himself with Emlenton Refining Company & Sterling Oil Company. These companies were later merged into the Quaker State Oil Refining Corporation, with which latter corporation he continued until December, 1938. At that time he became a member of the firm of J. R. McCartan & Company, certified public accountants, with headquarters in Pittsburgh, and branch offices in Wheeling, West Virginia, and Oil City, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Fox is, in politics, a Republican. Fraternally he is affiliated with Allegheny Valley Lodge, No. 552, Free and Accepted Masons, Emlenton, Pennsylvania; Venango Lodge of Perfection in Oil City; Pennsylvania Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, in Pittsburgh; and Syria Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, also of Pittsburgh. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Oil City Rotary Club, the local Chamber of Commerce, the Young Men's Christian Association and the Franklin Club. He is a member of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Emlenton. In leisure time he enjoys hunting.

Clarence Jennings Fox married, May 2, 1925, Mabel Viola Lynn, born February 23, 1902, in Seneca, Pennsylvania, daughter of Daniel Marqua and Viola (Croup) Lynn, both born in Clarion County, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Fox's paternal grandparents were Samuel H. Lynn and Nancy Jane (Starr) Lynn, both natives of Clarion County, Pennsylvania. Her maternal grandparents were Francis Croup and Ellen Elizabeth (Anchors) Croup.

Mrs. Fox attended public school, Clintonville High School and Erie Business College, and she is a member of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Emlenton. Mr. and Mrs. Fox are the parents of the following children: 1. John Lynn, born March 7, 1926. 2. Marilyn Louise, born November 12, 1928. 3. George Edwin, born July 20, 1939. 4. Nancy Jane, born October 2, 1941.

STERNS MARSHALL—As president of the Citizens' National Bank, Sterns Marshall has filled a position of leadership in the financial and business life of Bradford.

Mr. Marshall was born December 11, 1876, in the Province of Ontario, Canada, son of Malcolm and Mary (Wright) Marshall, both now deceased. The father, born in Connecticut, came in youth to Canada, and was long successfully engaged in the general mercantile business. He owned several farms. Mrs. Marshall came from the same town as former Prime Minister of Great Britain, Ramsay MacDonald.

Canadian common schools provided Sterns Marshall's early formal education. He also took night courses of

study, and earned thereby sufficient credits for admission to the University of Pennsylvania, although he never availed himself of this privilege. While still in his teens, he came to the United States from Canada, and here became associated with the Oil Well Supply Company. After a few years he helped to organize and operate the Bradford Supply Company, dealing in oil well supplies. Meanwhile, he became interested in the oil industry as producer. Then, gradually, he began devoting all his time to the new work, until eventually he sold his other interests about 1920. He became president and a large stockholder in the Sergeant Wire Glass Corporation, in which he has continued active down to the time of writing. In 1936 the Citizens' National Bank was organized, at which time he became its president—an office that he has held since that time.

A Republican in politics, Mr. Marshall belongs to the Bradford Club and the Free and Accepted Masons. In the Masonic Order he is affiliated with Salem Lodge, No. 368, in Canada, and all the other Masonic branches with which he is connected are in Canada with the exception of Bradford Council, Royal and Select Masters; Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

HAROLD M. BANKS, D. D. S.—Conducting a general dental practice in Kane, Dr. Harold M. Banks is one of his community's best known citizens.

Dr. Banks was born September 2, 1902, in Ludlow, McKean County, Pennsylvania, son of Lynn and Minnie (Hanson) Banks, both of this State, the father of Corry and the mother of Ludlow. The father formerly was active in the railway industry.

Graded and high schools of Kane provided Harold M. Banks' early formal education, and he later studied at the Warren Business College and the Rochester Business Institute in Accounting. For his dental studies he went to the University of Pittsburgh, where he took, in 1928, the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. In that year he began a general practice of his profession in Kane, continuing it down to the time of writing. He has taken postgraduate work in exodontia and oral surgery, and is more than ordinarily active in local civic affairs in Kane and its environs.

A Republican, he is a leading figure in a number of organizations seeking community betterment, among them the Kiwanis Club, in which he is a member of the board of directors. He is a past president of the Kane Dental Society and a member of the McKean County Dental Society, the Eighth District Dental Society, the Pennsylvania State Dental Society and the American Dental Association. Without ever aspiring to public office, Dr. Banks has

supported many worthy projects for the improvement of conditions in Kane and its environs. He is a member of the First Methodist Church.

On August 1, 1932, Dr. Harold M. Banks married Elsie Nelson, of Kane, daughter of Samuel Nelson, of this city, one of the pioneer oil men of this region. Dr. and Mrs. Banks became the parents of two children: 1. Harold M. Banks, Jr., a student in local schools in Kane. 2. David Nelson Banks.

JOHN P. ZANE—Long regarded as one of Bradford's leading citizens, John P. Zane was engaged in the oil business here and was one of his community's active business and civic workers. A man of wide experience, prominent in enterprises in many parts of the country, a true builder in his day, a warm friend of President Abraham Lincoln and other leaders, Mr. Zane earned the respect and confidence that were everywhere accorded him, and his name and record will long adorn the annals of his times.

Mr. Zane was born February 15, 1826, in Bridgeport, New Jersey, son of James and Catherine (Bender) Zane. The mother died when the son was only a year old, and the father married a second time. He, too, died, however, in 1834. In that year, at the age of eight, John P. Zane went to live on a farm. At fourteen he was a saddler's apprentice in Camden, New Jersey, under an agreement to be taught the trade and be given three months a year in school. The school clause of the contract was broken before the boy even had one day of schooling, however. Nonetheless, he devoted his spare time to study and became an avid reader, forming a habit that was lifelong. He left Camden when he was eighteen years old, crossed the Delaware River to Philadelphia, had a further apprenticeship of two years with a harnessmaker there, and in 1846 went to New Orleans, Louisiana. In that southern city Mr. Zane worked at his trade as a journeyman, and finally engaged in business on his own account. He disposed of his holdings in 1851, however, and journeyed to California by way of Panama. On the west coast he became prominent in both business and politics, and was active in many successful ventures. He was an active member of the vigilance committee in San Francisco, and in 1861 President Lincoln named him United States Appraiser for the Port of San Francisco, the Senate confirming the appointment July 29, 1861. In 1863 Mr. Zane resigned from this office because of the pressure of his numerous private interests, but so high did he stand in the President's estimation that he was permitted to name his own successor. In San Francisco, among his other accomplishments, Mr. Zane built a street railway, a project financed mainly on borrowed capital.

With those varied and enriching experiences as a business background, Mr. Zane returned to the East and

turned his attention to the oil business, speculating and buying land and leases. He would have profited handsomely from his efforts along these lines had not a severe depression cost him all that he had. Undaunted by this reverse of fortune, he began all over again at the bottom. In 1877 he settled in Bradford, and once more he started speculating in oil, continuing until he entirely recouped his fortunes. To his other activities he added politics and political writing, taking up this phase of newspaper work while in California. Mr. Zane was a delegate to the Chicago convention which gave Abraham Lincoln his first nomination to the Presidency.

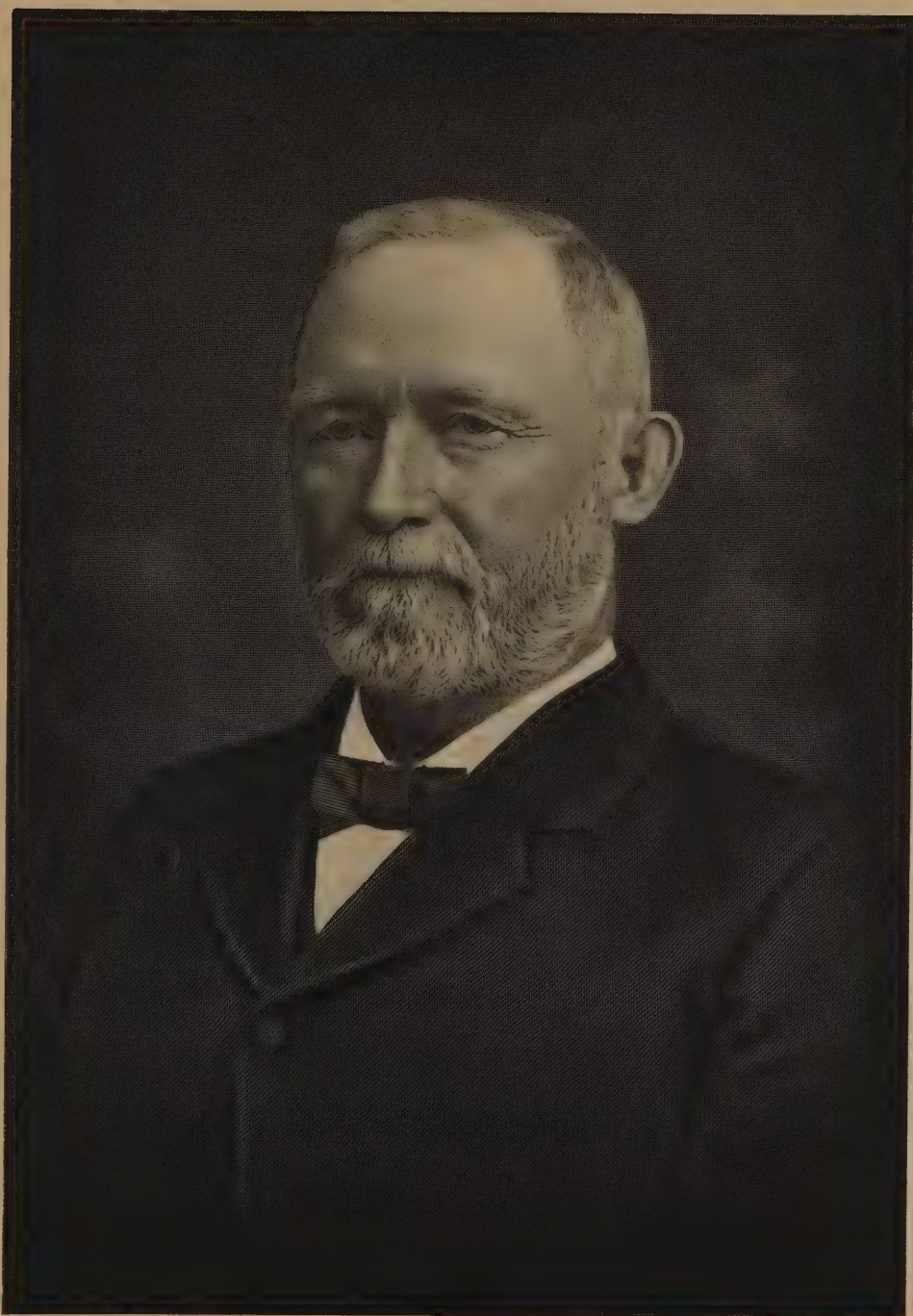
John P. Zane married, November 9, 1854, at San Francisco, California, Jane Herrington, a native of the north of Ireland, who died March 7, 1913, in Bradford, Pennsylvania, daughter of John Herrington. They became the parents of one child, Anna Jane Zane, who married John Weir Van Tine (*q. v.*), son of Charles Snowden and Margaret (Weir) Van Tine, and grandson of Thomas and Mary (Scott) Van Tine. Thomas Van Tine was a native Hollander, who came in 1800 to America, settling in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, and becoming a soldier in the War of 1812, after which he bought land at Oil City, this State.

The death of John P. Zane, in 1896, in Bradford, Pennsylvania, was an occasion of profound regret wherever he was known. His name will long adorn Pennsylvania annals, and from the account of his life many will derive inspiration, as those who knew him did while he yet lived and carried on his earthly endeavors.

ALBERT A. GRIFFIN—Widely known as a practitioner of law in Bradford, Albert A. Griffin has extensive connections of a professional nature with the business and industrial life of this region of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Griffin was born October 3, 1899, in Clearfield, Pennsylvania, son of Maurice and Marcella (Blackhall) Griffin, of Cattaraugus and Chautauqua counties, respectively, New York State. The father, who is now deceased, was a passenger conductor on the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railroad. The mother now makes her home in Bradford.

Albert A. Griffin attended St. Bernard's School, later becoming a student at St. Bonaventure College. For his legal education he went to Georgetown University, in the District of Columbia, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1924. Admitted to the bar in that year in the District of Columbia, he practiced there for a time. Then, in 1926, admitted to the Pennsylvania bar, he came to Bradford to continue his professional work. Here he has his offices in the Hooker-Fulton Building, where his practice is of a general nature covering all phases of his profession. He serves as attorney for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, the Columbia Casualty Com-



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pany, the Markel System and the Red Bank Gas Corporation, and is representative, from the legal side, of numerous oil and gas companies. He also serves as counsel for the Federal Deposit Corporation and receiver of the Commercial National Bank.

In addition to his other activities, Mr. Griffin serves as solicitor of the borough of Lewis Run. He interests himself extensively in the general life of his profession as a member of the McKean County Bar Association and the Pennsylvania State Bar Association, and is at the same time active in the Bradford Lawyers' Club, holding office as treasurer; the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Sigma Nu Phi (legal) fraternity. He rendered especially valuable service as special deputy attorney-general in charge of closed banks in McKean County in the liquidation of the McKean County Trust Company. At the age of eighteen, Mr. Griffin was voluntarily inducted into the United States Army on September 30, 1918, and was honorably discharged December 31, 1918. He is a charter member of the Bradford Post, American Legion, and a member of McKean County Voiture of the "40 and 8." Mr. Griffin is a member of St. Bernard's Roman Catholic Church.

On January 7, 1930, Albert A. Griffin married Constance Ward, of New Haven, Connecticut. They became the parents of three children: 1. Constance. 2. Prudence. 3. Patience. Constance and Prudence Griffin are both students at St. Bernard's Parochial School.

DANIEL WILLIAM DALY—The Western Pennsylvania oil industry has drawn into its ranks some of the ablest men of this and neighboring states. Daniel William Daly has spent his entire career in the industry, winning prominence through his extensive holdings and his record as a successful operator.

Mr. Daly was born at Wellsville, New York, on May 4, 1874, son of Martin and Mary (Curran) Daly and a descendant of Irish stock on both sides of his family. His father, who was of Irish birth, came to America in childhood and lived in Canada until he reached the age of twenty. Afterward he settled in Wellsville, New York, and engaged in farming and lumbering there until 1877, when the opportunities brought about by the development of oil production in Pennsylvania caused him to bring his family to Duke Center in McKean County. There he lived until his death, at the age of fifty-eight. Mary (Curran) Daly, the mother, came from Towanda, Pennsylvania. She died at the age of sixty-two. Five children were born of this marriage: Daniel William, of this record; Mary, who died at the age of twenty-two; Julia, who married G. F. Whelon, of Bradford; Rena, who married Ernest Ehret, of Buffalo; and Emanuel, a resident of Duke Center.

Daniel William Daly was educated in the public schools of Duke Center. His connection with the oil industry was begun at an early age and first resulted in his spending fifteen months in Sistersville, West Virginia. Upon his return to Pennsylvania, he entered the employ of the South Penn Oil Company at Duke Center and continued in its service until he reached twenty-one years. During this time he acquired a detailed and intimate knowledge of all phases of oil production and was advanced to positions of responsibility in the organization. Having attained his majority, Mr. Daly, with the backing of his mother, purchased an oil lease and began operations as an independent producer. After three years he sold his interest to his mother and acquired a half interest in another property at Riterville. This he operated for four years. Upon disposing of his holding there, he took over, by purchase, all the properties of R. J. Strait, situated in Rew City and Aiken. They comprised 450 acres of oil land of considerable value. This step marked the beginning of Mr. Daly's operations as a large-scale producer. He has continued production on the original Strait property during the intervening years and has added others of value to his holdings, which now include leases in the Texas oil fields. His local holdings are among the finest in the Bradford field and their successful development has made Mr. Daly one of the foremost independent producers of this area.

Mr. Daly is a member of the Bradford District of the Pennsylvania Oil Producers' Association, the Penn Grade Crude Oil Association and the Independent Producers Association of America; and is a director of the Kendall Refining Company. In addition to his petroleum interests he has been associated with several financial institutions of Bradford, in whose business life he has long occupied a prominent position. Mr. Daly was one of the first stockholders in the McKean County Trust Company and became a member of its board of directors in 1900. He is also a past director of the First National Bank of Bradford and at present serves on the board of the McKean County Building & Loan Association. An independent Republican in politics, Mr. Daly has never entered public life, but has made his influence felt in behalf of the progress of his city and its institutions. He is affiliated fraternally with the Knights of Columbus, in which he has held all local Council offices, including that of Grand Knight, and is a member of the Bradford Club and Pennhills Country Club. A Roman Catholic in religious faith, he is a member of St. Bernard's parish in Bradford.

In June, 1904, Daniel William Daly married Margaret Healy, daughter of Jeremiah Healy, of Bradford. They became the parents of five children: 1. Margaret, who married Dr. Joseph Dempsey. 2. Mary, who married Donald Mackowski, and has a daughter, Daly Ann. 3. Daniel William, Jr., a graduate of Brown University,





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eral manager until his death on April 10, 1936. In 1921, he purchased the "Warren Evening Mirror," changed it to a morning newspaper and in 1928 combined it with the "Times," as the "Times-Mirror." Although the Times Publishing Company was established with an initial capital of only \$3,000, it has assumed dimensions of considerable magnitude and the "Times" itself, now the "Times-Mirror," has steadily grown in value and influence.

Mr. Walker was always a staunch supporter of the Democratic party, and for many years was a recognized leader in his party. Over a long period he served as a member of the Democratic State Committee of Pennsylvania, on several occasions was chairman of the Warren County Democratic Committee and in 1912 was a delegate to the National Democratic Convention at Baltimore, which nominated Woodrow Wilson for President of the United States. At Warren, where his influence was felt as a constructive force for many years, he was a member of the Warren Chamber of Commerce and various other civic organizations. Mr. Walker was also active in the Masonic Order, in which he was a member of the following bodies: North Star Lodge, No. 241, Free and Accepted Masons; Occidental Chapter, No. 235, Royal Arch Masons; Warren Commandery, No. 63, Knights Templar; Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and Zem Zem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He was also an active member of the Warren Lodge of Elks.

On August 29, 1878, he married Cinderella Jane Dalrymple, daughter of Richard William and Sarah Jane (Kitchen) Dalrymple, both parents born in Elgin, Scotland. Mrs. Walker was born in Conewango Township, Warren County, on April 6, 1853, was educated in the public schools and at Chamberlin Institute, Randolph, New York, and after graduation taught school for several years in Warren County. Active in every movement for the advancement of the interests of the county and the preservation of the old traditions, she was one of the most prominent and influential women in this section of the State. She was a charter member and for some years organizing regent of General Joseph Warren Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, and was one of the prime movers in the erection of the monument to the memory of General Joseph Warren and the Revolutionary soldiers. As chairman of the monument committee, she carried to completion this beautiful memorial. Mrs. Walker also took an active part in raising the necessary funds to erect a fountain and beautify the park on the Warren River front. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church and of the Blue Stocking Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker became the parents of four children: 1. Richard Orrin, born November 1, 1879, died December 31, 1935. He was a veteran of the World War, during which he served as a sergeant with the American

Expeditionary Forces. 2. Ross Aaron, born July 24, 1882, died September 30, 1936; he was for many years engaged in the drug business at Oil City. 3. Will Allan (*q. v.*), born August 29, 1886, at one time postmaster of Warren and now president and general manager of the Times Publishing Company. 4. Sarah Eleanor, born February 4, 1892, married Harry W. Conarro.

Mrs. Walker, like her husband, was a member of an old and prominent family, being descended from one of the oldest and most famous of the historic families of Scotland, the Dalrymples. In her own branch the first of the name in America settled here in 1713. His four sons were soldiers in the Revolution. Richard William Dalrymple was born on March 12, 1831, and died in 1876. He was reared on the family farm, receiving such education as the schools of the day afforded. For a number of years he was engaged in the merchant tailoring business at Pithole, Venango County. At the age of thirty, he ventured into the oil business, in which he was a pioneer, and built the first refinery in the Warren oil fields.

WILL A. WALKER—Will A. Walker, president and general manager of the Times Publishing Company in Warren, was born in this city on August 29, 1886, third child and son of Silas E. and Cinderella J. (Dalrymple) Walker. His father (*q. v.*), who died on April 10, 1936, was one of the leading business men of Warren, founder, with his brother, of the "Warren Mirror," which was started as a weekly in 1885, and organizer of the present Times Publishing Company in 1900.

Following the completion of his education, which he received in the public schools of Warren and at the University of Pittsburgh, Will A. Walker became associated with the Times Publishing Company, publishers of the "Warren Times-Mirror." With passing years, he was advanced to positions of ever-increasing importance and responsibility and is now and for a number of years has been the president and general manager of the company. In 1921 Mr. Walker's father purchased the "Warren Evening Mirror," which he had established originally and then sold, and changed this newspaper to a morning paper. In 1928 the "Times" and the "Mirror" were merged to form the present "Times-Mirror." As president and general manager of the publishing company, Will A. Walker has made important contributions to the steady growth and prosperity which this newspaper has enjoyed and is regarded as one of the most able of the younger generation of newspaper executives in northwest Pennsylvania. He has been a lifelong resident of Warren, except for four years he spent in Oil City, where he was engaged in the drug business with his brother, the late Ross A. Walker, and a short time spent in Cuba, where he was editor of the "Isle of Pines Appeal," largest English language newspaper in the West Indies at that time.

Mr. Walker is well known in Warren and the western section of the State and has always taken a very active part in the general life of this area. He was appointed postmaster of Warren in 1917 by President Wilson, holding office until 1922, and was again appointed postmaster by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1933. After two years, however, he resigned to devote his entire time to the newspaper business. Mr. Walker also served one year as compensation referee for this district. He is president of the Warren Land Company and the Liberty Realty Corporation and has large stock holdings in several other manufacturing and business enterprises. His interest in civic affairs finds expression in his active membership in the Warren Chamber of Commerce. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he has been prominent for many years, and in this order is a member of all higher bodies, up to and including Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, in which he holds the thirty-second degree; and Zem Zem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Erie. In the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, with which he is also affiliated, he was a trustee of the Warren lodge for a number of years. In addition to these connections, Mr. Walker is a member of the Conewango Club and the Conewango Valley Country Club. He is a Presbyterian in religious faith and makes a hobby of raising pheasants and other ornamental birds at his country place near Russell.

In 1918, Will A. Walker married Nell C. Granquist, who was born in Warren. Mr. and Mrs. Walker make their home at "The Locusts," located on the Warren and Jamestown Turnpike, six miles from Warren. They are the parents of two daughters: 1. Carolyn Jane, born March 8, 1920, a graduate of the Warren schools and of Bradford Junior College, Bradford, Massachusetts, now the wife of Robert Y. Kopf, an executive of the Hammond Iron Works. 2. Elizabeth Ann, born May 3, 1922, a graduate of Arlington Hall School, of Washington, District of Columbia, and of the Pennsylvania College for Women, at Pittsburgh.

MRS. CINDERELLA JANE (DALRYMPLE)

WALKER—For a long period of years Mrs. Cinderella Jane (Dalrymple) Walker was a worker for the benefit of many worthy organizations and enterprises in northwestern Pennsylvania, particularly in her home community of Warren. As a teacher, as a worker in different patriotic societies, as one who interested herself in the affairs of past and present and aided in the realm of education in the shaping of the future, Mrs. Walker accomplished much that was of value, and was beloved by a host of friends.

Mrs. Walker was born April 6, 1853, in Conewango Township, Warren County, daughter of Richard William

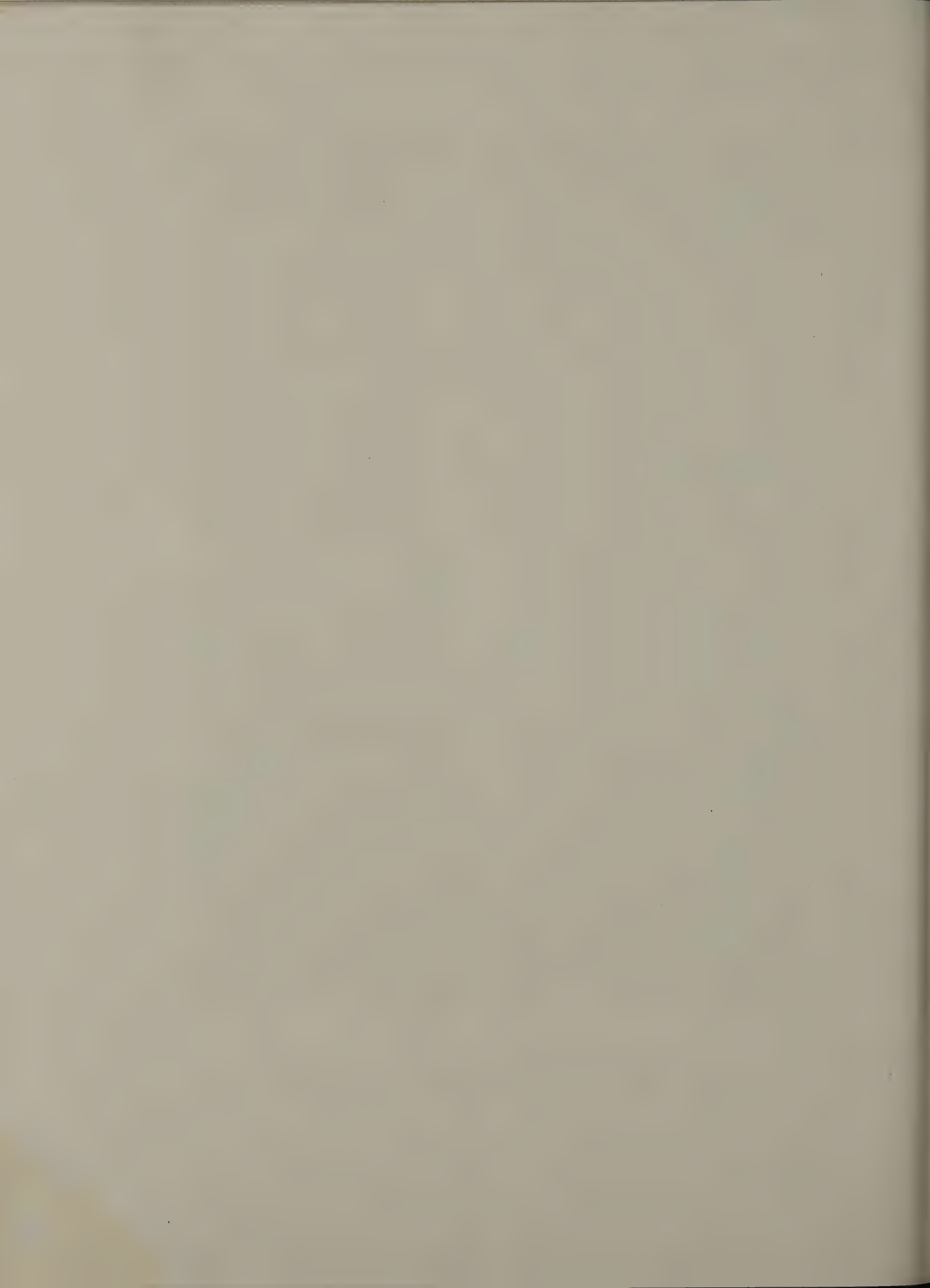
and Sarah Jane (Kitchen) Dalrymple and a descendant of old and noted families. The Dalrymples were a family of Scottish origin, long active in the creation of history. In her own branch the first of the name in America settled here in 1713. His four sons were soldiers in the War of the American Revolution. Richard William Dalrymple was born in Warren County and Sarah Jane (Kitchen) Dalrymple was born in Elgin, Scotland. Richard William Dalrymple, Mrs. Walker's father, who lived from March 12, 1831, to 1876, was reared on his family's farm, receiving such education as the schools of the day afforded, and for some years he was engaged in the merchant tailoring business in Pithole, Venango County. When he was thirty years old he entered the oil business as a pioneer, building the first refinery in the Warren oil fields.

Cinderella Jane Dalrymple, who later became Mrs. Walker, studied in the public schools of her native township of Conewango, in Warren County, and also attended Chamberlin Institute, in Randolph, New York. After graduation, she taught school for some years in Warren County. Early in her career she became actively interested in every movement for the advancement of conditions existing among the people of this county, and did much particularly for the preservation of old traditions. She became, without question, one of the most prominent and influential women in this part of Pennsylvania. She belonged to General Joseph Warren Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, of which she was a charter member and for some years organizing regent. She was, too, one of the prime movers in the erection of a monument to the memory of General Joseph Warren and the Revolutionary soldiers. As chairman of the monument committee, she carried to completion this beautiful memorial. Mrs. Walker was also active in raising funds to erect a fountain and beautify the park on the Warren river front. To this end, she arranged for the purpose of the Wilkins farm, a 160-acre property, which she presented to the Allegany State Forest as a recreation park. In East Street Park she placed a memorial boulder for the Daughters of American Colonists, and she also assisted in the organization of the new Washington Park—Morck Park—and numerous other projects.

In recognition of her many-sided contribution to Warren and this region, the patriotic and civic organizations and the community of Warren held, on May 18, 1933, at the Woman's Club, a testimonial dinner in Mrs. Walker's honor. She was truly an outstanding leader in her community and her day, beloved throughout northwestern Pennsylvania. She was a charter member of the Warren College Club and the Woman's Club of Warren, on whose board of directors she served, and belonged also to the Blue Stocking Club. She was State regent of the Daughters of Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, a life member of the Magna Charta Dames, regent of the



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Daughters of American Colonists, and a member of the boards of the Daughters of 1812 and of the State Federation of Women's Clubs. In addition to her other varied services, Mrs. Walker had the distinction of being the only woman on the Warren Park Commission, and she was chairman of the City Beautiful Organization. She organized rose-planting activities on the river banks, was active in the Market Street Reading Club, and during the World War period of 1917-18 was prominent in the United States Food Administration. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

On August 29, 1878, there took place the marriage of Cinderella Jane Dalrymple to Silas Ellsworth Walker, for many years publisher of the "Warren Times-Mirror" and a leading Democrat of the community. Mr. Walker (*q. v.*) lived from May 11, 1851, to April 10, 1936, and was long one of Warren's leading citizens. Mr. and Mrs. Walker became the parents of the following children: 1. Richard Orrin, born November 1, 1879, died December 31, 1935, a sergeant with the American Expeditionary Forces during the World War period of 1917-18. 2. Ross Aaron, born July 24, 1882, died September 30, 1936, long active in the drug business in Oil City. 3. Will Allan (*q. v.*), born August 29, 1886, at one time Warren's postmaster, who succeeded his father as president and general manager of the Times Publishing Company and publisher of the "Warren Times-Mirror." 4. Sarah Eleanor, born February 4, 1892, wife of Harry W. Conarro, of Warren.

Mrs. Walker died November 19, 1934. Her passing removed from Warren and its environs a beloved resident of the community and one who was an outstanding citizen and public servant. She will be remembered with deep warmth of affection through the years to come, and the influence of her life will be felt as a continuing power for good.

CHARLES TWINING CONARRO—For many years Charles Twining Conarro has figured prominently in the life of Warren, where he is vice-president of the First National Bank and has been connected with this same institution since 1881. Through the bank and other media, he has notably contributed to the business and financial betterment of Warren and its environs, and he is widely known for his public-spirited services.

Mr. Conarro was born August 23, 1860, in Warren, Pennsylvania, son of Anthony and Mary (Viele) Conarro, and grandson of Francis and Eliza (Reid) Viele. His maternal grandfather, born in Scotland, died in Onondaga County, New York. The father, Anthony Conarro, born in 1832 in Onondaga County, died December 12, 1907, in Warren, was a contractor and builder, a Republican in politics and a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Warren. The mother, Mrs. Mary

(Viele) Conarro, was born in 1835 in Onondaga County, New York, and died September 10, 1907, in Warren.

Charles Twining Conarro attended Warren schools, and in 1880 was graduated from high school here as a member of its third graduating class. While still a student he became associated, June 1, 1876, with the Warren Savings Bank, first as an errand boy, then as a bookkeeper. With this background of experience, which constituted a considerable practical knowledge of banking, he became a bookkeeper with the First National Bank of Warren, beginning February 1, 1881, and so continuing until 1894. In that year he was made a bank teller, and in 1909 he became cashier of the First National Bank. On January 9, 1940, the bank elected him to his present post of vice-president.

In addition to his valuable work with the First National Bank, Mr. Conarro is a director of the Community Consumers' Discount Company, of Warren, having held this post from the inception of the company. He is at the same time a director of the Children's Aid Society of Warren, a leader in Community Chest work and a participant in many social enterprises in Warren and vicinity. He has helped with financial campaigns to aid these and other groups, has done much to further church and hospital activities, has rendered valuable service as a trustee of the Young Men's Christian Association and as a Boy Scout worker. For many years Mr. Conarro has interested himself in the Scouts, who awarded him, some years ago, the Silver Beaver for his prominent service to the organization.

One of Mr. Conarro's outstanding services to Warren was his leadership, with other local citizens, in the purchase of "Parmlee Hill," which he later gave to the city and which is at the time of writing known as Washington Park and is widely used by the public. The community has, indeed, shown its gratitude in this connection through use of the property presented to it, and in numerous other ways has benefited from Mr. Conarro's labors and civic-mindedness. He is a charter member of the Conewango Valley Country Club, of which he was treasurer for eight years, and of the local Rotary Club. Politically he is a Republican. He was for a number of years a trustee of the First Presbyterian Church. In spare time he has always been fond of the out-of-doors, particularly of hunting, not alone in his home district, but over many states. He owns several fine bird dogs. On September 28, 1936, a special testimonial dinner was tendered Mr. Conarro by the citizens of Warren, and on that occasion he received more than two hundred letters from people in all walks of life in praise of his manifold efforts to improve conditions in this region of Pennsylvania.

Charles Twining Conarro married, October 9, 1889, Clara H. Trushel, who was born in 1867 in Warren and at the time of writing makes her home here, daughter of

Philip and Margaret (Yaegel) Trushel, both natives of Alsace-Lorraine, who died in Warren. Her father, Philip Trushel, was in early life engaged in the lumber business, and he served for some years as a pilot on a river boat. He was also a retail grocer in Warren. Mr. and Mrs. Conarro became the parents of a son, Harry Wiborg Conarro (*q. v.*).

HARRY WIBORG CONARRO—A resident of Warren, Harry Wiborg Conarro is connected in official capacities with some of the leading business and banking enterprises of this region of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Conarro was born November 22, 1890, in Warren, Pennsylvania, son of Charles T. and Clara H. (Trushel) Conarro. His family is an old one. His paternal grandparents were Anthony and Mary (Viele) Conarro. The grandfather, born in 1832 in Onondaga County, New York, died December 12, 1907, in Warren, was a contractor and builder, a Republican, and a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Warren. Mrs. Mary (Viele) Conarro, the paternal grandmother, born in 1835 in Onondaga County, died September 10, 1907, in Warren, was a daughter of Francis and Eliza (Reid) Viele. Harry W. Conarro's father, Charles Twining Conarro (*q. v.*), born August 23, 1860, in Warren, is at the time of writing vice-president of the First National Bank here. He has been in the banking business since 1877, and since 1884 has been with this same bank. Mrs. Clara H. (Trushel) Conarro, Harry W. Conarro's mother, was a daughter of Philip and Margaret (Yaegel) Trushel, natives of Alsace-Lorraine, who came in youth to America and settled in Warren. Philip Trushel was engaged in early life in the lumber business, was for some years a river boat pilot, and also served as a retail grocer in Warren.

Harry Wiborg Conarro attended public schools in Warren, his birthplace, and was graduated in 1907 from Warren High School. He then attended the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce of the University of Pennsylvania for one year, after which he became a student at the Law School of the same university. Graduated in 1913 as a Bachelor of Laws, he was admitted to the bar of Warren, although he did not at that time begin his practice of law. In 1914 he became a member of the Supreme Court bar of Pennsylvania. Turning from the law to banking, Mr. Conarro was for six months associated with the First National Bank of Warren. On March 1, 1914, he became connected with the Struthers-Wells Company, also of this city, as an accountant. Later, in 1916, he became assistant treasurer of the organization, and in 1918 was made its treasurer. In 1920 he was made general manager, and so continued until, on December 1, that year, the company was sold to other owners. The same interests that bought it also purchased the Warren

Axe & Tool Company, of Warren, of which Mr. Conarro was made treasurer and general manager.

Holding this position with the Warren Axe & Tool Company down to the time of writing, Mr. Conarro also has acquired other business interests. On December 1, 1932, he became connected once more with the Struthers-Wells Company, a division of the Struthers-Wells Titusville Corporation, of which he was made vice-president and general manager. He holds these offices down to the time of writing. In 1926, with others, he formed the De Luxe Medal Furniture Company, of which he has been secretary-treasurer since that time. He is also a director of the First National Bank of Warren, of which his father is vice-president.

Mr. Conarro has participated extensively in the civic, social and community life of Warren, being president of the Conewango Club here, a charter member of the Warren Rotary Club and a member of the Warren Chamber of Commerce, the Conewango Valley Country Club, and the Warren Shakespeare Club. He belongs also to the Engineers' Club of New York and to the Sigma Chi and Phi Delta Phi fraternities. He is a trustee of the First Presbyterian Church of Warren. Fond of outdoor life, he derives special satisfaction, in spare time, from hunting, fishing and golf.

Harry Wiborg Conarro married, September 16, 1915, Faye M. Morrison, a native of Warren, who died here in 1922. He married (second), January 10, 1924, Mrs. Sarah Eleanor (Walker) Russell, born February 4, 1892, in Warren, daughter of Silas Ellsworth and Cinderella Jane (Dalrymple) Walker and member of old and honorable families. Silas Ellsworth Walker (*q. v.*), who lived from May 11, 1851, to April 10, 1936, was publisher of the "Warren Times-Mirror" and was active in Democratic politics and in Warren community affairs. On the Dalrymple side Mrs. Sarah Eleanor (Walker) Russell Conarro was of Scottish descent. The first Dalrymple in her own branch of the family came to America and settled in this region of Pennsylvania in 1713, according to family records. His four sons were soldiers in the War of the American Revolution. Sarah Jane (Kitchen) Dalrymple, Mrs. Conarro's maternal grandmother, was a native of Elgin, Scotland. The grandfather, Richard William Dalrymple, born March 12, 1831, died in 1876, was reared on his family's farm in Warren County, and after the education that the schools of his day afforded he was engaged in the merchant tailoring business in Pithole, Venango County, then entered the oil business as a pioneer when he was thirty years old, in the sixties of the last century, building the first refinery in the Warren fields. Mrs. Cinderella Jane (Dalrymple) Walker (*q. v.*), Mrs. Conarro's mother, was long active in numerous patriotic societies and different civic and cultural organizations. She lived from April 6, 1853, to



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November 19, 1934, and was a native of Conewango Township, Warren County.

Mrs. Sarah Eleanor (Walker) Russell Conarro, her daughter, has taken over many of the interests of her mother and continued them. She is active in social and charitable organizations. Completing her early education in Warren High School, she studied at Lake Erie College, and became a musician and singer of note. She has contributed outstandingly to the furtherance of artistic and beautiful things in Warren and vicinity, is chairman of the City Beautiful Organization of the local Woman's Club, and is active in the College Club, the Warren Shakespeare Club and the Conewango Valley Club. She is vice-regent of the Daughters of American Colonists, in which her mother was very prominent, and is active, too, as was her mother, in General Joseph Warren Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and a life member of the Magna Charta Dames. Mrs. Conarro is also finance chairman of the Warren Council of Girl Scouts, is a member of the Library Board and helps with the advancement of the local hospital. At the time of writing she is a leader in the Bundles-for-Britain movement and Red Cross work. Sarah Eleanor Walker was married (first), in 1915, to Donnell Coulter Russell, who died November 26, 1918. She was married (second), January 10, 1924, to Harry Wiborg Conarro, as already mentioned above. They are the parents of two children: 1. Eleanor Walker Conarro, born March 7, 1925, a member of the 1942 class of the Kent Place School, Summit, New Jersey. 2. Harry Wiborg Conarro, Jr., born September 13, 1931.

Among their other activities, the Conarros are active in the furtherance of Washington Park, which the Conarro and Walker families have helped to develop. It was Charles Twining Conarro (*q. v.*) who led in a local movement, many years ago, to purchase "Parmlee Hill," which he later gave to the city and which was converted, for public use, into Washington Park. Mrs. Cinderella J. (Dalrymple) Walker, Mrs. Conarro's mother (*q. v.*), was also active in organizing this park. And both Mr. and Mrs. Conarro follow in their parents' footsteps in continuing this interest.

D. R. ANDERSON—The story of D. R. Anderson, of Bradford, McKean County, is a typically American tale of a big industry growing from a very small beginning because a young man found what he liked to do and continued along a chosen line of activity, over a long period. While pursuing his successful way through life, Mr. Anderson has found time to be public-spirited in his service of the city of which he has been a citizen for a number of years, and to become a popular figure in Masonic and civic circles.

Mr. Anderson was born at Youngsville, Warren County, Pennsylvania, September 9, 1896, son of August and Anna Anderson, born natives of Sweden. After completing his education in Youngsville schools, he entered the grocery trade in Youngsville, working hard and saving his means with the intent of some day owning his own store. The grocer with whom he was associated, started a small bakery in the back of the premises, and young Anderson became thoroughly interested in the bake shop. Blessed with vision and imagination, he looked ahead to a time when baking might be big business in itself and the products of the commercial ovens and the bakers might expand to broad extent.

With characteristic thoroughness, D. R. Anderson learned all he could about the bakery trade before initiating a business of his own. In 1922, together with Nels Anderson and the C. H. Kay Estate, he inaugurated the Warren Baking Company. The enterprise was a success almost from the start, and larger things were in prospect. In 1928 the concern acquired a part of the old Corliss Carbon Company's plant at Bradford; remodeled it to serve its purposes; and established a wholesale bakery. The very good trade name Butterkrust Baking Company was chosen and at first three delivery routes were opened, with one traveling oven and three of another type. The enterprise proved popular and constant improvements have been the watchword of the company. They have now some fourteen routes, and three "bobtail routes" in service covering a territory with a sixty-mile radius. Only the most modern development of traveling tray ovens are in use and more than sixty people are employed in the local plant. There is another plant at Dunkirk, New York, known as the Lakeside Baking Company. D. R. Anderson is in complete charge of the main establishment.

Mr. Anderson has been too busy throughout all his career to have much time for joining organizations and societies. He is a Republican in political allegiance, and fraternally is affiliated with Bradford Lodge, No. 749, Free and Accepted Masons; Bradford Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Bradford Council, Royal and Select Masters; Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and Zem Zem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; a member of the Board of Commerce, and the Rotary Club. He attends the East End Presbyterian Church, of Bradford.

On January 21, 1935, D. R. Anderson married Blanche English of Warren.

KARL EDWARDS WENK, D. D. S.—To the noteworthy professional coterie of Kane, McKean County, the advent of Dr. Karl Edwards Wenk was a welcome addition when he came to the city a few years after com-

pleting his professional education in Philadelphia. A third of a century has passed since then, and the years have brought him constantly increased reputation and appreciation of his contributions to the progress and betterment of community life and affairs.

Dr. Wenk is a native of Tionesta, Forest County, Pennsylvania, born March 30, 1883, son of Jacob E. and Lois (Knox) Wenk, both of Tionesta and both now deceased. His father was a publisher and printer. Karl Edwards Wenk was educated in the grammar and high schools of his birthplace, and went to the University of Pennsylvania, where he received the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery with the class graduated in 1905. Not even of age at the time, he nevertheless returned to practice in Tionesta and built up a good clientele among the people, many of whom still thought of him as a boy. In 1907, believing that there was larger opportunity for progress in Kane, he removed to this community and has since continued in a general practice of dentistry. He draws clients from a large territory and is an exceptionally busy doctor, too much so to engage in private interests as much as he would like.

Dr. Wenk is a Republican in his political views and has served for some time on the Board of Education, of which he is president. Along professional lines he is a member of the McKean County Dental Society, of the Eighth District Dental Society, of which he has been president, the Pennsylvania State Dental Association and the American Dental Association. Fraternally Dr. Wenk is affiliated with Kane Lodge, No. 566 Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a Past Master; Kane Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of which he is a Past High Priest; and Zem Zem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a popular figure in the Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, and the Kane Country Club, being a member of the board of directors of the latter-named organization. He is a Congregationalist in his religious faith, and a generous supporter of religious and philanthropic works.

On October 28, 1914, Dr. Karl Edwards Wenk married Lora Heim, of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and they are the parents of a daughter, Kathrine, a graduate of local schools, now attending Arlington Hall, Washington, District of Columbia.

EVAN JOHN JONES—For many years, Evan John Jones has been a leading lawyer of Bradford. With the progress of his career, he has also acquired important business interests and wide influence in public affairs in Northwest Pennsylvania, reinforced by two terms of service as United States Congressman from this district.

Mr. Jones was born in Shamokin, Pennsylvania, on October 23, 1872, son of A. E. and Ann Jones. His parents were both natives of Wales, and his father was a miner.

Mr. Jones attended the Shamokin public schools for some three or four months a year during his boyhood, but at the early age of six he started to work in the coal mines and was so employed during eight months of each year until he was seventeen years old. At that time he entered Clarion Normal School, from which he was graduated in 1892, and thereafter read law in the office of a Pottsville attorney, where he served as clerk. Subsequently, he completed the course at Dickinson Law School in Carlisle, was graduated from that institution with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1896 and in the same year was admitted to the Pennsylvania bar. Immediately afterward he began the independent practice of law, in which he soon established his professional reputation and in which he has successfully continued at Bradford. His business interests, many of them originating in professional contacts, are now numerous. Mr. Jones has served as vice-president and chairman of the Emporium companies in the lumber industry; as director and general counsel of the Grasse River Railroad Corporation; and was general manager of the Spruce Falls Company, pulp manufacturers, with offices in Kapushasing, Canada, and general offices in Neenah, Wisconsin. He is a director of many other corporations and is active in the principal oil producing fields of Northwest Pennsylvania.

From 1919 to 1923 Mr. Jones served at Washington, District of Columbia, as a member of the Sixty-sixth and Sixty-seventh Congresses of the United States. He has long been interested and influential in public affairs and has been offered many other public offices, but has accepted none except for his tenure as Congressman, representing the Twenty-first Pennsylvania District. He is known as an eloquent public speaker, much in demand at all occasions, and at Bradford, where he has always maintained his law offices, even when business necessitated long absences from the city, his opinion on all matters of public concern is consulted and respected. In a quiet way he has done much for the city and its institutions and has brought aid to many through his unpublicized charities and kindnesses.

Mr. Jones is a member of the Bradford Club and is affiliated with the Masonic Order.

He married Luella M. Sykes, daughter of Joshua Sykes, a lumber dealer in Northwest Pennsylvania, and Rebecca (Dice) Sykes. Mr. and Mrs. Jones are the parents of four children: 1. A. L. Jones, a graduate of the George Washington University, now engaged in the general insurance business. 2. J. Paul Jones, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, an oil producer in the Bradford field and vice-president of the School Board of this city. 3. Ned A., also a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, formerly a National Bank Examiner, and now with Bradford National Bank. 4. Donald J. Jones, a surgeon at Sacramento, California. There are nine grandchildren.





Robert O. Landers

ROBERT ORR LANDERS—Giving his entire time to his work in the oil industry of northwestern Pennsylvania, Robert Orr Landers operates the R. O. Landers & Company organization in the Bradford field, and is a partner in several firms operating in the lower field in Forest and Venango counties. He lives in Derrick City.

Mr. Landers was born October 12, 1887, in Neiltown, Pennsylvania, son of David E. and Margaret E. (Peebles) Landers. His father, who came from Neiltown and was first engaged in farming, then in oil operation, is now deceased. The mother, who is also deceased, came from Cherry Tree, Venango County, this State.

Common schools provided Robert Orr Landers' early formal education. In early boyhood he started work in the oil industry as a lease worker, continuing along those lines until 1910, when he acquired his first lease. Since that time he has been an active producer in McKean, Forest and Venango counties, heading R. O. Landers & Company in the Bradford field and being a partner in the Bradford Oil Company, Bailey & Landers and Bailey Brothers & Company. The oil industry has substantially gained from his efforts in its behalf, and he is widely known throughout this region of Pennsylvania.

Politically he is an "independent Republican," casting his support always in favor of men and measures rather than on a partisanship basis, though leaning toward the Republican philosophy. In the Free and Accepted Masons he belongs to Bradford Lodge, No. 749, Bradford Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Bradford Council of Royal and Select Masters, Trinity Commandery of Knights Templar, Coudersport Consistory of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Zem Zem Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (in Erie). Mr. Landers also belongs to the Bradford Club. He is interested in the work of the Methodist Church, and is a supporter of the church, though not a member.

On December 14, 1914, Robert Orr Landers married Ruth M. Mortland, of McKean County, Pennsylvania, daughter of M. M. and Nora (Burns) Mortland. Her father was for years an oil field worker, representative of one of the finest type of citizen of this district, respected and loved by all who knew him; and he is affectionately remembered by his many friends and acquaintances since his death, December 2, 1940. Mrs. Landers' mother lives in this district at the time of writing. Mr. and Mrs. Landers became the parents of the following children: 1. Isabelle Jean Landers, born January 4, 1920, graduated from Derrick City and Bradford schools, a student at Lake Erie College at the time of writing. 2. David Edgar Landers, born February 2, 1921, now at Penn State College after graduation from Derrick City and Bradford schools. 3. Robert Blaine Lan-

ders, born May 30, 1924, a student in local schools. 4. Virginia Ruth Landers, born June 15, 1925, also a student here. 5. Richard Orrin Landers, born October 6, 1931, also a student. 6 and 7. Twins, who died in infancy.

CHARLES A. HUBBARD—A pioneer in the automobile business, which he entered as a mechanic's helper before the turn of the century, Charles A. Hubbard has spent virtually his entire career in this field of activity. Since 1913 his interests have centered at Warren, where he owns and operates one of the city's leading garages and holds the sales agency for Chrysler motor cars.

Mr. Hubbard was born at North Clarendon, Pennsylvania, on January 3, 1886, son of A. J. and Martha (Summerville) Hubbard. His father, who was born in Brookville, Pennsylvania, and died at Warren in 1921, was an oil producer. He was also a veteran of the Civil War, in which he served as a private with the Union forces. The mother, Martha (Summerville) Hubbard, was born at Summerville, Jefferson County, Pennsylvania, a town named for her family. She died at Warren in 1911.

Charles A. Hubbard was educated in the public schools of Clarendon and at business college in Warren. At the age of sixteen he left home and was first employed in a restaurant at Kane, where he remained for one year. In 1892 he came to Warren, drove a wagon for the Adams Express Company for three years, then became associated with Dirus Jackson, who had the first garage in Warren. For some eighteen months he acted as mechanic's helper in the Jackson garage. At the end of that time, he entered the employ of the B. F. Stearns Motor Car Company in Cleveland and thoroughly learned the mechanical phases of automobile production. He remained in Cleveland until 1909, then moved to Jamestown, New York, and worked for the first and only garage in that city, the Jamestown Garage, located on Cherry Street. On February 1, 1911, Mr. Hubbard opened the second garage in Jamestown, the Star Garage, which was located at the corner of Steel Street and Barrett Avenue. At the same time he took over the agency in that territory for the Velie Motor Car Company. In 1912 he moved to a newly built garage on First Street, Jamestown, and took over the agency for Ford motor cars. The old name, Star Garage, was retained and Sam Robbins came into the business as a partner.

In 1913 Mr. Hubbard sold his Jamestown interests and returned to Warren, where he opened a garage at his present location on East Street. In 1915 he became local agent for Maxwell and Chalmers automobiles. In 1921, when Walter P. Chrysler took over the old Maxwell and Chalmers plants and introduced the Chrysler motor car, Mr. Hubbard began to handle the Chrysler automobiles at Warren. He has since retained the agency and is today

the oldest Chrysler dealer in this part of Pennsylvania, carrying on a large business. He has also continued the operation of his garage and in 1925-26 erected the present fireproof building which extends from East Street through to Water Street. This is a completely modern structure, equipped to carry on a full servicing and repair business.

Mr. Hubbard is a member of the Warren Automobile Association, the Pennsylvania Automobile Association and the American Automobile Association. He is a well-known figure in the business life of Warren and has been active in the Chamber of Commerce and other local organizations, including the Conewango Club and the Conewango Valley Country Club. Fraternally he is affiliated with Warren Lodge, No. 241, Free and Accepted Masons, and in this order is also a member of various higher bodies, including Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Zem Zem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at Erie. In politics he is a Republican and in religious faith a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Warren. Golf is his favorite recreation.

On October 17, 1915, Mr. Hubbard married Jennie F. Traub, who was born in Warren, daughter of Fred and Anna (Dietsch) Traub, both born in this city and both now deceased. Her father was engaged in the transfer and drayage business here for many years. Mr. Hubbard is the father of one son, Lewis C. Hubbard, who is associated with his father in the automobile business and who married Mary Jane Nichols, of Warren.

HARRY KILTS CASLER—Harry Kilts Casler was born at Little Falls, New York, on March 12, 1875, the son of James J. and Elizabeth (Kilts) Casler. James J. Casler, who was born at Little Falls where he spent his life as a retail grocer and a dealer in canal supplies, was a son of Adam and Eve (Eysman) Casler, natives of New York and farmers. Adam was the son of John I. and Mary Casler, also natives of Little Falls, the Casler family being settled since Colonial times upon the farm which was part of the original grant given to the family in 1710 by Lord Burnettfield under letters patent from King George I. Elizabeth Kilts, wife of James J. Casler, was the daughter of Conrad and Eleanor (Keller) Kilts, both natives of Herkimer County, New York.

After graduating from the Little Falls High School in 1894, Henry Kilts Casler entered Cornell University where he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1898. Electing a career as a teacher, he taught science for a year after graduation in the high school at Tuscola, Illinois, and then came to Warren, Pennsylvania, as a science teacher in the Warren High School. For four years, from 1900 to 1904, he retained this position, resigning on July 1, 1904, to become associated with the Pennsylvania Gas Company. His first employment was as a ledger

clerk but he was soon made a teller and then annalist, finally becoming a director of the organization, a post which he occupied until the time of his retirement, June 30, 1938. A Republican politically, he was a member of the Conewango Club at Warren, the Conewango Valley Country Club and the Lodge of Perfection at Oil City as well as the North Star Lodge, No. 241, Free and Accepted Masons, and Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

NICHOLAS WILLIAM HEINEMANN—For years active in the business life of Pennsylvania, Nicholas William Heinemann centered his work at Colegrove and here made his home. Brought to America as a small child by his parents, he early turned his attention to the establishment of new business enterprises and the continuance of older ones founded by his father. Many of the undertakings for which he was responsible are today operated by his son-in-law, William Henry Gallup (*q. v.*), and continue as a memorial to their founder. Mr. Heinemann's public spirit and warm friendliness were qualities that served to endear him to his contemporaries in all walks of life and to bring him many close friends.

Mr. Heinemann was born November 25, 1848, in Duderstadt, a town in Prussia, Germany, son of Christopher and Wilhelmina (Hartman) Heinemann. The family came to America in 1851, when Nicholas William Heinemann was three years old, and settled in Colegrove. Though they visited New York, they did not long remain there, but returned to Colegrove, bought a farm and began manufacturing lumber, using the local water resources for power for their sawmill. There were eight children in the family, and as they became old enough they helped their father with the work that he had undertaken and gained other experiences through the employment that they managed to find for themselves. For all the family, however, life centered mainly, at that period, about the mill.

Nicholas William Heinemann was the sixth of the eight children, and in early life he was associated very closely with his brother, John Heinemann. His first and most important training was a very practical one, connected with the life of the farm and mill, and one of its major lessons was that of frugality. Learning the meaning of hard work, first through helping his father on the farm, then for a short time in association with the Philadelphia & Erie Railroad, which was building tracks between Wilcox and Kane, Nicholas William Heinemann set about definitely, after this apprenticeship period, to help extend the family business activities. Joining with his father and his brother, John, to this end, he was successful in his undertakings from the outset. When the two brothers attained their majority, they bought their father's interest in the mill, and together operated it until John Heinemann decided to move to Virginia. Nicholas W. Heinemann

then took over the entire property, rebuilt the mill and introduced steam as the source of power. Such machinery represented a revolutionary innovation in this portion of Pennsylvania. The mill prospered and flourished thereafter, and at one time turned out daily thirty thousand feet of lumber. Needing more timberland, Mr. Heinemann bought property in Norwich and Liberty townships, McKean County, and carried on operations there until most of the timber available for lumber had been cut.

He then turned his attention increasingly to other lines of business activity. He saw the need for wood chemicals, and, with customary energy, began organizing the Heinemann Chemical Company, of which he became president. This business grew rapidly and in a sound way under his guidance, and out of it he formed a new firm, the Norwich Chemical Company, with plants at Crosby and Smethport, of which he was also president. Meanwhile, his land holdings in the timber regions of Norwich and Liberty townships added greatly to his fortune when they were found to be rich in natural gas. A man of ordinary qualities would have found ample grounds for constructive efforts in these different possessions and the activities that they entailed. But Mr. Heinemann, always indefatigable, looked about for still other opportunities, and it was then that he became active in banking as one of the early stockholders in the Grange National Bank, of Smethport.

A man of high principles, he never ceased his considerations of the welfare of others as his own affairs prospered. He was just and generous, particularly in his dealings with his employees in these different industries, and it was entirely fitting that, at his death, six men who had been in his employ for nearly a quarter of a century served as pallbearers at his services. Illness overcame Mr. Heinemann in the closing two years of his life, much of which period he spent at Johns Hopkins Hospital, in Baltimore, Maryland, and at Wellsville and Hornell, New York.

Nicholas William Heinemann married, October 1, 1874, Anna Belle Waffle, of Elm Valley, New York, daughter of George and Betsey (Knight) Waffle. Mr. and Mrs. Heinemann became the parents of two daughters: 1. Bessie Wilhelmina Heinemann, born April 13, 1880, became the wife of Laurence E. Scanlan. 2. Mary Theresa Heinemann, born January 21, 1883, became the wife of William Henry Gallup (*q. v.*), who was associated in business with Mr. Heinemann and afterward became trustee of the Heinemann estate.

The death of Mr. Heinemann, December 26, 1917, was an occasion of profound sorrow and regret in the Colegrove-Smethport area of Pennsylvania and throughout this part of the State. His accomplishments were widely and favorably known, and he earned the respect, admiration and confidence of an ever-increasing number of his fellowmen. He will be remembered with deep warmth of affection.

WILLIAM HENRY GALLUP—For many years William Henry Gallup has centered his business activities in Smethport, where he heads many of the enterprises formerly conducted by the late Nicholas William Heinemann (*q. v.*). As trustee of the Heinemann estate, Mr. Gallup directs a logging business, a wood chemical manufacturing enterprise and an oil and gas producing project, and he is widely and favorably known throughout this region of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Gallup was born April 4, 1880, in Smethport, Pennsylvania, son of Henry O. and May A. (McKean) Gallup. His father, a millwright, came from Norwich Township, McKean County; and the mother came from Keating Township. Both parents are now deceased.

William Henry Gallup attended public schools in Smethport, and later became a student at St. Bonaventure College. In young manhood he went into the lumber trade, first in the woods, then at Straight, Pennsylvania, in association with T. H. Quinn & Company. After some years with that organization, Mr. Gallup returned to Smethport, and entered the mercantile business, so continuing for five years. Next he became connected with Nicholas William Heinemann, of Smethport, who was engaged in the different businesses mentioned above, and with whom Mr. Gallup remained associated until Mr. Heinemann's death, December 26, 1917. Mr. Gallup then was made trustee of the estate. This position establishes him as vice-president of the Heinemann Chemical Company, of Colegrove, widely known wood chemical producing organization, and in numerous other connections of importance.

Among his other activities, he was formerly a director of the Grange National Bank, of Smethport. A Democrat in politics, he has interested himself in public affairs, though he has given most of his attention to business matters and has in this way contributed notably to the prosperity of his contemporaries. Among his other activities, Mr. Gallup operates the Smethport Garage, which he founded and built. He is active in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and worships in the faith of the Roman Catholic Church as a member of St. Elizabeth's parish.

On November 25, 1908, William Henry Gallup married Mary Theresa Heinemann, of Colegrove, Pennsylvania, who is now deceased, daughter of Nicholas William and Anna Belle (Waffle) Heinemann. Mr. and Mrs. Gallup became the parents of two children: 1. Mary Louise Gallup, graduated from Penn Hall, of Chambersburg, and from the Mary Lyons School (junior college department of Wildcliff College); she became the wife of Seth A. Digel, of Smethport, and they are the parents of one son, William Digel. 2. Julia Belle Gallup, graduated from Mercyhurst College, of Erie, later attended the Yale University Nursing School and had postgraduate work along these lines at Cornell University; now living with her father in Smethport.

HONORABLE JOSEPH CROCKER SIBLEY—

Through the varied attainments and many interests of his career, the Hon. Joseph Crocker Sibley established his place among those figures whose gift for leadership enabled them to contribute in a large degree to the development and progress of western Pennsylvania. As chairman of the board of the Galena-Signal Oil Company, as a noted stock raiser and improver of dairy breeds and as a powerful civic force, his influence touched and enriched all aspects of western Pennsylvania's life. As a member of the United States Congress for five terms, he achieved national prominence and built the widespread reputation as a statesman which he enjoyed throughout all the latter years of his life.

Mr. Sibley was born at Friendship, Allegany County, New York, on February 18, 1850, and died at River Ridge Farm, Franklin, Pennsylvania, May 19, 1926. He was the son of Dr. Joseph Crocker Sibley and Lucy Elvira (Babcock) Sibley. He was descended from an ancient English family and from many of the founders and patriots of America, including John Sibley, in the direct paternal line, who came to Salem, Massachusetts, in 1629. His father, Dr. Joseph Crocker Sibley, born on December 19, 1817, died in 1866, was a physician and surgeon in New York State, practicing at Friendship, Bath, Boston, Springville and Colden. He was a man of very exceptional professional attainments, whose skill as a surgeon was widely known. Lucy Elvira (Babcock) Sibley, the mother, was born on November 7, 1822, at Colerain, Massachusetts. She was a daughter of Captain Luke and Betsy (Main) Babcock and, like her husband, was descended from many figures distinguished in New England's history.

Joseph Crocker Sibley, of this record, spent his boyhood in small country towns in upper New York State. He was educated in the district schools near his home, in a local German school and the academies at Springville and Friendship, New York. He was sixteen years old when his father died and although he continued his studies briefly after that, he taught a country school during one winter and for all practical purposes began to make his own way in the world before he was eighteen. Because of straitened family circumstances, he abandoned with regret his plans for a college course, but the habit of reading and study, which he early acquired, remained with him in all later years. Law, history, diplomacy, sociology, economics and general literature were perfectly familiar to him, and his intellectual attainments, well known in after years, were seldom equalled among his contemporaries, whether or not they had been trained in college.

For a time in his youth he clerked in a country dry goods store. Afterward he was employed in the same capacity in a drug store and there began to read medicine

with the thought that he might become a physician. In 1869 he removed to Franklin, Pennsylvania, a city with which he was long prominently identified. Here he was first employed in the dry goods store of Miller & Coon, the senior partner of which firm was Charles Miller, his brother-in-law, afterward major-general in the Pennsylvania National Guard. Mr. Miller became his guardian after the death of his father and for many years their business interests were allied. In 1871, Mr. Sibley was appointed agent at Chicago for the Galena Oil Works of Franklin. He experienced the ordeal of the great Chicago fire, in which he lost his possessions and all but lost his life. He remained in Chicago for some two years. His return to Franklin in 1873 signalized the beginning of his noteworthy business success. It was at this time that he began marketing for railway use a signal oil compounded by him which was superior in illuminating power, in safety and in cold test to any that had been previously introduced. Its success was immediate and within a short time the Signal Oil Works was formed. Mr. Sibley became its president. A few years later he also compounded the first successful valve oil ever produced from petroleum stocks. Both of these oils were accepted as the standard of quality for their respective uses and acquired a dominant position in their markets. When the Galena-Signal Oil Company was formed in 1902, Mr. Sibley became chairman of the board of directors and General Miller assumed the presidency of the organization.

Meanwhile, in 1882, Mr. Sibley and Mr. Miller had established the stock farm, owned by them jointly, which became one of the most celebrated enterprises of its kind in the country. Scientific principles of breeding and of the feeding and care of stock were adopted. The value of these principles was dramatized by the remarkable success of the farm in producing champion stock and high quality dairy products. Miller & Sibley's Jersey cow, Ida Marigold, won two sweepstake prizes at the Chicago World's Fair of 1893. Their herd won a total of 224 first prizes and sweepstakes at twenty-two State fairs, a record believed to be unequalled by any other herd of Jerseys. They owned Matilda 4th, first Jersey cow to give over sixteen thousand pounds of milk in one year; Adelaide of St. Lambert, Fawn of St. Lambert, La Petite Mere 2d and Ida of St. Lambert, all holders at one time of the world's records for the Jersey breed for milk or for butter; and the famous bulls, Stoke Pogis 5th and Ida's Rioter of St. L., considered among the most successful sires in the Jersey breed. Mr. Sibley favored Jerseys and was one of the keenest judges of the breed, which he did much to improve. Today, descendants of the Miller & Sibley herd are to be found in the leading herds of Jerseys throughout the world, some as far away as Japan. The Prospect Hill stock



Joseph C. Sibley



farm of Miller & Sibley was also famous for its trotting horses, which commanded a high price and numbered at one time as many as 250 head. St. Bel, for whom \$50,000 was offered and refused, Conductor, and other leading trotters of the day were included among them.

Mr. Sibley's other contributions to the interests of farmers and stockmen were numerous. His efforts were a major factor in the continued success of the Venango County Fairs, which for some years rivaled the State fairs in importance. He was a director of the American Jersey Cattle Club and had much to do with framing and introducing a new scale of points for judging the breed which gave added emphasis to practical utility. He was a member for some years and president for two or more terms of the Pennsylvania State Dairymen's Association. He was also appointed to and served on the State Board of Agriculture. The sport of racing also benefited through his efforts. He took the initiative in forming the American Trotting Register Association and served as one of its directors. He was vice-president of the National Half-Mile Track Association and for many years was a member of the Board of Review of the National Trotting Horse Association.

Despite his large interests and responsibilities, both in industry and agriculture, Mr. Sibley found time to play an active part in public affairs. When he was only twenty-nine years old, he was elected mayor of Franklin on a progressive platform and during the course of his administration initiated, among other measures, the movement which resulted eventually in the replacement of the seven per cent. city bonds with an issue bearing but five per cent. A little more than a decade later, he became a figure of national importance when he was nominated for Congress in the Twenty-sixth Pennsylvania District, although he was a resident of the Twenty-seventh, and overcame the normal Republican majority in Erie and Crawford counties, as well as the personal popularity of his opponent, to win election on the Democratic ticket with the support of other minor elements. Four times subsequently Mr. Sibley was elected to Congress, twice from the Twenty-seventh Pennsylvania District and twice from the Twenty-eighth Pennsylvania District. He then declined renomination, preferring to retire from public life. Four years later, in 1910, he agreed to stand for another term at the insistence of his former constituents, but the recurrence of an old illness forced him to resign the nomination after he had been successful in the primaries. Of his long Congressional service, a previous biographer has written:

While Mr. Sibley was a member of the House of Representatives, few were more active and few had a wider acquaintance or wielded more influence. He was a ready debater, well fortified with facts, and stated them

in an interesting and effective way. Many of his efforts were listened to by immense audiences, and he was often the recipient of congratulations from practically all of his colleagues. During his first term he was a member of the committee on appropriations. He was also for several terms on the committee on post offices and post roads. In this capacity he did much to favor rural free delivery. . . . He was chairman of the committee on manufactures and a member of the committee on insular affairs. Mr. Sibley believed in looking at all questions from the standpoint of common sense, of patriotism and of humanity, regardless of the dictates of politicians and party managers. Party names with him counted for but little. As a matter of fact, he was classed in Congress as a Democrat prior to 1900; after that time, as a Republican. As early as 1895 he boldly declared that the tariff should no longer be regarded as the plaything of political parties, but should be put into the hands of a commission. . . . Under President Taft a beginning was made in this direction. Several measures advocated by Mr. Sibley many years ago and which received scant recognition then, are now generally approved. . . . One of these was that of changing the presidential term from four to six years and making the holder ineligible to reelection. . . . Mr. Sibley always desired to do justice to the laboring man and to the one whose condition in life is hard. He, therefore, was an early advocate of the cause of bimetallism. When the world's stock of gold began greatly to increase through the discovery of new fields and the improvement of the processes for extracting the ore, he ceased to be a champion of the free coinage of silver. While hoping for the day to come when nations shall learn the art of war no more, Mr. Sibley was not so childish and impractical as to suppose that the day was already here. He therefore regarded it as the plain duty of the representatives of the people to provide a navy adequate in strength to protect our coasts and to insure the continuance of our welfare and our national independence. Nor did he, like too many others, shrink from this country's bearing the burdens and performing the obligations which the war with Spain imposed upon us. . . .

As a public figure, Mr. Sibley received frequent honors. At the Democratic National Convention of 1896 he received votes for President of the United States and a large number of votes for Vice-President. Later, in 1902, he was permanent chairman of the Pennsylvania Republican State Convention. As a member of the House of Representatives, he was frequently called upon to preside as Speaker *pro tem*. At Franklin his influence and leadership were decisive for the success of many useful community projects and civic causes. The Franklin Opera House was built by a company of which he was the organizer and first president. He gave to the legal profession of Venango County his extensive law library, which was installed in the courthouse for ready access. He was a liberal contributor to the churches, to the Young Men's Christian Association and other benevolent organizations and maintained at his own expense a club for workingmen, where conveniences and comforts were provided under wholesome conditions. As com-

missioner of the public parks of Franklin for a number of years, he did much for their improvement and made the largest contribution to the fund for erecting the Egbert Memorial fountain.

In addition to his other connections, Mr. Sibley was a director of the Allegheny River Improvement Association and commodore of the Lake Champlain Yacht Club. A Baptist in religious faith, he was long active in the First Baptist Church of Franklin, whose members, in 1911, presented to him and his wife jointly a silver loving cup as a token of their respect and esteem. On two occasions he received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from institutions of higher education and was offered it by a third. He numbered among his friends many leaders of the Nation's life, drawn from every sphere of activity, yet never lost the common touch. His judgment of values was true, his humanity of spirit all embracing, his devotion to the public welfare complete. Thus in his career he won honor as well as success and a secure place in the public regard.

The last fifteen years of his life were devoted to the development of River Ridge Farm, an estate comprising approximately one thousand acres, where he maintained a herd of registered Jersey cattle. One cow, Passport of River Ridge, established a world's record in milk production for the Jersey breed in 1915. In order to stimulate among the farmers of the section a greater interest in pure blooded stock, Mr. Sibley gave away all of the bull calves which were bred on the farm. River Ridge Farm was run as an experimental farm and many demonstrations were held. Great crowds attended these demonstrations and Mr. Sibley always served a lunch and hot coffee. One of the outstanding demonstrations was the spraying of fruit trees by Professor Surface of the State Department of Agriculture, for the purpose of interesting the fruit growers of his section of the country in better peaches, apples, etc. Working toward this same objective, he originated the Apple Show, which now is conducted yearly by the Venango County Fruit Growers Association. He offered first, second and third prizes in the sums of \$10, \$6.00 and \$4.00. This plan has paid big dividends to the farmers because raising good fruit is the result of pruning, spraying, etc. Yearly, he spent hundreds of dollars in this manner; and, since his death, the merchants and other business people of Franklin and Oil City have partially assumed this burden. Among the outstanding achievements on the farm was the propagation of the mammoth French white Jerusalem artichoke. One of the fine qualities of the artichoke is that it can be eaten by diabetic patients as a substitute for potatoes. It also has a high content of levulose sugar.

All of this experimental work was carried on at a time when Mr. Sibley was suffering from a heart ailment

which confined him to his room or bed a greater part of the time.

On March 17, 1870, Joseph Crocker Sibley married (first) Metta E. Babcock, who was born on November 28, 1853, and died July 26, 1911. She was a daughter of Simon M. and Celia Kellogg Babcock, of Friendship, New York, and was known throughout her life for her charities and kindness. He married (second), December 6, 1913, her niece, Ida Rew, daughter of O. L. Rew, of Franklin, Pennsylvania. She survives. He had two daughters by his first marriage: 1. Josephine, born January 16, 1873, at Friendship, New York; married on March 17, 1897, at Franklin, Pennsylvania, William Emerson Heathcote, of Omaha, Nebraska. He was at one time vice-president of the Signal Oil Company and afterward a banker, real estate developer and citrus fruit grower at St. Petersburg, Florida. He died April 16, 1929. 2. Celia, born September 19, 1874, at Franklin, Pennsylvania; married on June 5, 1901, at Franklin, William McCalmont Wilson, of Washington, District of Columbia. He was born at Berwyn, Pennsylvania, on November 15, 1870. He was the son of Alexander McCalmont and Mary (McBride) Wilson and a descendant of a Scotch-Irish family established in this country by his great-grandfather, James Wilson, in 1804. William McCalmont Wilson died August 24, 1917. Mr. Sibley's daughter, Celia Sibley Wilson, resides at River Ridge Farm, Franklin, Pennsylvania.

J. RUSSELL CASE—Known throughout the United States for his accomplishment as a cutlery manufacturer, J. Russell Case continues, in Bradford, the firm of W. R. Case & Son, founded and for years headed by his father. This organization occupies a prominent place in Bradford industrial life and in the cutlery business of the Nation.

Mr. Case was born October 27, 1878, in Nebraska, son of William R. and Mary (Fox) Case, both of whom are now deceased. The father, William R. Case, went west with his brother, Jean Case, when he reached the age of twenty-one years, and the two brothers together operated a mail and freight route for the Federal Government in Kansas and Nebraska. In 1878 Mrs. Mary (Fox) Case, whom he had married at the age of twenty and taken west with him, died, whereupon, in 1879, William R. Case returned to the East and entered the cutlery business in Little Valley, New York. The present firm, or its predecessor, was established there in 1895, and there William R. Case continued it until 1905. Then he decided to come to Bradford, where he put up a thoroughly modern plant and initiated the present firm of W. R. Case & Son. They manufacture "Case Tested Double XX" cutlery, popular throughout the United States. W. R. Case remained president of the organization until his death in 1931, where-





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upon he was succeeded by his son, J. Russell Case, who has continued the work down to the present. William R. Case was also the main sponsor of the Case Land Company, and was instrumental in transforming the swamps in Foster Brook into a fine residential district. He was the first man in the United States to travel and sell cutlery from samples, according to records of the industry.

Common schools of Little Valley, New York, where the family formerly lived, provided J. Russell Case's early formal education. He "grew up" in the cutlery business from a very early age, and has remained in it since that time. The enterprise was established, as already indicated, back in 1890, and since its removal to Bradford he has been prominent in its management. Through the years of the firm's history the number of employees has grown from forty people to about 350. At the time of the father's death, in 1931, there were about two hundred. Originally, in Bradford, the business was situated in a small establishment in Bank Street, very different from the fine up-to-date plant now operating in Russell Boulevard.

Quite aside from his work with this company, J. Russell Case operates a fine farm, raising roughage to feed a herd of about sixty head of milk cows. Politically he follows an independent course, casting his support in favor of candidates and measures of his choice rather than on any partisanship basis. He belongs to the Bradford Club and the Bradford Board of Commerce, and in the Free and Accepted Masons is affiliated with Little Valley Lodge, Buffalo Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Zem Zem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (in Erie).

J. Russell Case married (first) Effie L. Crouse, and (second) Florence Lichty.

WILLIAM B. MILLER—For many years a leading citizen in the life of the Bradford oil district, William B. Miller, of Derrick City, was also president of the Star Garage, in Bradford. His properties are now operated by Mrs. Miller, who has carried on her husband's wise business policies and who is respected and honored in the oil district, as was he. His friendliness and manifest sincerity of purpose were among the qualities that endeared Mr. Miller to a host of friends in all departments of life, and he was trusted and loved in an ever-widening circle of acquaintance.

Mr. Miller was born May 13, 1871, in Ottawa, Kansas, and he was eight years of age when his family removed to Sawyer City, McKean County, Pennsylvania. Five years later the Millers took up their residence in Bradford, so that William B. Miller received his early education in the public schools of Foster Township and of the city of Bradford. He early entered the oil business, in which he was successful from the outset. For years he was an active producer, retaining his interest in the oil trade until

the close of his life, when his wife took up his activities and continued them, as she also continues the Star Garage, in Bradford. Mr. Miller lived in Derrick City from the time he was nineteen years of age, when his family came here.

In addition to his other undertakings, Mr. Miller was a prominent sportsman, willing always to give of his time and means to promote clean, wholesome sports in the district in which he lived. In the Free and Accepted Masons he belonged to Northern Star Lodge, No. 555, at Duke Center; Bradford Chapter, No. 260, Royal Arch Masons; Bradford Council, No. 43, Royal and Select Masters; Trinity Commandery, No. 58, Knights Templar; Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and Zem Zem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (of Erie). Mr. Miller was a member also of the Bradford Club, the Northpenn Club, the Valley Hunt Club, the Red Rock Athletic Club, and Tuna Valley Lodge, No. 453, Knights of Pythias. He was likewise active in the Derrick City Methodist Church.

William B. Miller married, March 21, 1909, Harriet A. Brawley, daughter of Eugene and Rosanna (Hitchcock) Brawley, of North East, Pennsylvania. Her father was an oil well worker in his later life. Mrs. Miller, who has, as already indicated, continued her first husband's oil operations and his Star Garage, of which she is president, was married (second), February 21, 1938, to Lynn A. Hawkins, of Silver Creek, New York. Mr. Hawkins owns and operates one of the finest dairy farms in this part of the State. He has a herd of pure-bred Guernseys, among them "Charm," the so-called No. 1 Guernsey cow of the United States. He also has a herd of more than one hundred head of purebred Hereford beef cattle, and raises much of the feed for his herd. Mr. Hawkins is a member of the Buffalo Athletic Club, the Bradford Club, the Pennhills Club, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and other groups. Mrs. Hawkins belongs to the Pennhills Club and the Northpenn Club. The Hawkinses reside in Derrick City.

LEONARD H. SMITH—More than sixty-four years ago, Leonard H. Smith, of Bradford, began his career in the Pennsylvania oil fields, which he has since continued without interruption and with steadily expanding interests. A pioneer in the industry and a frequent innovator in production methods, he has helped to write its history and has long been one of the honored figures of the industry. Although well past his eighty-fifth year, he is chairman of the board of the Smith-Newton Oil Company, Inc., and head of several other companies, in the management of which his children are associated with him. All are well-known operators in the Bradford field.

Mr. Smith was born at Langford, Erie County, New York, on March 17, 1856, youngest son of Mathias and

Margaret (Engel) Smith, who were farmers at Langford. He spent his boyhood on the family farm, remaining there while his three older brothers went to the lower oil fields in the early seventies, but when he attained his majority in 1877, he joined them there, working as a roustabout and pumper for J. N. Pew, Chester Bullock & Cole, and A. C. Hawkins at Martinsburg, Butler County. In 1879 he came to Bradford and during the next six years gained experience in all branches of the industry. Throughout this period he was employed as a roustabout, tool dresser, pumper, pipe liner and in other capacities at various places in the Bradford field, Rixford, Coleville, Aiken, Oil Valley, Indian Creek, Summit City, Garlock Hollow, and Dallas City. In 1885, with his two brothers, John and Martin Smith, he bought two wells from Henry Worthman and launched his career as an independent producer. In 1886 he added to his holdings through the acquisition of leases at Bootleg and Garlock. Not long afterward he married and until 1890 made his home at Summit City. In the latter year, having acquired more oil lands in Garlock Hollow, he moved his family there.

Between 1896 and 1903, Mr. Smith's brothers died and as a consequence he took over the family properties. In 1901 he produced oil in Garlock Hollow by sub-surface water pressure, demonstrating the practicality of sub-surface water pressure flooding, a method in which he was a pioneer. In 1903 he bought the Lincoln farm property near East Bradford and built a new home at No. 66 Oxford Street, Bradford, where he still resides. In 1915 he sold interests in his oil properties to his sons, who have since been associated with him in his operations, and in 1920 he also sold an interest to his daughter. In 1915 he began operating under the name of L. H. Smith & Sons and this firm bought additional properties in Otto, Foster and Bradford townships, in McKean County. In 1928, L. H. Smith & Sons became one of the first producers to install water pressure pumps for high pressure water flooding and, in 1929, installed one of the first sand filters to be used in connection with water flooding in the Bradford field. The enterprising spirit and progressive outlook manifested in these developments have characterized Mr. Smith throughout his career, and the Pennsylvania industry as a whole, as well as his own companies, have benefited by his efforts and optimistic spirit. As an active member of the Bradford Oil Producers Association in the 1920s, he made the suggestion that "we tell the world about Pennsylvania oil," as a result of which the Pennsylvania Grade Crude Oil Association was formed. Through extensive advertising and other methods the association has brought the merits of Pennsylvania oil prominently before the public and stimulated the demand for this high-quality product.

In 1930, at the age of seventy-four, Mr. Smith, together with his sons, Lynn G. Smith and Earl F. Smith,

and son-in-law, Frank J. Newton, Jr., organized the Smith-Newton Oil Company, Inc., and became its president. In April, 1940, he retired from the presidency and became chairman of the board of directors. This office he still holds. In point of service he is one of the real veterans of the Pennsylvania industry and although now in his eighty-sixth year he enjoys unusually robust health and is able to participate in all affairs of his companies. Although he passes the winter in Florida, he is at Bradford during the summer months.

During his long career at Bradford, Mr. Smith has been associated with many of the city's representative institutions and has borne his full responsibilities in civic affairs. He is affiliated fraternally with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is a member of the First Methodist Church.

On September 27, 1887, he married Ettie M. Tice, daughter of John and Emily Tice, of North Collins, New York, who has shared the interests and successes of his career. Mr. and Mrs. Smith became the parents of three children: Lynn G., Earl F., and Hazel B. Smith (Mrs. Frank J. Newton, Jr.)

Lynn G. Smith, eldest son and child of Leonard H. and Ettie M. (Tice) Smith, was born in Summit City, Pennsylvania, on July 28, 1890. He received a public school education, supplemented by courses in the Bryant and Stratton Business College at Buffalo, and then for a year was employed by the Racket River Paper Company at Potsdam, New York. Upon his subsequent return to Bradford, he was associated as an accountant for two years with a local chemical company. At the end of that time he went into the oil business, beginning as a lease worker. Through first-hand experience, he accumulated a large store of knowledge of petroleum production before he and his brother, Earl F. Smith, bought interests in their father's oil properties. With that development, the firm of L. H. Smith & Sons was formed, which later became the Smith Oil Corporation and still later the present Smith-Newton Oil Company. This company is one of the important producers of Pennsylvania crude oil, owning with affiliated companies more than one thousand acres of oil land in the famous Bradford field, on which are now situated 416 producing wells. Lynn G. Smith, with his brother, Earl F. Smith, has been active in the management of the Smith companies since 1918 and, in 1940, succeeded his father as president of the Smith-Newton Oil Company and affiliated companies, namely: Golden & Smith Oil Company, The Linwood Oil Company and Newton Drilling Company. Leonard H. Smith is chairman of the board of the company; Earl F. Smith, vice-president and treasurer; and Hazel S. Newton, secretary.

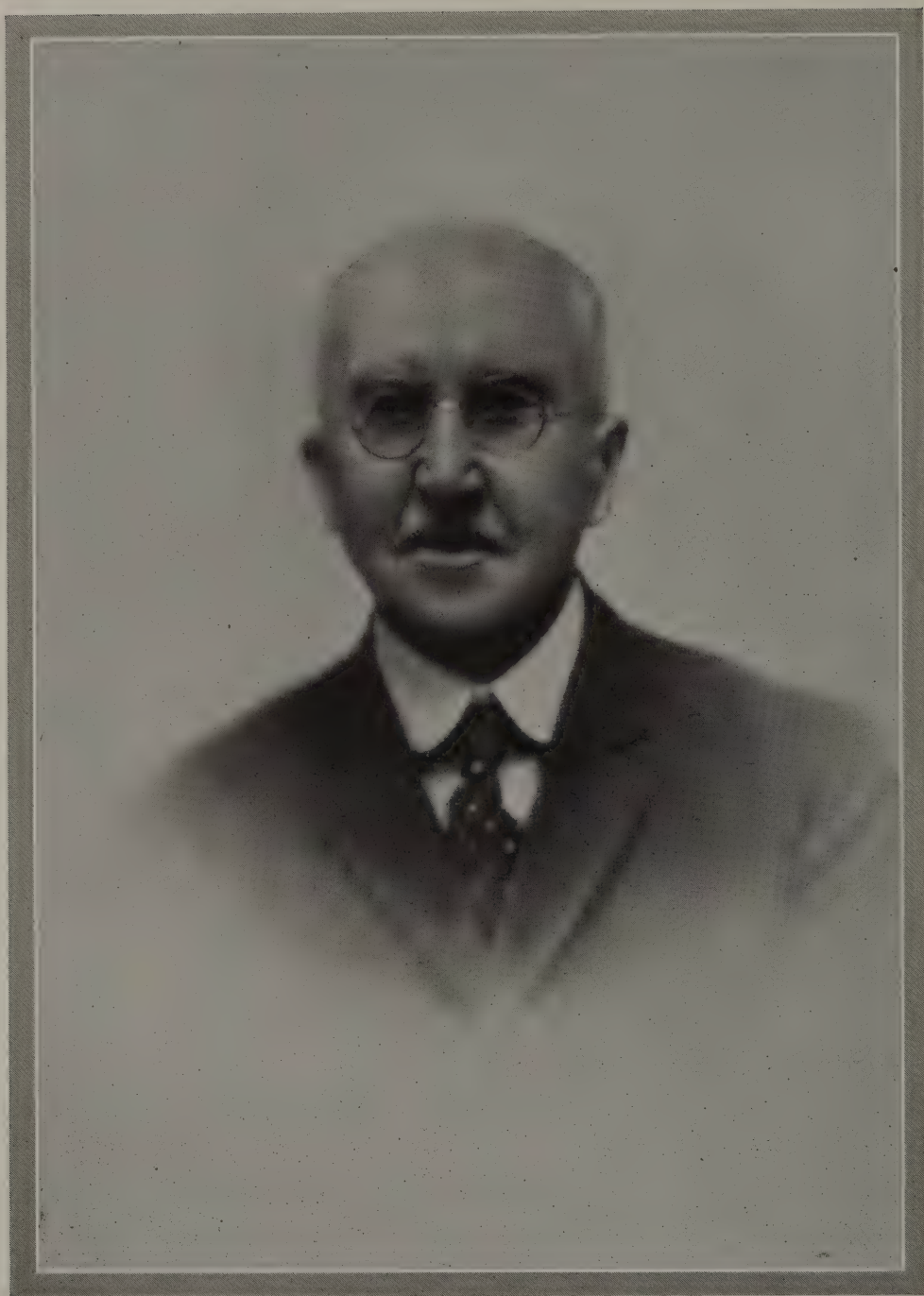
Lynn G. Smith is a director and past president of the Bradford District, Pennsylvania Oil Producers Association; and a director of the Independent Oil Producers



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Association. He has always found time for civic responsibilities and has played a prominent part in the principal civic and benevolent movements of the community. At the present time he is a director of the Bradford Community Chest and the Bradford Young Men's Christian Association, and his church membership is in the First Presbyterian Church of Bradford. Mr. Smith is also a member of the Bradford Kiwanis Club and the Pennhills Country Club. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Union Lodge, No. 334, Free and Accepted Masons, and with the higher Masonic bodies of both York and Scottish rites, including Bradford Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Bradford Council, Royal and Select Masters; Trinity Commandery of the Knights Templar; and Zem Zem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Erie. He is active socially and finds his principal recreation in sports, golf in the summer, hunting and fishing in season, and bowling in the winter.

On October 24, 1917, Lynn G. Smith married Agnes Mary Golden, daughter of Phineas Lounsbury and Margaret (McLaren) Golden. The founder of this branch of the Golden family in the United States, was Phineas Golden, of Scotch-Irish descent, who came from England and settled in Herkimer County, New York, in the latter part of the eighteenth century. His wife, born about 1775, died in Sardinia, New York, in 1851. They were the parents of four children, of whom was Phineas Lounsbury, born in Herkimer County, in 1804, and died at Sardinia, in 1872. He was a farmer, Democrat, tax collector and Baptist, a substantial citizen. He married Mary Catherine Strong, daughter of Elijah and Katherine (Herkimer) Strong, and a native of Herkimer County, born in 1805 and died in Sardinia in 1862. Through her father's family she traces her ancestry to Elder John Strong, of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, who arrived with his wife Mary, from Taunton, England, in the ship "Mary and John," in 1630, at Dorchester, Massachusetts. Elder John Strong was descended from Richard Strong, of Caernarvon, Wales, born in 1551. Katherine (Herkimer) Strong, born October, 1789, and died, 1847, was directly related to the famous Herkimer and Peter Schuyler families. Phineas Lounsbury Golden, second of the name, was born in Sardinia, October 18, 1845, where he was educated and remained on his father's farm until 1864. During the following year he was attracted to Tidioute, Pennsylvania, by the oil well boom just getting under way, and in 1869 became a producer of petroleum, operating under the names of Carlin Brothers & Golden, and also, in Duke Center, as Golden & Fisher.

In the early 1870s he had oil wells at Shamburg, Venango County; in 1872 he continued his enterprises at Duke Center, Pennsylvania, which grew to be a thriving oil town, and where he became a leading citizen, oil pro-

ducer and prominent in public affairs. For many years he served as justice of the peace and under appointment of President Grover Cleveland was postmaster of Duke Center. He was one of the first directors of Bradford Oil Producers Association. Mr. Golden was a member of Northern Star Lodge, No. 555, Free and Accepted Masons, in Duke Center, of which he was a charter member; Trinity Commandery, Knights Templar, at Bradford; and Knights of the Maccabees, No. 7, at Duke Center, of which he was a past commander; a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, No. 2, of which he was the first Worthy Patron; a member of the Bradford Club, the Young Men's Christian Association, and the First Methodist Church, of which he was a steward in the church, and at one time one of the trustees. He was also superintendent of the First Methodist Sunday School and member of the school board. In 1913 he removed to Bradford, where he made his home in the latter years until his death on April 28, 1927. On July 2, 1890, in Duke Center, Pennsylvania, Phineas Lounsbury Golden married Margaret McLaren, daughter of John and Christina (Reid) McLaren, born in Philadelphia, November 22, 1867, and is now a resident of Bradford, Pennsylvania. Her grandfather, John McLaren, a native of Glasgow, Scotland, died in Philadelphia, in 1850, two years after arriving in the United States. He belonged to the famous Clan McLaren. He married, in Scotland, Agnes Creelman, born in Scotland, about 1821, died in Philadelphia, in 1891, and of their two children was John McLaren, second-born, in Glasgow, June 23, 1843, who came with his parents to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was a sailor in the War Between the States, removed to Butler County in 1879, later settling in Duke Center, where he engaged in the oil industry, until years later he returned to Philadelphia. He was a charter member of the First Masonic Lodge in Duke Center. He was also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, a Republican, and a Presbyterian. He married, in Philadelphia, on December 31, 1866, Christina Reid, daughter of Alexander and Margaret (Bain) Reid, both parents being born in Glasgow, Scotland, the father in 1809 and her mother in 1811; both parents died in Philadelphia, he in 1895 and she in 1870. John and Christina (Reid) McLaren were the parents of three children: Agnes (Mrs. Thomas Pritty); Jessie (Mrs. William Hall); and Margaret (Mrs. Phineas Lounsbury Golden), of this record.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn G. Smith are the parents of one daughter, Virginia Lynne, who attended the Ogantz School in Philadelphia, was graduated from Kingswood School at Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, and the Garland Home Making School in Boston, and then attended Webster College at Babson Park, Florida.

Earl F. Smith, second son and child of Leonard H. and Ettie M. (Tice) Smith, was born at Sawyer City, Pennsylvania, on January 6, 1892. He attended the Bradford public schools, graduating from high school in 1910, and after a year's postgraduate course in business administration at the same school, entered the employ of the Bradford Supply Company. With this company he was associated until 1917. Meanwhile, in 1915, he purchased an interest in his father's oil properties and, in 1915, with his father and brother, formed the firm of L. H. Smith & Sons, oil producers. Ever since, his business and practical ability have had much to do with the growth of the Smith companies, and at the present time he is vice-president, treasurer and general manager of the Smith-Newton Oil Corporation and affiliated companies. Namely, the Golden & Smith Oil Company, The Linwood Oil Company, and the Newton Drilling Company.

Earl F. Smith is a member of the Bradford District, Pennsylvania Oil Producers Association, the Independent Oil Producers Association, and serves as a member of the Oil Research Advisory Commission of Bradford Oil Producers Association. He is well known both in the oil industry and in the life of Bradford. He has been a member of the Bradford Young Men's Christian Association continuously since 1905, is a member of the Episcopal Church in this city and is affiliated fraternally with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Free and Accepted Masons. In the latter order he is a member of Union Lodge, No. 334, Free and Accepted Masons, and various higher bodies, including Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Zem Zem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Erie. Mr. Smith is also a member of the Pennhills Country Club. His hobbies are tennis, skating, bowling, hunting and fishing and outdoor life in general, which he enjoys on his beautiful country estate on Sawyer Road, outside of Bradford. During the first World War, Mr. Smith volunteered his services and was stationed at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, Chicago, Illinois.

He married, on October 11, 1923, Rose-Lina Farrell, of Bradford, daughter of John B. and Harriet (Van Scoy) Farrell. Mr. Farrell died many years ago. Mrs. Farrell, now Mrs. F. H. Lowrie (widow) resides with her daughter, Mrs. Earl F. Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Earl F. Smith have two daughters: Harriet Van Scoy and Joan Tice Smith, both students in the Bradford Junior High School.

Hazel B. Smith, third child and only daughter of Leonard H. and Ettie M. (Tice) Smith, was born at Sawyer City, Pennsylvania, and was educated in the Bradford public schools and Mechanic Institute in Roches-

ter, New York. She married, June 1, 1920, Frank J. Newton, Jr., who was born at Rixford, Pennsylvania, on October 3, 1893, and died on July 13, 1938. Following his graduation from high school at Bradford, Frank J. Newton, Jr., entered the employ of the Manufacturers Gas Company and remained in this connection until he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps during the first World War. For six years after his discharge from the service, he was associated with the Union Natural Gas Company, of Pittsburgh, and in 1929 purchased an interest in the firm of L. H. Smith & Sons, in which his wife already had holdings. When the Smith-Newton Oil Company was organized in 1930, he became general manager of the company and was, together with Earl F. Smith, in charge of its operations until his death. Mrs. Newton, who survives him, is secretary of the Smith-Newton Oil Company, in which she is associated with her father and brothers.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Newton, Jr., became the parents of three children: Richard Russell, a graduate of the Bradford schools and now a student at Pennsylvania State College; Leonard Frank, who attends the Bradford schools; and Marietta Louise Newton, also a student in the public schools of Bradford.

Frank J. Newton, Jr., was a son of Frank J. and Ruth (Russell) Newton, who, on February 10, 1941, celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary at Shinglehouse, Pennsylvania, where they now reside. Frank J. Newton, Sr., operated a general store and was engaged in the production of oil in various parts of the Bradford oil field. Retired several years ago, he is a charter member of the Masonic Lodge of Duke Center, Pennsylvania.

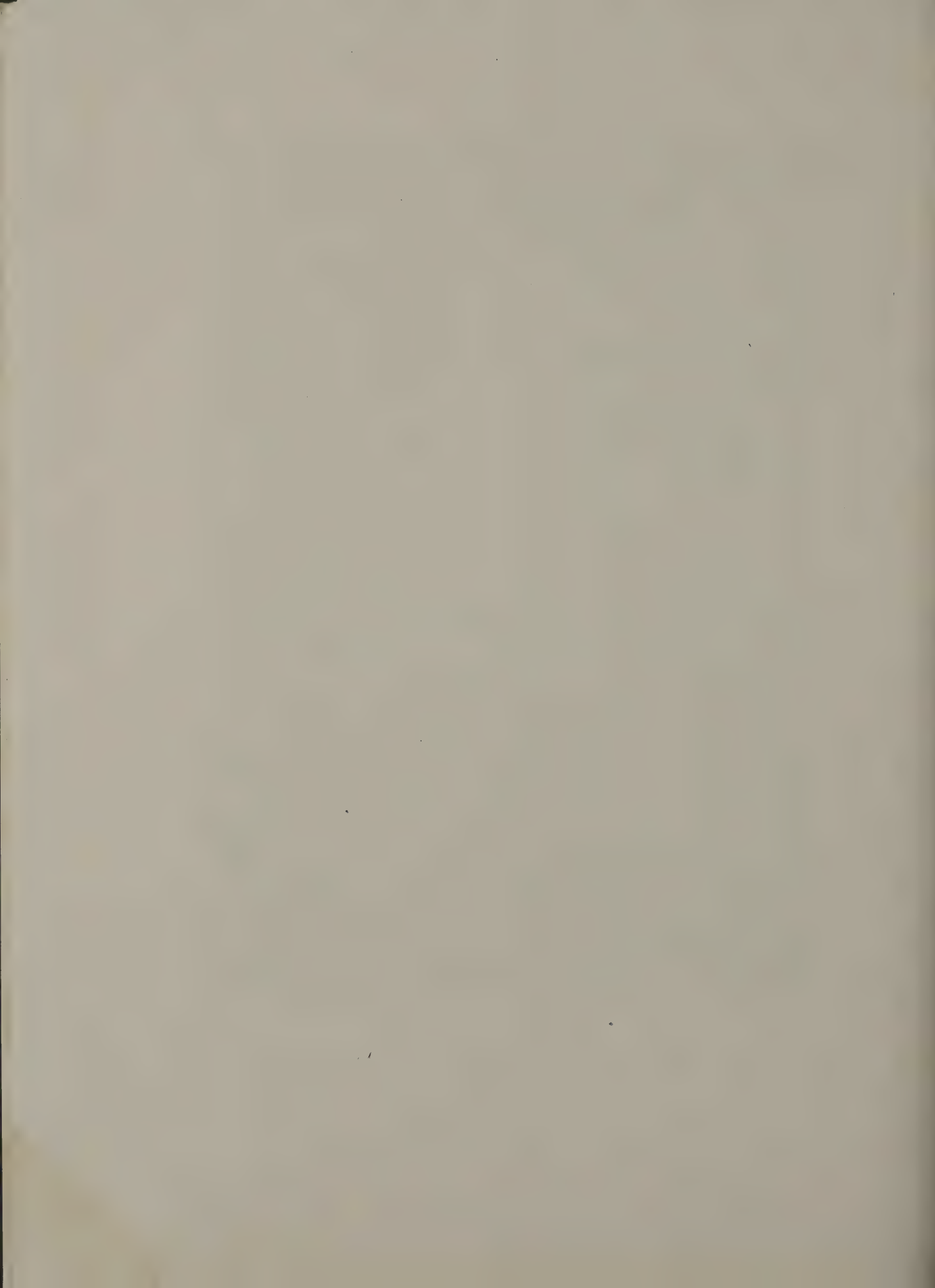
L. GERALD LENT—Like many of those who have become identified with petroleum production, L. Gerald Lent led a varied and colorful life before becoming solidly established in the Bradford field. He was born at Coudersport, Potter County, March 4, 1899, son of Hiram S. and Adelia May (Raymond) Lent, both of whom are deceased.

L. Gerald Lent attended the grammar and high schools of Coudersport, Pennsylvania, and remained upon the parental farm until he was twenty years old. Like many of his generation he sought adventure and wealth in the West, but soon was convinced that there were opportunities nearer home for those who sought them. In 1920 he arrived in Bradford and for a decade did about everything in learning the oil business, from roustabout to driller and leaser. In 1930 he began to acquire petroleum properties and became an active producer. He is a partner of Don T. Andrus and they have properties in the Bradford and Kansas fields.

Mr. Lent is a member of the Bradford District of the Pennsylvania Oil Producers Association, and of the Inde-



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pendent Producers Association of America. He is widely recognized as an authority on well production and the oil industry in general.

Mr. Lent is a Republican in his political views. Fraternally he is affiliated with Northern Star Lodge, No. 555, Free and Accepted Masons, Duke Center. He attends the Protestant Episcopal Church, and is a member of the Men's Club of the Young Men's Christian Association.

On September 8, 1925, L. Gerald Lent married Leonarda M. Flagg, R. N., of Quaker Bridge, New York, graduate of Bradford Hospital Training School; they are the parents of three children: 1. Barbara, born October 25, 1926, attending Bradford Junior High School. 2. Gerald Leonard, born September 4, 1928, a student in local grade schools. 3. Raymond Harry, born June 29, 1930, attending local schools. Mrs. Lent is the daughter of Leonard and Irma (Van Dyke) Flagg. Her father, a farmer all his life, is now deceased.

HANSELL WILLIAM LOVELAND—With banking and the oil business, Hansell William Loveland has been actively connected for the most of the three decades he has been a resident of Bradford. From the first he became identified with the Bradford National Bank, of which he is now cashier and vice-president. He is a partner in the Bradford Petroleum Corporation, and is interested in the Pennsylvania, Oklahoma and Kansas oil fields.

Mr. Loveland was born at Coleville, McKean County, Pennsylvania, April 22, 1886, son of Frank A. and Sarah Louise (Parks) Loveland, both of whom are now deceased. His mother was born at Bound Brook, New Jersey, and his father in Albany, New York. In preparation for technical education, Hansell William Loveland attended McKean County grammar and high schools and matriculated at the University of Michigan, class of 1909. That same year he became associated with the Bradford National Bank in a clerical capacity, and down through the following years has filled practically every position in the institution, being assistant cashier in 1918. Since 1925 he has been vice-president and cashier.

For a good many years Mr. Loveland has engaged in the oil business as a producer in the Bradford field, although his interests also extend to districts in Kansas and Oklahoma. As indicated, he is a partner in the Bradford Petroleum Corporation. As banker and oil man, Mr. Loveland is very widely known and respected not alone for his knowledge, experience and business acumen, but personally as a good friend and public-spirited citizen. Fraternally he is affiliated with Union Lodge, No. 334, Free and Accepted Masons; Bradford Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Bradford Council, Royal and Select Masters; Trinity Commandery, Knights Templar, of which he is a Past Eminent Commander; Coudersport

Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Zem Zem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is president and director of the Pennhills Country Club; member of the Bradford Chamber of Commerce, and the Bradford Club. He attends the Presbyterian Church.

In 1907, Hansell William Loveland married Madeline M. Herbig, of Bradford, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Virginia, graduate of local schools and of Birmingham Girls' School and Dickinson College. She married William Miles and is the mother of a daughter, Madeline Bruen. 2. William Thompson Loveland, a graduate of local schools and of Dickinson College.

PARKER LANEY MELVIN—For years Parker Laney Melvin has figured prominently in the oil business. A resident of Bradford, he has leases in both the Bradford and the Kansas fields, and is associated with two companies, one named Towne & Melvin and the other that of Matson, Towne & Melvin. He is president of the Pennsylvania Grade Crude Oil Association.

Mr. Melvin was born May 27, 1895, son of John P. and Adeline (Laney) Melvin, of Bradford, both of whom are now deceased. His father was an attorney-at-law.

Public and high schools of Bradford provided Parker Laney Melvin's early formal education, and in 1917 he received the degree of Bachelor of Science from Dartmouth College. The United States was at that time just entering the World War, and Mr. Melvin joined the 303d Field Artillery Corps of the army, in which he had the rank of second lieutenant. He spent two years in the service, from 1917 to 1919, and was overseas for a year. Returning to the United States and being honorably discharged from the service, he entered the oil industry as a roustabout, learning the business from the bottom in all its details and gradually rising in the ranks to become a producer in his own right. In 1925 he went into the production end of the business in which he has continued down to the time of writing, with leases, as indicated above, in both the Bradford and the Kansas fields. He is associated with the firm of Towne & Melvin and with that of Matson, Towne & Melvin. And, in addition to heading the Pennsylvania Grade Crude Oil Association, he is a member of the Independent Petroleum Association, the Bradford District Association, and the American Petroleum Institute.

A Republican in politics, he interests himself extensively in public affairs. He is a member of the Bradford Club, the Pennhills Club and the Valley Hunt Club. In the Free and Accepted Masons he belongs to Union Lodge, No. 334, of which he is a Past Master, and, incidentally, is of the fourth generation of his family, in direct line of descent, to serve as Past Master of this same Bradford lodge.

Parker Laney Melvin married, June 16, 1920, Frieda Johnson, of Bradford, daughter of Asher Johnson. Three children were born to them: 1. Marian, attending Skidmore College. 2. Ruth, in local schools. 3. Elizabeth, also in school.

ZELLO LEE SHELDON—Having patterned his career after that of his father, with whom he was associated for many years, Zello Lee Sheldon is one of the leading figures in the Kinzua manufacturing field, and in partnership with his son, he is rapidly developing a golf course which will soon be recognized as the finest in this section of the State.

Mr. Sheldon was born at Ellicottville, New York, October 23, 1878, the son of Mason and Olive (Harkness) Sheldon, both deceased. Mason Sheldon came to this locality from Ellicottville in 1882 and began manufacturing pitchfork handles which were shipped extensively, some being sent as far away as Germany. Prior to 1882, associated with his brother-in-law, Chester Hard, he manufactured handles in Ellicottville, but later disposed of his interests to Mr. Hard. At one time, during hemlock operations in this section he operated a planing mill, and planed lumber while in transit for sawmills in this vicinity. He afterwards established the Sheldon Handle Company in association with his sons, Zello and Mason, and Zello was placed in charge of the branch at Berne, Arkansas. This mill was destroyed by fire, September 5, 1913, and was rebuilt at Malvern, Arkansas, as the Sheldon Handle Works. Mason Sheldon, a Republican supporter, and at one time postmaster and school director, died at the home of his daughter in Erie, Pennsylvania, April 2, 1930. He was the son of Mason and Nancy (McCapes) Sheldon. Mason, born June 7, 1804, died 1869, and his wife, born January 20, 1805, died in July, 1895. Olive (Harkness) Sheldon was the daughter of Oliver and Laura (Bennett) Harkness, natives of Steamburg, New York.

Zello Lee Sheldon was educated in the Kinzua public schools, after which he became associated with his father in business. From 1910 until 1914 he was in charge of the Arkansas branches of the mill, and then he came north to manage the main mill at Kinzua which he purchased in 1929, and which he still continues as sole owner and manager. The mill is now engaged in the manufacture of hickory, ash and maple tool handles and they also manufacture baseball bats; their goods are shipped all over the United States, supplying hardware stores and tool manufacturers. Together with his son, Lester M. Sheldon, he bought a farm of eighty acres, and this tract has been converted into the Kinzua Valley Golf Club. The course is an excellent one at present, but the Sheldons will not cease their improving operations, until they are satisfied that further advantages are impossible. This golf club is an asset to this locality because it has helped to acquaint

many people with this section, and it has in this way been a stimulant to other business enterprises.

Mr. Sheldon is an active member of the Episcopal Church, and is strong in his allegiance to the Republican party. For eleven years he served as a member of the local school board, and he is most active in local civic affairs.

He married October 21, 1903, Fannie Hoxsie, a native of Frewsburg, New York, born August 9, 1883, the daughter of Levi W. and Sarah M. (Austin) Hoxsie. Mr. Hoxsie was born at Russell, Pennsylvania, April 8, 1837. He was a farmer, and later owned and operated his own gristmill in Kinzua. He was a Civil War veteran, enlisting December 2, 1861, at the age of twenty-four years, and being assigned to Company G, 58th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, 3d Brigade. He received his honorable discharge, February 23, 1865. His ancestors also saw action in American wars, his uncles, Joseph and Ackley, fighting the War of 1812, and his maternal grandfather being a member of the Colonial Army in the War of the Revolution. Fannie (Hoxsie) Sheldon was educated in the Kinzua public schools, her parents moving here in 1883 when she was still an infant. She is active in Episcopal Church circles, being a member of the Church Guild.

Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon are the parents of four children: 1. Ivan H., born August 24, 1904, now associated in business with his father, married Pearl E. Schulz, a native of Tonawanda, New York, and they are the parents of a daughter, Virginia R. Sheldon, born August 20, 1926. 2. Lester M., born June 5, 1909, also associated in business with his father; married Charlotte Mahaffey, of Warren. 3. Olive Sarah, born August 12, 1913; married Donald Joseph Place, of Kinzua, and they are the parents of a son, James Dale Place, born March 1, 1941. Mr. Place is associated with the Kendall Refining Company of Bradford. 4. Donald C. Sheldon, born April 16, 1929.

LAWRENCE MICHAEL MANION—Developing in Oil City and its environs what became one of the leading enterprises in this part of Pennsylvania, Lawrence Michael Manion performed a valuable service to his contemporaries as president of the Manion Steel Barrel Company and other related organizations. His accomplishments were of great value to his fellow-citizens in all walks and departments of life, earning for him wide admiration, respect and confidence. At the same time he was loved for his delightful personality, his warm friendliness and his unflinching devotion to worth while principles of thinking and living.

Mr. Manion was born March 31, 1878, in Rouseville, Pennsylvania, son of Michael and Mary (McCarthy) Manion, both born in Ireland, died in Oil City, Pennsylvania. His father was a cooper by trade, founder of the cooperage business which developed after his death into



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the Manion Steel Barrel Company. The elder Mr. Manion was also active in St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, in Oil City.

Public schools in Rouseville, his Pennsylvania birthplace, provided Lawrence Michael Manion's early formal education. While he was still very young, he became associated with his father's cooperage business, and learned the trade in all its details and ramifications. After the father's death, in 1900, the business was taken over by the sons. In 1908 the Manion brothers organized the Manion Barrel Company, with L. M. Manion as president, D. F. Manion as treasurer, Patrick Manion as vice-president, and J. E. Manion as general manager. The infant undertaking prospered, expanding through succeeding years until it was one of the leading industries of this region of Pennsylvania.

Not only did Lawrence Michael Manion become president of the Manion Steel Barrel Company, but he similarly was made head of the Rouseville Cooperage Company and the Manion Paint & Varnish Company. He also founded the Manion Can Company, which was sold prior to Mr. Manion's death, however, to the Continental Can Company. He also served as a director of the Oil City Tank Car Company. In addition to his many-sided business activities, Mr. Manion was an active member of the Oil City Chamber of Commerce. Prominent in St. Joseph's Catholic Church of Oil City, he served as the first president of the St. Vincent de Paul Society here and as chairman of the building committee that handled the new Church of the Covenant and McSweeney Memorial High School. He became a consistent supporter of all parish activities. Mr. Manion was also a member of the board of directors of the Community Fund Association. He belonged to Oil City Council, No. 385, of the Knights of Columbus, and to Oil City Lodge, No. 344, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He was a member of the Kiwanis Club and the Wanango Country Club.

Lawrence Michael Manion married, June 21, 1916, Loretta R. O'Neil, a native of Oil City, daughter of James and Nora (Hurley) O'Neil. James O'Neil, a native of Ireland, came to this continent with his parents when he was only two years old, and after long being associated with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as a locomotive engineer, died in Oil City. He was a Democrat and a member of St. Joseph's Church. His wife, Mrs. Nora (Hurley) O'Neil, mother of Mrs. Manion, was born in Canada and died in Oil City. Mrs. Manion's grandparents were Daniel and Ellen (McMahon) O'Neil, both born in Ireland; the former died in Cory, Pennsylvania, and the latter in Oil City. Mrs. Manion herself attended the schools of her birthplace, Oil City, and after graduation from high school here she attended Columbia University, New York City. She

is a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church. Mr. and Mrs. Manion became the parents of two daughters: 1. Mary Norine Manion, graduated from St. Joseph's High School and the College of New Rochelle, class of 1940, became a student at the Katharine Gibbs School, in New York. 2. Ruth C. Manion, graduated from St. Joseph's High School, then became a student at Rosemont College.

The death of Lawrence Michael Manion was an occasion of profound sorrow and regret wherever he was known. For his contribution to the life of his times was a notable one, of great value to Oil City and its people and institutions. He will be long and affectionately remembered, and his fine influence, so widely felt while he yet lived, will continue as an enduring power for good.

EDGAR HENRY AUERSWALD, M. A.—The colorful career of Edgar Henry Auerswald, president of the Meadville Commercial College, Crawford County, is replete with incident, change and varied experience. He is a skilled educator, trained accountant and business man, and has held many positions of importance. Although he is a comparative newcomer in Meadville, he is a popular addition to its fine group of industrialists, business men and civic leaders.

Mr. Auerswald was born at Elkhorn, Wisconsin, April 22, 1894, son of the Rev. Charles H. and Mrs. Lena (Bruenn) Auerswald. His father, a Lutheran clergyman, was a native of Germany, who died at Appleton, Wisconsin. His wife, born in Durand, Wisconsin, is now a resident of Appleton. The Rev. Charles H. Auerswald was the son of Frederick and Wilhelmina Auerswald. The older man also came originally from Germany and was a contractor and builder at Appleton, Wisconsin. He had fled from his native country to escape religious persecution and conscription in the German Army. It is noteworthy that in the United States he volunteered for service in the Union Army and was a veteran of long record in the War Between the States. He died in Menominee, Michigan.

Edgar Henry Auerswald, as a youth, seems to have been motivated by a desire to acquire an education and to be about making his own livelihood. He attended the grammar schools of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; was graduated from Northwestern Academy, Watertown, and from the Central High School of Madison, Wisconsin. From 1910 to 1913 he worked for the old Kissell Motor Car Company, Hartford, Wisconsin, for two years as accountant, and one year as head timekeeper. In 1914 he matriculated at the Milwaukee State Normal College, from which he was graduated two years later and became principal of the North Side School, in Hartford, Wis-

consin. Then came the entrance of the United States in the first World War, and Mr. Auerswald enlisted in the army and went to Camp Grant, near Rockford, Illinois, for military training. Later he was transferred to camp Raritan, near New Brunswick, New Jersey, where he was still located when the war ended and he received his honorable discharge with the rank of first sergeant.

Upon his return to civilian life, Mr. Auerswald became connected with the American Appraisal Company, of Milwaukee, as a field appraiser, but remained only until he was offered the principalship of the Puritan School, at Bessemer, Michigan. After two years, desirous of further personal education, he entered the University of Wisconsin, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1923. He then became principal of the Junior High School, at Marinette, Wisconsin, where after one year he was made principal of the Senior High School, a post he filled for the following four years. Then he returned to the University of Wisconsin; was awarded a teaching fellowship in economics by the Board of Regents of the State; and earned his degree of Master of Arts, in 1929. During this period he was teaching as a member of the university faculty.

Turning once more to business life, Mr. Auerswald became associated with Gimbel Brothers, Inc., at Milwaukee as assistant controller, and after a year was made controller. Four years later he resigned to go with Allied Stores, Inc., serving in its Golden Rule Store in St. Paul, Minnesota, as assistant manager. Within a year he was transferred to another of its establishments, Herpolsheimer & Company, at Grand Rapids, Iowa, as controller, treasurer, chairman of the management board and president of the H. C. Drugs Company, a subsidiary. Two and a half years later he joined Roshek Brothers, at Dubuque, Iowa, as manager of their large department store.

It was with exceptional qualifications that in 1940 Mr. Auerswald came to Meadville, Pennsylvania, and purchased the controlling interest in the Meadville Commercial College. His academic educational background was of the best; his teaching and administrative experience in education very broad, and his contacts with business both varied and important. As president and manager of the Commercial College he already has proved his abilities to make its courses and training of great value. Although (at this writing) Mr. Auerswald has been a resident of Meadville hardly more than a year, he has shown himself civic-minded and ready to contribute a full share in the promotion of the best interests of the city and the welfare of its people. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club, the Meadville Chamber of Commerce, and the American Legion Post. While living in Grand Rapids, Michigan, he was president of the Exchange Club, and member of the board of governors of the Grand Rapids Safety Council. In the past also he was a committeeman, district coun-

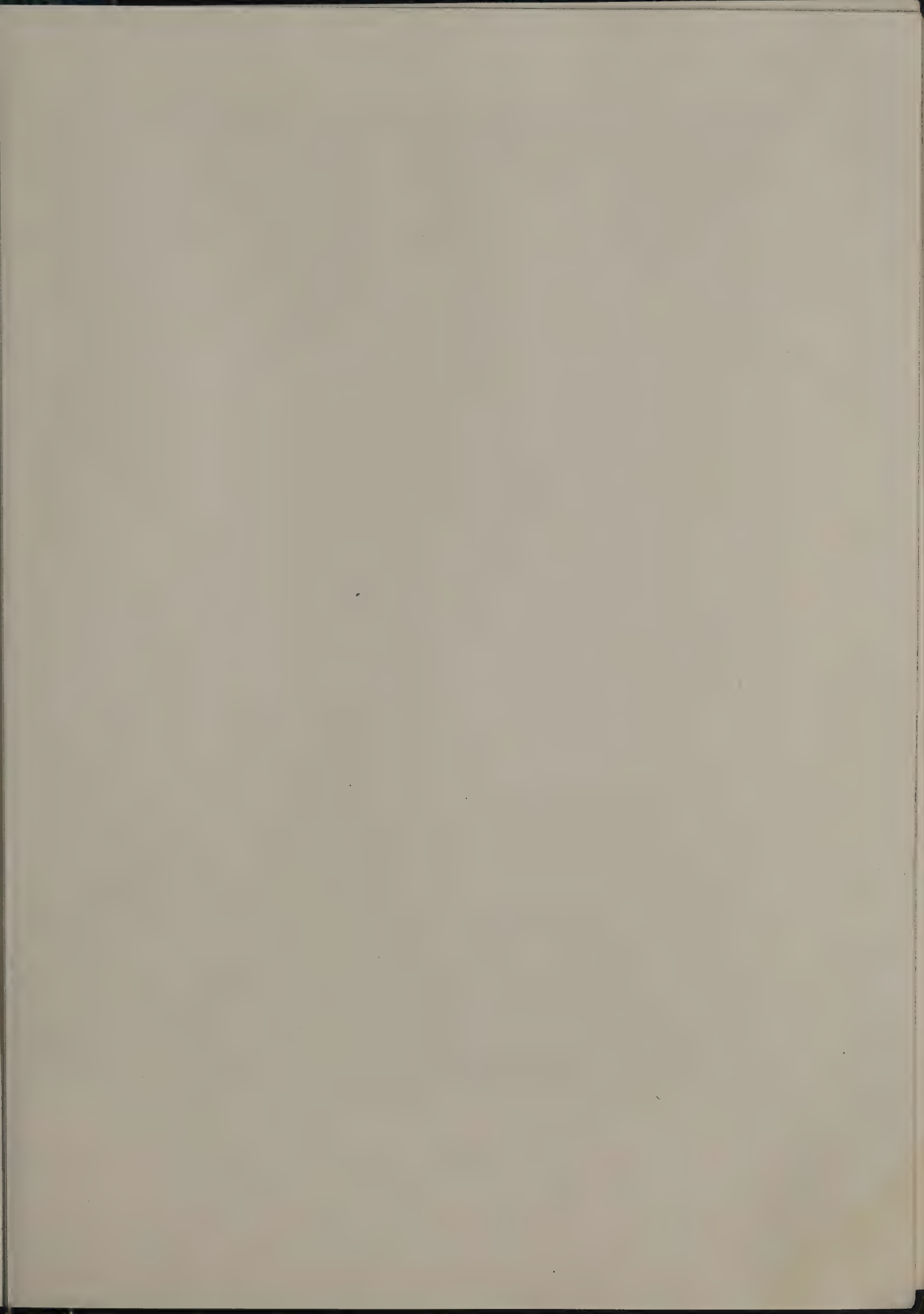
cilor and Scout Master in the Boy Scouts of America. Active in church work, he has been a deacon, member of the church council and choir director. His religious affiliations are with the Trinity English Lutheran Church, of Meadville.

On April 18, 1925, Edgar Henry Auerswald married Myrtha Habighorst, a native of Wisconsin, daughter of August and Lena (Wedepohl) Habighorst, of Marinette, Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. Auerswald are the parents of two sons: Edgar H., born December 27, 1926; and Paul Eugene, born November 2, 1932.

F. EARLE MAGEE, M. D.—One of those fortunate men who early in life know what they want to become and chart as straight a course as is possible to that objective goal, Dr. F. Earle Magee, of Oil City, Venango County, has been successful, probably beyond his highest expectations. After acquiring a thorough academic education and professional training, he practiced medicine for five years before becoming a specialist in laryngology, rhinology, otology and ophthalmology, with offices in Oil City since 1915. He long has been prominent in the life of the community, whether as a professional man or a civic-minded citizen.

Dr. F. Earle Magee was born at Sandy Lake, Pennsylvania, November 13, 1882, son of William C. and Melinda (McClure) Magee, and the grandson, on the paternal side, of George Washington Magee, who married Sarah Cross. Both grandparents were natives of Mercer County, Pennsylvania. The Magee family is of ancient Scotch origin, long seated in Ireland, from where members came to the United States in the days of the American Revolution. William C. Magee was born in Jackson Township, Mercer County, May 5, 1849, and died on the old Magee homestead at New Vernon, Pennsylvania, May 3, 1909. He farmed during the most of his life, was a staunch Democrat and held local offices, and was a Presbyterian in his religious faith. His wife, a native of Clarks Mills, Mercer County, died at New Vernon in December, 1887, at the age of thirty-six years.

At the age of eleven, Dr. Magee chose medicine as his career and never permitted difficulties to change his determination. From the local schools of New Vernon, he went to McElwaine Collegiate Institute, New Lebanon, Pennsylvania, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1904. Matriculating at the University of Pittsburgh, he was graduated with the class of 1908 a Doctor of Medicine. That same year he initiated a general practice of his profession at Utica, Pennsylvania. This did not prevent him from further studies and acquiring the technical knowledge and experience required for specialized activities. He did postgraduate work at Chicago Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat, then later at Philadelphia Polyclinic (now the University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of





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Medicine), and pursued courses in other institutions. On the walls of his office is a certificate of membership in the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology. The best evidence, however, of his skill as an eye, ear, nose and throat specialist is a large clientele and his reputation which has spread far beyond the bounds of Oil City and the county in which it is situated. A great deal of his time is taken by his activities as a consultant.

Dr. Magee came to Oil City October 1, 1915, and since has been a specialist in his profession. For a quarter of a century he has kept in touch with colleagues and developments in his specialties by memberships in medical societies. He organized and for three years was president of the Northwestern Pennsylvania Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Society, which later merged with the Western Pennsylvania Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Society. In 1939 he was elected president of the Venango County Medical Society; and he is a member of the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, the American Medical Association, the Pennsylvania State Medical Association, the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology.

Along non-professional lines, Dr. Magee is a director of the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind; a member of the Free and Accepted Masons and of the higher bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including the thirty-second degree. He is a popular figure in the Oil City Chamber of Commerce, a Republican in his political allegiance and belongs to the Wanango Country Club. Like his father and ancestors he is a Presbyterian in his religious faith, a member of the Second Presbyterian Church of Oil City.

On June 12, 1912, Dr. F. Earle Magee married Mabel Mildred Wallace (*q. v.*), a native of Utica, Venango County, daughter of James T. and Margaret L. (Foster) Wallace. Dr. and Mrs. Magee were the parents of two children: 1. Helen Margaret, born May 22, 1924, who died six days later, May 28, 1924. 2. F. Earle, Jr., born August 3, 1926.

MABEL MILDRED WALLACE MAGEE—To the State of Pennsylvania at large, Mabel Mildred (Wallace) Magee is best known as the president of the Pennsylvania Federation of Women's Clubs. In Oil City, Venango County, she is known as the wife of a very busy physician, and has not found public activities incompatible with rearing a son and making a home.

Mrs. Magee was born in Venango County, Pennsylvania, daughter of James T. and Margaret (Foster) Wallace and the granddaughter of Hugh and Mary (Dight) Wallace. Her paternal family background is Scotch, where Wallace is the name of the ancient clans of the Scottish Highlands. Many from Scotland settled in northern Ireland, and it was from here that Hugh Wallace was brought as a child to live in Mercer County, Pennsylvania. Here he spent the long remainder of his life.

He married Mary Dight of Mercer County. James T. Wallace was one of those exceptional men who follow their vocations vigorously and still find time to be exemplary citizens. Before he retired he had been an educator in Mercer and Venango counties and was the traveling representative of several large companies. Four times he was elected county commissioner of Venango County; he served faithfully on the board of education and for more than sixty years, the last twenty-five of which were in Erie, Pennsylvania, he was an elder of the United Presbyterian Church. Mr. Wallace was born in Mercer County and died March 30, 1941, at the age of eighty-five years. His wife, the former Margaret L. Foster, daughter of John and Sarah (Boals) Foster, was born on "Bully Hill," outside Franklin, July 22, 1860, and died in Erie, this State, October 9, 1940. Mrs. Wallace's mother, Mrs. Foster, was a descendant of Colonel Boals, of Boalsburg, Center County, who won his military title in the Revolutionary War.

Mrs. Magee is a graduate from the Utica High School and the Edinboro State Teachers College. She taught school in Venango County for two years prior to her marriage to Dr. Magee. She has been interested in cultural, educational and social affairs since coming to Oil City, and has entered prominently into club life. Mrs. Magee is a member, past president and secretary of the Belles Lettres Club, of the city; member of the Putnam King Chapter, of the Daughters of the American Revolution, by reason of noteworthy ancestry; member and Past Matron of Holly Chapter, No. 91, Order of the Eastern Star; member of the Women's Auxiliary of the Venango County Medical Society; and has the honor of being elected president of the Pennsylvania Federation of Womens Clubs in 1938 for a term of three years. She worships in the Second Presbyterian Church, of Oil City.

On June 12, 1912, Mabel Mildred Wallace married Dr. F. Earle Magee (*q. v.*), and they became the parents of two children: 1. Helen Margaret, born May 22, 1924, who died six days later. 2. F. Earle Magee, Jr., born August 3, 1926.

JAMES H. ISHERWOOD—There are few better recognized authorities on natural gas in the northwestern Pennsylvania and the southwestern New York sections of our country than James H. Isherwood, of Port Allegany, Pennsylvania. He has written on the subject and addressed scientific societies on the subject, but the best proof of his knowledge and experience is his long tenure in office as the vice-president and general manager of the whole North Pennsylvania Gas Corporation system. Aside from business he is very much to the fore in civic and club life in this part of Pennsylvania, wielding a potent influence in its affairs.

Mr. Isherwood was born at Bradford, McKean County, October 20, 1889, son of Marion S. and Ellen M. (Anderson) Isherwood, both originally of Cambridge Springs, Pennsylvania. His parents, in turn, were the son and daughter of Cambridge Springs pioneers, Hiram Isherwood and James Anderson. His mother is living, but Marion S. Isherwood is deceased. James H. Isherwood, of this record, was educated in the elementary and high schools, the Holbrook Military Academy and Hoff's Business College, in Pittsburgh. Early in life he became associated with his father in agriculture and lumbering, choosing the latter as his vocation. His connection with the lumber business began in the summer vacations from his several schools. So soon as he was able he began acquiring tracts of standing timber and became a partner in the business. In the meanwhile he had not only learned lumbering thoroughly, but had accumulated a large store of knowledge concerning the region in general and its natural resources in particular. In 1916, Mr. Isherwood became identified with the Potter Gas Company. Shortly after this concern merged with the North Pennsylvania Gas Company, with which he went as an executive. Since 1928 he has been the vice-president and general manager of the whole system of this corporation.

Mr. Isherwood is also a director of the Overlin Gas Company and various other concerns of this character, and is a director of the Port Allegany National Bank. A prominent figure in the gas industry as a whole, he is a member of the production committee of the American Gas Association. He has written many articles on a variety of kindred topics, for this association and other organizations, chiefly on the underground storage of gas. In politics he is a Republican. Although without ambitions for public office, he has served as president of the Port Allegany City Council. Fraternally he is affiliated with Liberty Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He is an active Rotarian, and in his outdoor recreations is a member of Wanango Country Club, Oil City, Coudersport Country Club, at Coudersport, Smethport Country Club of Smethport, and the Valley Hunt Club of Bradford. He attends the Baptist Church, of which he is chairman of the board of trustees.

On October 12, 1914, James H. Isherwood married Elizabeth Connell, of Washington, District of Columbia, and they are the parents of four children: 1. Mary Ellen, a graduate of Oil City public schools, Pine Manor Preparatory School, and Smith College; now associated with the North Pennsylvania Gas Company. 2. James H., Jr., a graduate of Williams College and Harvard Law School. 3. Robert, a graduate of Port Allegany High School, now associated with Bethlehem Steel Corporation, in McKeesport. He is an accomplished drummer

and ventriloquist. 4. Elizabeth, attended Knox School, at Cooperstown, New York, and Randolph-Macon College, at Lynchburg, Virginia.

EDWARD WILLIAM WALLACE—One of the oldest businesses of its kind in Venango County is carried on by Edward William Wallace, dealer in office stationery, equipment and furniture, books and general stationery supplies at Oil City. He has been associated with this enterprise throughout his entire career and has been its owner since 1916.

Mr. Wallace was born in Oil City, son of John E. and Sarah (Marr) Wallace and a grandson of Thomas W. and Catherine (O'Farrell) Wallace. Thomas W. Wallace, a millwright by trade, came to the United States with his family from Manchester, England, in 1849 and engaged in construction of water power machinery in various textile mills operated by water power in northern New York. He lived in Cohoes, New York, until his death, about 1895. John E. Wallace, the father, was born in Manchester, England and was brought to the United States by his parents while he was still in infancy. He was educated at St. Joseph's Academy at Troy, New York, became a contractor and builder and in 1877 settled in Oil City, where he erected the Derrick Publishing Company Building, the old oil City Hospital and many other business places and private residences in this vicinity. Subsequently he lived for a time at La Salle and Niagara Falls, New York, but eventually returned to Oil City and resumed his business as a contractor and builder. John E. Wallace was prominent in other phases of the city's life. He was an influential Democrat, a member at different times of the Common and Select Councils of the city, and a leading Catholic layman who was a member successively of St. Joseph's and St. Stephen's parishes. He died in Oil City in 1927. His wife, Sarah (Marr) Wallace, was born in Saratoga Springs, New York, and died at La Salle in the same State.

Edward William Wallace, of this record, was born in Oil City, was educated at St. Joseph Parochial School in Oil City and after completing his course there, became associated with A. J. Ormston, who conducted the book and stationery store now owned by Mr. Wallace. This business was established in 1865 on Main Street and was moved in 1873 to its present location at 42 Seneca Street. It is one of the oldest and best known retail establishments in this part of Pennsylvania and at one time housed the Oil City Post Office. Mr. Wallace entered the business as a salesman and gradually assumed increasing responsibilities in its management until 1916, when he took over the store. Since that time he has been sole owner. In recent years he has expanded the business considerably, adding the line of office stationery, office equipment and

office furniture which now comprises a large part of the business.

In addition to his business connections, Mr. Wallace has been identified with many of the city's leading institutions, both civic and social. He is a member of the Oil City Rotary Club, the Chamber of Commerce and its Merchants' Bureau, the Young Men's Christian Association, the Knights of Columbus, the Wanango Country Club, the Oil City Boat Club, the Rockwood Club, the Little Theatre Group, the Franklin Club of Franklin, the Valley Hunt Club of Bradford, and other organizations. In the Chamber of Commerce he serves as a director of the Merchants' Bureau and has taken an active part in its program for the city. Mr. Wallace is a Republican in politics and although he has never entered public life, he has given consistent and effective support to all movements designed to advance the cause of civic progress. He is a member of St. Stephen's Roman Catholic Church and is fond of sports, finding his principal recreation in golf, tennis, swimming, and ice skating.

Mr. Wallace is unmarried. He resided at No. 317 Cowell Avenue, Oil City, with two of his sisters, Catherine Marr Wallace and Agnes Marr Wallace, who make their home with him. He has two brothers, John E. Wallace, Jr., of Elmira, New York, and Daniel J. Wallace, of Los Angeles, California.

IVAN L. ANDERSON—Since he entered the baking industry, Ivan L. Anderson has steadily expanded his interests. He is now vice-president, treasurer and manager of the Meadville Bread Company, a wholesale concern carrying on a large business.

Mr. Anderson was born at Chandlers Valley, Warren County, on March 10, 1884, son of C. Frederick and Emily (Sagerdahl) Anderson, both of Swedish birth. His paternal grandfather, Frederick Anderson, was a farmer in Sweden and spent his life in that country. His father, born in Sweden on October 23, 1853, came to the United States alone at the age of sixteen and first settled at Jamestown, New York. Later he moved to Tidioute and entered the oil industry, in which he spent about thirty-five years. For seventeen years of this period he was superintendent for the South Penn Oil Company in Elk County. After his retirement from that position, he was associated with his son, Ivan L. Anderson, in the retail grocery business in Youngsville and subsequently was associated with the Struthers Wells Company in Warren. He removed to California in later life, lived in Santa Monica until the death of his wife and then made his home in Los Angeles until his own death on February 22, 1936. C. Frederick Anderson was active in the Lutheran Church for many years and held a number of church offices. In politics he was a Republican. He married Emily Sagerdahl, who was born in Sweden on September 17, 1861, and

died in Santa Monica, California, on September 22, 1932. She came to America at the age of five with her parents, C. J. and Anna (Jones) Sagerdahl, who settled at Chandlers Valley, where the father was a wagonmaker and blacksmith.

Ivan L. Anderson received his preliminary education in the public schools of Chandlers Valley, where he was graduated from high school in 1900, and afterwards entered Hoff's Business College in Warren, completing his course there in 1902. He was then associated with the Pennsylvania Railroad for eighteen months, occupying a clerical position at Corry. At the end of this time he entered the grocery business for himself in Youngsville and spent seven years in the operation of the enterprise. The next step in his career marked his initial connection with the baking industry. Until 1921 he owned and managed the Anderson Bakery in Youngsville and after disposing of this concern, he bought another bakery in Titusville and two others which were located, respectively, in Oil City and Meadville. These were all wholesale baking concerns and Mr. Anderson operated all three for some time. Eventually, however, he sold his Oil City and Titusville companies and in 1937 moved his family to Meadville from Titusville. He has since remained in this city. The Meadville bakery, which he continues to operate, was incorporated in 1924 as the Meadville Bread Company, under which name it is now engaged in business. As vice-president, treasurer and manager, Mr. Anderson has the principal executive responsibility for the management of its large wholesale business.

On November 19, 1940, he added to his interests by the purchase, with several associates, of a bakery in Erie. This was incorporated as the Mohler Baking Company and now operates as the Sally Ann Bakery under the presidency of Mr. Anderson, who brings to his duties his long experience and proven judgment.

Mr. Anderson is a member of the American Bakers Association and the Pennsylvania State Bakers Association. He is also a member of the Meadville Chamber of Commerce and as in other communities in which he has made his home, he fulfills the obligations of good citizenship through his civic interest and support of useful community causes. Fraternally he is affiliated with Meadville Lodge, No. 219, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Mr. Anderson is a Republican in politics and a member of the Lutheran Church. He is fond of outdoor life and finds his principal recreation in fishing.

On July 7, 1917, he married Jenny M. Carlson, who was born in Titusville, daughter of Charles W. and Augusta (Nillson) Carlson, both born in Sweden and both of whom died in Titusville. Her father, who worked in the oil fields in early life, later opened a retail grocery store which he operated until his retirement, a period of approximately thirty-five years. He was a Republican in

politics and a member of the Lutheran Church. Mrs. Anderson, who was graduated from Titusville High School in 1910 and from Indiana State College in 1913, was a teacher in Titusville Junior High School prior to her marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have one daughter, Juliet, born June 25, 1932.

F. HAROLD JOHNSTON—On July 1, 1941, neighbors, the business men of Kane, Bradford and the McKean County towns between, national makers of farm equipment and dairy feeds, were congratulating F. Harold Johnston on the completion of a project to which he has devoted a number of years—Ideal Farms—the “Home of Golden Guernsey Milk.” The enterprise is well named for it represents an ideal and an idea of a man who saw possibilities in the development of an ordinary McKean County farm into one of the finest and most modernly equipped dairy plants in the United States.

How large a part heredity has played in the life of Mr. Johnston, who can judge? His grandfather, Samuel Johnston, a native of County Down, Ireland, came to the United States in 1832, and located in one of the garden spots of western New York, Westfield. He engaged in agriculture throughout his long life (he lived to be ninety-three years old), and while he was interested in the grape vineyards for which the Westfield section of New York is famous, he was a great believer in the cow as a basis of profitable farming in any but the most fertile districts. This Samuel Johnston married Margaret McKee, who died at the age of eighty-three years, and one of their sons was Frank M. Johnston, born at Westfield, New York, June 25, 1852, who eventually became one of the outstanding oil men in the Bradford field. Frank M. Johnston married Josie A. Kerr, and they were the parents of F. Harold Johnston, with whom this record is primarily concerned. The latter became associated with his father in the oil business, a connection that was continued until January, 1925, when one of the biggest petroleum deals in Bradford history was put through, and the Johnston immense holdings in the Binghamton district, McKean County, were sold.

F. Harold Johnston born in Bradford, Pennsylvania, January 13, 1894, acquired his formal education in the grade and high schools of his birthplace and the Staunton Military Academy. He supplemented this with studies at a business college, and then joined his father in the oil business. As indicated, a large part of the Johnston well holdings were disposed of in 1925, and the younger man felt more or less free to carry out a project that had engaged his interest, the major result of which is “Ideal Farms,” a “splendid monument,” said a banker “to Johnston’s initiative and enterprise for which the entire community should be grateful.”

As an oil man he had become familiar with the whole topography of the region in which he lived and labored. In his own business “the law of diminishing returns” had come into effect and it was good sense and foresight to consider the other resources of the Bradford field. The former heavy forests had been depleted, and much of the cleared land was little more than poorly kept pastures. There was a trend toward dairying in local agriculture. Whatever his reasons or an inherited love of the land, F. Harold Johnston started in to create a dairy, equal to the best and surpassed by none. His choice of a site, near Kane, was excellent. The construction of the central dairy plant was a matter of long and serious thought and of scientific research. The burning of the main barn, on July 28, 1940, was a blessing in disguise for it cleared the way for the present fine structure, one planned and equipped for efficiency and sanitation. The methods used from the time a cow is brought into a barn to the bottling of the milk accords with the latest developments and discoveries in dairying. High tile silos dominate the farm landscape, comprising five hundred acres, of which three hundred and fifty are under cultivation. The breed used is the Guernsey, and the herd of breeders and milkers, many of them advanced registry, receive better medical examinations and treatment than some human beings.

The development of “Ideal Farms” is not the only interest of F. Harold Johnston, although he makes this a chief business and hobby. He is identified with varied companies in Bradford, and is active in civic and community life. Fraternally he is affiliated with Bradford Lodge, No. 334, Free and Accepted Masons; Bradford Chapter, No. 260, Royal Arch Masons; Bradford Council, No. 43, Royal and Select Masters; Trinity Commandery, No. 58, Knights Templar; Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, of which he is a thirty-second degree Mason; Zem Zem Temple, of Erie, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and of Forest No. 83, Tall Cedars of Lebanon. The Bradford is but one of his several clubs, and he retains much of his enjoyment of athletics, initiated while a student when he was an excellent football and basketball player. He attends the Presbyterian Church.

On December 14, 1919, F. Harold Johnston married Jennie June Jack, daughter of Harry Jack, of Binghamton, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Johnston are the parents of three children: Harriett June, Frank Harold, Jr., and Robert Jack.

WILLIAM DAVID BARRY, M. D.—Of the healing of his fellowmen Dr. William David Barry, of Smethport, McKean County, made a career. That career was typical of some members of his profession in his generation—exceptionally thorough preparation, specialized postgraduate work, interrupted by the World War and mili-



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tary service. His medical activities were continued until 1925, since when he has been interested in petroleum production in McKean County as a resident of Smethport.

Dr. Barry was born at Coleville, Pennsylvania, December 11, 1881, son of Richard William and Mary E. (Walsh) Barry, both of whom are deceased. His mother was born in Covington, Kentucky. His father, a native of Ireland, came to the United States in 1868, and within a few years located in Coleville, where he became one of the pioneer oil men in this section of the State. William David Barry attended McKean County public schools and was graduated from the Lockhaven State Teachers College, in 1905. For his professional education he went to the Jefferson Medical College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1909, a Doctor of Medicine. After being an interne in the Presbyterian Hospital of Pittsburgh and the Philadelphia General Hospital, he became an interne of the Philadelphia Hospital of Contagious Diseases; was also on the staff of Wills Eye Hospital in Philadelphia at the time of entering service.

It was not until 1913 that Dr. Barry initiated a private practice in Philadelphia, and so continued until the United States became involved in the World War. Enlisting in the medical corps of the United States Army during 1918-1919, he was then identified with the Veterans' Bureau as an eye specialist until 1922, when he again engaged in private practice. In 1925 he retired from professional activities and returned to the McKean County area, where he has since been connected with the oil business as a producer with headquarters and home at Smethport. Dr. Barry has never lost his interest in the veterans of the World War and is active in American Legion circles. He is a trustee of the Bucktail Post of the Legion, at Smethport, and Bi-County Commander of the Cameron-McKean Council, American Legion. He also is affiliated with the "40 and 8," the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Knights of Columbus. Along professional lines he is a member of the American Medical Association, the McKean County Medical Association and the Pennsylvania State Medical Association. Numbered among his clubs are the Rotary and the Conopus, and in 1939 he was elected a member of the American Automobile Association. Of the Catholic faith, he worships in St. Elizabeth's Church, Smethport.

Dr. Barry is unmarried. His nephew, James J. Barry, a student at St. Bonaventure, New York, has shown marked ability as an actor and writer, being the author of a script that won a national prize, and the first prize in Pennsylvania, on the subject "What Has Petroleum Done for America," and is now also appearing on radio programs.

ELMER C. MCINTOSH—By inheritance and experience Elmer C. McIntosh should have made a career of lumbering, or some industry directly connected with the

forest. His early experience was all associated with the uses of wood, before he returned to McKean County where he has since been active in the oil industry.

Mr. McIntosh was born at Red House, New York, May 11, 1881, son of Elias and Sarah (Champlin) McIntosh. His father was a native of Canada who became a naturalized citizen of the United States as a young man. His mother came originally from Randolph, Cattaraugus County, New York. Red House is now an entrance place to the Allegany State Park, New York, but once was a thriving lumber town when log rafts were floated down the river from New York points. Elias McIntosh engaged in the lumber trade and his son, Elmer C., of this record, grew up in this business in the Bradford, McKean County region, while he was still acquiring an education in the Bradford grammar and high schools. After six years he branched out for himself and spent a decade in the Middle West, chiefly identified with the paper mill business at Clinton, Iowa. Ultimately he returned to the county of his youth, and located at Derrick City, McKean County, as foreman of the Fuller Lease, an oil man at last.

Mr. McIntosh has long been active in Derrick City affairs, civic and fraternal. Over an extended period he has been a member and secretary of the Foster Township School Board. He is a Republican in his party allegiance but not especially interested in politics. Fraternally he is affiliated with Bradford Lodge, No. 789, Free and Accepted Masons; Clinton Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, in Iowa, and Zem Zem Temple, Erie, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He attends the Methodist Episcopal Church.

On January 10, 1904, Elmer C. McIntosh married Elsie Cowin, of Cowin Center, Pennsylvania, daughter of W. B. and Louisa (Storms) Cowin, both of whom are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. McIntosh are the parents of three children: 1. Charles, a graduate of Bradford High School and Syracuse University, now associated with Sloan and Zook, in Louisiana; he married Fay Farnsworth. 2. Sylvia, a graduate of Bradford High School, who married Richard Francis, and they have one son, John Francis. 3. Richard, graduated in 1941 from Bradford High School and now attending Southwestern (Louisiana) Institute.

WESLEY GEORGE REITZE—Through his public service and wide civic interests, Wesley George Reitze has become a well-known figure in the life of Crawford County. A substantial farmer in this county throughout his career, he is associated with many of the principal institutions of the Meadville section and is now serving his second term as county commissioner.

Mr. Reitze was born in Union Township, Crawford County, on September 14, 1897, son of George C. and Mary (Stadler) Reitze and grandson of Conrad John

and Mary (Frauntzman) Reitze, who were born in Germany and were farmers in Union Township until their deaths. George C. Reitze, the father, was born in this county and died at Meadville on April 4, 1932. A farmer in early life, he subsequently became secretary and treasurer of the Patrons Mutual Fire Insurance Company and also served two terms as county commissioner. He was active in Democratic politics and was a member of St. Paul's Reformed Church in Meadville. Mary (Stadler) Reitze, his wife, was born in Fairfield Township, Crawford County, and died in Meadville on April 7, 1932. She was a daughter of John Stadler, a cabinetmaker, born in England, died in East Fairfield Township, this county, and of Mary (Lautz) Stadler, born in Pennsylvania, died in East Fairfield Township.

Wesley George Reitze was educated in the Union Township schools, at Meadville High School, from which he was graduated in 1916, and at Pennsylvania State College, where he completed a two-year course in agriculture. He has devoted his entire career to farming and now owns and operates a 325-acre farm located three and one-half miles south of Meadville. In addition to general farming, he also maintains a dairy herd of forty pure-bred Holstein cattle. Mr. Reitze has also been active in various business enterprises and is now a director of the First National Bank of Meadville and of the Crawford Mutual Fire Insurance Company. Like his father, he has been influential in Democratic politics and with his election as a member of the Board of County Commissioners was called into the field of public service, where his sound judgment, his knowledge of local needs and acknowledged public spirit have been displayed to advantage in the conduct of the county's business. He is now serving as chairman of the board. At Meadville he is a director of the City Hospital and has given his active support to other community institutions and causes.

Mr. Reitze is a member of the Meadville Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club and the Round Table Club. He is affiliated fraternally with Union Center Lodge, No. 1156, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Union Center Grange, No. 764, Patrons of Husbandry. A Methodist in religious faith, he serves on the official board of the First Methodist Church of Meadville. Farming is Mr. Reitze's diversion as well as his vocation.

He married, on April 5, 1920, Adelaide Hauser, daughter of Fred L. and Jennie (Sloan) Hauser, who was born in Vernon Township, Crawford County, where her parents are farmers.

FRANK BRITT KUNSELMAN—Except for a year of World War service overseas, all the mature career of Frank Britt Kunselman has been identified with Meadville, Crawford County, Pennsylvania. He entered

actively into the business, civic and social life of the city, and it was with universal approval that in 1934 he became its postmaster, a post he has since filled most efficiently. His family background is that of Pennsylvania pioneers who were among the early settlers of a number of counties; some of his ancestors arriving in America in Colonial times, and a number of whom served in the Revolutionary War.

Mr. Kunselman was born at Coolspring, Jefferson County, Pennsylvania, March 15, 1894, son of Miles I. and Willamina (Harl) Kunselman. His father, a native of Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, born July 5, 1857, lived to December 7, 1936, at Coolspring where he was a prominent citizen. Miles I. Kunselman was a general merchant in the town, its postmaster for twenty-six years; Oliver Township supervisor for fifteen years; justice of the peace; a staunch Republican; and an elder and Sunday school superintendent of the Presbyterian Church. Over a period of forty-four years he had been a teacher of a Bible class. Miles I. Kunselman was the son of Eli and Margaret (Shoemaker) Kunselman, the former born in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, in 1822, and died in 1893, in Armstrong County near New Bethlehem. His wife, also a native of Schuylkill County, died near New Bethlehem, in 1900. Eli was the son of Philip Kunselman, born in 1796 in Schuylkill County, son of John Kunselman who was born and died in Schuylkill County. The original family were German Quakers.

Miles I. Kunselman, father of the subject of this record, married Willamina Harl. She was born May 19, 1860, daughter of David and Deborah (Brown) Harl. Her father, born October 21, 1812, near Apollo, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, died May 23, 1900, at Coolspring. He was a farmer, treasurer of Jefferson County, 1848-51; and county commissioner during the War Between the States. His wife, born at Apollo, this State, March 31, 1816, died at Coolspring, December 13, 1900. This David was a son of James and Elizabeth Ross (McKinstry) Harl; James Harl being a native of Scotland, born in 1775, died in 1857, at Coolspring. His wife was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, 1772, and died in 1842 at Coolspring. She was the daughter of James Ross, Revolutionary War soldier, born in 1746 in Lancaster County, and who died in 1779 in Mifflin County, Pennsylvania. He was a private in Captain John Brisbane's Company in the Continental Army service from January, 1776, to February, 1777. Deborah Brown's grandfather, Thomas Campbell, was a dispatch rider on the staff of General George Washington and of General Lafayette, serving with distinction through the whole Revolutionary War. He also was a captain during the War of 1812.

Frank Britt Kunselman, son of Miles I. and Willamina (Harl) Kunselman, was educated in the Coolspring





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schools, but came at the age of eighteen years to Meadville, Crawford County, to enter the employ of the Malleable Iron Company. He remained in the offices of the corporation until he left to serve his country during the first World War. After fifteen months, including more than a year in France, he returned to Meadville and became foreman of the stores department of the Erie Railroad system. In 1926, Mr. Kunselman established a real estate business in which he figured actively until June 1, 1934, when he assumed the duties of postmaster of Meadville, under appointment of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. He was reappointed July 22, 1939, and there is little reason for his not continuing at his post for as long as he desires.

Prior to the World War, Mr. Kunselman was a member of Company B, 112th Infantry, from 1913 to 1916. The notable World War record of Mr. Kunselman can be summarized as follows: Trained at Camp Forrest, Georgia, May 4, 1918, to July 7, 1918, when he went overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces to France, where he served as a machine gunner in Company C, 17th Machine Gun Battalion, United States Regular Army, Sixth Division, to August 23, 1919. He took part in the campaigns or offensives of the St. Mihiel Salient, Verdun, Alsace-Lorraine, Meuse-Argonne, and was with his unit in Sedan, when the Armistice was declared. Returned to the United States he received his honorable discharge from the army on August 28, 1919, at Camp Dix, New Jersey. Mr. Kunselman is a member of the Charles A. Stafford Post of the American Legion, of which he is a former adjutant, and junior commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Fraternally he is affiliated with Meadville Lodge, No. 408, Free and Accepted Masons; is a member of the Pennsylvania State Young Men's Christian Association; of the Meadville Chamber of Commerce; the National Association of Postmasters; Pennsylvania State Association of Postmasters; and the Western Pennsylvania Association of Postmasters. By right of noteworthy ancestry he belongs to the Meadville Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. He worships at the First Presbyterian Church.

On August 2, 1920, Frank Britt Kunselman married Lea Ann Maurice, born in Dijon, France, daughter of Jean Louis and Reine (Forchin) Maurice. Her father, who was an accountant, was born at Vic-des-Pres, and died at Dijon, France, while her mother who was born at Chatellnot, Cote d'or, France, now lives at Meursault, Cote d'or, France. Mr. and Mrs. Kunselman are the parents of a son, Maurice Harl Kunselman, born May 4, 1921, attending Allegheny College. In January, 1941, Maurice H. Kunselman enlisted in Company B, 112th Infantry of the 28th Division and is now in training at Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM ELLSWORTH YEAGER—The Community Consumer Discount Company and related enterprises at Warren have long been benefited from the participation of William Ellsworth Yeager in their management. He is an officer of several companies, one of Warren's most active civic leaders and a prominent Pennsylvania Mason, who has received many high honors in the order.

Mr. Yeager was born in Slocum Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, on December 20, 1892, son of John and Elizabeth (Malkemes) Yeager, and a grandson of William Yeager, born April 6, 1839, in Kleinensee, Kurhessen, Germany, who came to the United States alone at the age of sixteen. William Yeager served as a private in the Union forces during the Civil War. He settled in Slocum Township, Luzerne County, married a member of the Rockel family and was a farmer there until his death on December 16, 1914. His wife, Catherine (Rockel) Yeager, was born September 13, 1835, in Hollenback Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, and died June 29, 1903, in Slocum Township, of the same county. John Yeager, the father, was also born in Slocum Township, Luzerne County, July 17, 1868. He became a traveling salesman and was so occupied throughout the greater part of his career until his death at Hazleton, Luzerne County, September 10, 1913. He was a Republican in politics and an active Lutheran, serving as superintendent of the Sunday school of his church. His wife, Elizabeth (Malkemes) Yeager, was born December 18, 1875, in Upper Lehigh, Luzerne County, and is now living in Hazleton. She is a daughter of Conrad and Anna Catherine Sauer Malkemes, the former born September 22, 1834, at Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, and died there August 11, 1893, and the latter also born in Wilkes-Barre, December 23, 1833, and died in that city April 17, 1906. Conrad Malkemes was a contractor and builder in Wilkes-Barre.

William Ellsworth Yeager received his preliminary education in the public schools of Hazleton. After his graduation from high school in 1913, he entered the Eastern Association Training School at Silver Bay, completed the Boys' Work course in 1915 and then came to Warren, where he was Boys' Work Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association until November 1, 1917. The United States having meanwhile entered the World War, he enlisted at this time in the United States Navy, trained at the Newport Training Station in Rhode Island and was assigned to duty on the U. S. S. "Algonquin." In July, 1918, he was admitted to the Officers' Training School at Pelham Bay, and in November, 1918, was commissioned ensign. With this rank, he received his honorable discharge from the navy on December 31, 1918, and resumed his career in civil life.

Returning to Warren, Mr. Yeager served until May 31, 1922, as cashier of the Warren Oil Company. At the end of this time he assumed his present responsibilities as secretary and treasurer of the Community Consumer Discount Company, in whose operation and development he has since played a vital rôle. Mr. Yeager is also secretary and treasurer of the Community Credit Company of Warren and vice-president of Banconsumer Service, Inc., of Rochester, New York. He is past president of the Community System Association of Pennsylvania, a State trade association; secretary and treasurer of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Investment Bankers Association; and past president and director at large of the American Industrial Bankers Association. These distinctions indicate his position in the business world. Mr. Yeager is also well known in the Warren community for his public spirit and enlightened conception of social service. He has been active in many civic interests and at the present time is secretary of the Warren Community Chest; director and recording secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association; member of the executive committee of the Warren County Council, Boy Scouts of America; president of the Warren Rotary Club; and president of the Warren Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Yeager has also completed one term as a member of the National Council of the Young Men's Christian Association in the United States of America, and for his services to Scouting has been awarded the Silver Beaver and twenty-five years veterans' award. These connections all represent interests which have been significant and important in his life.

Mr. Yeager's labors in Freemasonry, however, are not overshadowed by any other. He has been for years a member of the order and in it is affiliated with Joseph Warren Lodge, No. 726, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is Past Master; Occidental Chapter, No. 235, Royal Arch Masons, of which he is Past High Priest; Occidental Lodge, No. 41, Royal and Select Masters, of which he is Past Thrice Illustrious Master; Warren Commandery, No. 63, Knights Templar, of which he is a Past Commander; Coudersport Consistory and coördinate bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including Coudersport Council, Princes of Jerusalem, of which he is Past Sovereign Prince; and Zem Zem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at Erie. Mr. Yeager's devotion to Masonic ideals and long service in the order have frequently been recognized. Among other honors, he was coronetted an honorary member of the Supreme Council, thirty-third degree, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Masonry's greatest distinction, which he received on September 29, 1934. Mr. Yeager has also served since September, 1932, as District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of

Pennsylvania, Free and Accepted Masons. He is director and treasurer of the Knights Templar Educational Foundation of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania; a member of the Prelate of Pennsylvania Priory, No. 6, Knights of the York Cross of Honor; a trustee of the Masonic Temple Association of Warren; secretary and treasurer of the Warren County Shrine Club; member of Erie Court of the Royal Order of Jesters; and secretary of the Advisory Council of Warren Chapter, Order of De Molay.

In addition to his Masonic connections, Mr. Yeager is affiliated with Warren Lodge, No. 339, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Chief Cornplanter Post, No. 135, American Legion; Latin Dinsmore-Fred Schwing Post, No. 631, Veterans of Foreign Wars; and Warren Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. He is also a member of the Warren County Motor Club. A Lutheran in religious faith, Mr. Yeager is a prominent layman of his church in Warren and Northwestern Pennsylvania. At Warren, he is treasurer of the First Lutheran Church, has served for sixteen years on the Church Council and for seven years was superintendent of the Sunday school. He has been a member of the executive committee of the Pittsburgh Synod of the Lutheran Church for several terms; is past president of the Synodical Men's Brotherhood of the Pittsburgh Synod; and on two occasions was lay representative of the Pittsburgh Synod to the Biennial Convention of the United Lutheran Church. Mr. Yeager is also a member of the board of trustees of Thiel College, Greenville, Pennsylvania. Always fond of outdoor life, he finds his principal recreation in fishing.

On November 9, 1919, William Ellsworth Yeager married Alice M. Houghtling, daughter of Willis and Clara (Clark) Houghtling, who was born in Bear Lake, Warren County. Her father, a native of Jamestown, New York, is former vice-president of the Walker Creamery Products Company of Warren and still resides in this city. His wife, also living in Warren, was born in Union City, Erie County. Mr. and Mrs. Yeager have one son, William E. Yeager, Jr., born May 12, 1928.

GEORGE N. FRY, D. D. S.—One of Oil City's leading professional men, Dr. George N. Fry is extensively engaged in the practice of dentistry in this city and is one of its public-spirited citizens, active in the furtherance of worth-while principles of thinking and living.

Dr. Fry was born May 30, 1870, in Oil City, Pennsylvania, son of George W. and Catherine (Nesle) Fry. His grandparents were Gideon Fry, born in Venango County and died here, a farmer by occupation, and Elizabeth (Parker) Fry, a native Scotswoman, who died in this county. George W. Fry, the father, was born near Oil City and died within its borders. He was a brickmason

and contractor who built many houses in and near this city, and he was long active in Republican party affairs and in the Second Presbyterian Church, of which he was a member. His wife, Mrs. Catherine (Nesle) Fry, Dr. Fry's mother, was born in Germany, and died in Oil City. Dr. Fry also had two brothers and a sister: Albert Fry, now deceased, a marine engineer in Seattle, Washington, and a veteran of the Spanish-American War; Floyd F. Fry, associated with the People's Gas Company, of Pittsburgh; and Mrs. Blanche K. Jones, of Pelham, New York, widow of George H. Jones, chairman of the board of directors of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey.

Dr. George N. Fry was graduated from Oil City High School in 1888, then proceeded to learn the bricklayer's trade, in which he continued for five years. Next he became a student at the Philadelphia Dental College, where he was graduated in 1896 as a Doctor of Dental Surgery. He settled at once in Oil City, practicing for thirty-two years just across the street from his present office. Then, when the Traymore Building was remodeled, in 1928, Dr. Fry came to it, at No. 505 West First Street, here continuing his practice down to the time of writing. He is widely known in this city and among members of the dental fraternity, belonging to the Venango County Dental Society, the Pennsylvania State Dental Society and the American Dental Association and being a past president of the Oil City Dental Society.

He takes a lively interest in the affairs of his city and its people and institutions. A Republican in politics, he is a Past Exalted Ruler of Oil City Lodge, No. 344, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and a member of Christ Protestant Episcopal Church. In leisure time he enjoys the out-of-doors, being especially fond of golf.

Dr. George N. Fry married, July 27, 1896, Elizabeth Irwin, born in Franklin, daughter of Aaron and Mary (Gould) Irwin. Her father, born in Pennsylvania, and died in Franklin, was a teamster and liveryman by trade. Her mother, born near Polk, Pennsylvania, died in Franklin. Dr. and Mrs. Fry became the parents of the following children: 1. Harold I. Fry, born August 31, 1897, an oil engineer in South America, associated with the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey; he married Laura Clark, of Warrensburg, Missouri. 2. James W. Fry, born October 17, 1899, engaged in the oil business; he married Elizabeth Richardson, of Parkersburg, West Virginia; they have two daughters: Betsy and Judy Fry. 3. Richard I. Fry, born March 19, 1907, now associated with the Knox Glass Bottle Company, also a junior partner in the Glassylvania Company, of Oil City. 4. Robert Fry, twin of Richard, born March 19, 1907, now associated with the sales department of a wholesale grocery firm in McKeesport; he married "Jimmy" Parkins, of McKeesport, and they are the parents of Dick and Joan Fry.

JOHN EARLE REYNOLDS—Although he was trained to the profession of law, John Earle Reynolds early relinquished his practice at the bar to devote himself to the large business responsibilities which have marked the course of his career. He is now president of the Merchants National Bank & Trust Company of Meadville and the Crawford Mutual Insurance Company and has been associated in official capacities with other important corporations in this area. A member of one of Meadville's pioneer families, he is past mayor of the city and has long been influential in its life.

Mr. Reynolds was born in Meadville on February 25, 1864, a son of William and Julia Eliza (Thorpe) Reynolds. He is a grandson of John Reynolds, who settled at Meadville in 1805 and played a leading part in the development of the region, particularly through its transportation facilities—the canal and the first plank roads of the county. He was a lawyer, as was his son, William Reynolds, who, however, devoted most of his career to business interests. William Reynolds was chiefly responsible for the completion of the Atlantic & Great Western Railroad.

John Earle Reynolds has continued the fine traditions of a family whose contributions to the growth and progress of Meadville have been conspicuous for more than a quarter of a century. After attending the Meadville public schools, he entered Phillips Exeter Academy, from which he was graduated in 1884, and continued his education at Harvard University, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1888. In 1890 he was admitted to the Pennsylvania bar and began the general practice of law in Meadville. Almost at once, however, he became interested in real estate operations and gave up his practice to enter business. Since that time he has been active in many enterprises. His association with the Merchants National Bank & Trust Company, of which he is now president, covers more than forty years. Elected a director of this Meadville institution in 1896, he has managed its trust department since this branch of the business was first established and gradually assumed increasing responsibilities of a general executive character. As president of the bank since 1916, he has guided its affairs with a sure hand during the past quarter of a century. Mr. Reynolds is also president of the Crawford Mutual Insurance Company; treasurer of the Meadville Gas & Water Company, in which he has long been actively interested; president of the Meadville Malleable Iron Company; secretary and treasurer of the Meadville, Conneaut Lake & Linesville Railroad Company; secretary and treasurer of the Meadville Furniture Company; and a director of the McCroskey Tool Corporation and other companies.

Although his business interests make large demands upon him, Mr. Reynolds has been continuously active in

the civic life of Meadville and has frequently held public office. For three terms he served as mayor of Meadville, a distinction reflecting his position in the community and the confidence reposed in him by its people. He was also a member of the Meadville City Council for two terms and member of the Meadville Board of Health for a like period of service. The duties of these offices he administered with his usual sound judgment and with characteristic zeal and efficiency.

Mr. Reynolds is now a director of the Meadville City Hospital and director and president of the Meadville Library, Art and Historical Association. He has been profoundly interested in Meadville's history, in which members of his family have written many important chapters, and has been a contributor of historical articles to various magazines and newspapers. In preparing them and also in the writing of his recent book, "In French Creek Valley," a history of this region, he has drawn freely upon the Reynolds collection or original source material. This collection was begun by his grandfather, the first John Reynolds, as a repository for documents, records, etc., dealing with the history of the Meadville region. It has been enlarged by the steady accretion of years and is today the finest in the world. Since its publication, "In French Creek Valley" has been praised by critics and has proved of interest to a wide circle of readers. Mr. Reynolds has assigned all profits from his book to the Crawford County Historical Society.

In addition to his other connections, Mr. Reynolds is a member of the Taylor Hose Club, the Meadville Country Club, and the Iroquois Boating and Fishing Club, all of Meadville; and the University Club of New York. In politics he is a Republican.

On May 20, 1911, he married Katherine A. Shryock, daughter of D. George and Anna (Dick) Shryock. Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds occupy the old Reynolds home, built by William Reynolds, one of the landmarks of the section, often referred to as the "Mount Vernon of Meadville."

JOHN GERALD MCGILL—Associated with his father in the firm of McGill and McGill, John Gerald McGill is one of the leading practitioners of law in Oil City.

Mr. McGill was born July 17, 1898, in Oil City, Pennsylvania, son of John M. and Mabel (Corson) McGill and member of an old and noted family. His great-grandfather on the paternal side of his house, John McGill, left Ireland with a brother, Patrick McGill, and settled in Upper French Creek Valley, where they were pioneers. John McGill's son, William R. McGill, born in Sagerstown, Pennsylvania, and died in Meadville, this State, was engaged in early life in agricultural pursuits, and at one time operated a hotel in Venango, Crawford County, this State. He was a Democrat in politics and was at one time

sheriff of Crawford County. He also served two terms in the State Legislature. He married Caroline Harkins, a native of Geneva, Crawford County, born in 1842, still living in Meadville at the time of writing (1940). Their son, John M. McGill, John Gerald McGill's father, born at Sagerstown, now of Oil City, received his formal education at the State Normal School in Edinboro, this State, and at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1893. He settled in Oil City and took up the practice of law, continuing thereafter down to the time of writing. At one time he was a partner with John O. McCalmont in the firm of McCalmont and McGill, but in 1923 he joined forces with his son in the present firm of McGill and McGill, carrying on a general practice covering all phases and branches of law. He is a Republican and a Methodist. His wife, Mabel (Corson) McGill, John Gerald McGill's mother, a native of Michigan, was born near Petoskey, that State, and now lives in Oil City.

John Gerald McGill attended school in Oil City, his birthplace, and here was graduated from high school in 1916. He then became a student at Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1920. Graduated from the Law School of Harvard University as a Bachelor of Laws in 1923, he was admitted to the bar, then became associated with his father in the practice of his chosen profession. The firm of McGill and McGill continues with headquarters in the Seep Hardware Building down to the time of writing.

In his political affiliation he is a staunch Democrat, who served two terms of six years each on the Cranberry Township School Board. During the World War he was a member of the Students' Army Training Corps at Oberlin College for three months. He became a charter member of the Oil City Lions' Club, of which he is a past president, and he is a member of James M. Henderson Post of the American Legion. He belongs also to the Oil City Chamber of Commerce, the Lawyers' Club, the Isaak Walton League, Oil City Lodge, No. 589, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Venango County Bar Association, and other groups of a professional and social nature. Tennis, hunting and fishing are among Mr. McGill's major enjoyments in his leisure time. He was formerly a trustee of the First United Presbyterian Church and a teacher in the Sunday school.

John Gerald McGill married, August 5, 1918, Mary I. Turner, a native of Oil City, daughter of Charles H. and Corintha (Goudy) Turner, formerly of Oil City, Pennsylvania, now of State College, Pennsylvania, where Charles H. Turner owns and operates a bakery and is widely known for his Masonic interests, holding the thirty-second degree of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masonry. Mrs. McGill is a graduate of Oil City High School, class of 1916, and Drexel Institute, Philadelphia,



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class of 1918. She belongs to the First United Presbyterian Church, of Oil City, is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Order of Eastern Star, and also serves as secretary of "Belles Lettres Club," a local women's club, and is a member of the board of directors of the Young Woman's Christian Association.

THOMAS E. McLAUGHLIN—Although he came to the insurance business after a varied career in other fields, Thomas E. McLaughlin is proprietor today of the Central Union Agency, one of the largest in the Oil City section. He has been associated with its management since 1928 and has been owner and president since 1935.

Mr. McLaughlin was born at Cuba, New York, on October 23, 1887, son of James and Mary (Dowens) McLaughlin. His father, a native of Wellsville, New York, spent his entire career in the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad, for which his last position was that of stationary engineer. The mother, Mary (Dowens) McLaughlin, was born in Cuba, New York. Both are now deceased.

Thomas E. McLaughlin was educated in the public schools of Kinzua, Warren County, where he was graduated from high school in 1904 and afterward completed a course with the International Correspondence School. He obtained his initial employment firing a boiler in the Wright & Miller sawmill at Westline, Pennsylvania, and after eighteen months went on to the Sheldon Planing Mill & Handle Factory at Kinzua, where he was a boiler fireman for two years. Mr. McLaughlin then entered the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad, first for one year as section hand at Kinzua, then for six months as time-keeper of the section gang, and afterward for one year as truckman at the Pennsylvania Railroad warehouse in Bradford. At the end of this time he was appointed city collector and bill clerk for the Pennsylvania Railroad and after four years was transferred to Dunkirk, New York, as cashier for the Pennsylvania and the Nickle Plate railroads, operating a joint agency. This duty also occupied him for four years. He returned to Pennsylvania to act as relief agent for one year at Titusville and then came to Oil City as rate clerk for the Pennsylvania Railroad until August, 1916. He resigned to accept a position with the United Natural Gas Company as traffic manager, at Oil City. A week later he was appointed to a similar post as traffic manager of the Independent Refining Company, now the Quaker State Refining Company. The following twelve years of his career were devoted to the oil and refining industry. During this period he continued his connection with the Independent (Quaker State) Refining Company and also served from August, 1916, to January 19, 1928, as councilor for the National Petroleum Asso-

ciation. His resignation, effective on the latter date, resulted from his intention to enter the insurance business. This step was taken when he became office manager of the Central Union Agency at Oil City, in whose operation he has since been active. In February, 1935, after seven years of experience in the business of the agency, he negotiated its purchase and became its owner. Shortly afterward he incorporated the business under the old name and became its president and manager. Energetic management, featured by keen and progressive judgment, have resulted in the continued expansion of the business since that time.

Mr. McLaughlin also has a partner's interest in Sanitary Service, which was acquired from the city under contract in 1930. He is prominent fraternally as a member of Oil City Lodge, No. 344, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which he was treasurer and club manager from 1924 to 1928 and trustee for two years; Oil City Lodge, No. 78, Loyal Order of Moose; Oil City Aerie, No. 283, Fraternal Order of Eagles; and Oil City Council, Knights of Columbus. In the latter order he was financial secretary of the local council for three years and was one of a finance committee of twelve which financed the new home now occupied by the Oil City Knights of Columbus. Mr. McLaughlin is also a member of the Oil City Chamber of Commerce. He is independent in politics and a member of St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church in this city. His summer home at Henry's Bend has long been his hobby.

On April 21, 1919, Mr. McLaughlin married Margaret C. Myers, who was born in Oil City, daughter of the late J. W. Myers, for many years a conductor on the Pennsylvania Railroad, and of Nellie (Murphy) Myers, who resides in Oil City. Both were born in Tidioute. Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin have two children: Thomas E., Jr., born March 14, 1920, a member of the class of 1943 at the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana; and Mary Margaret, born May 2, 1926, a student at St. Joseph High School in Oil City.

LORENZO CURTAIN BRINK—Active in the production branch of the oil industry, Lorenzo Curtain Brink operates in both the Bradford and Allegany fields.

Mr. Brink was born in Dixon, Lee County, Illinois, son of Jonathan and Rothilda (Hart) Brink, his father a farmer. Lorenzo C. Brink came to Pennsylvania at an early age and the common schools of Venango and McKean counties provided his early formal education. He was reared on a farm, and, early learning the meaning of hard work, came to the Bradford oil field in 1881 and entered the employ of the Hazelwood Oil Company. Starting as a roustabout, he remained for the next quarter of a century in the employ of the same company, holding

many positions and rising gradually through the ranks until, in the last few years there, he was lease foreman at Aiken. About 1918 Mr. Brink acquired his first property, and became engaged in the actual production of oil on his own account. Though he continues active along these lines down to the time of writing, he has within recent years turned over much of the more strenuous effort of operation to his son, Clair Gordon Brink, who is now in actual charge of the work in both the Bradford and Allegany fields.

Lorenzo C. Brink is interested in many aspects of Bradford life. He is independent in his political stand, being affiliated with neither major party and throwing his support to candidates and measures of his choice. He belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Presbyterian Church, and contributes in many ways to the welfare of Bradford and its people and institutions.

Lorenzo Curtain Brink married (first) Anna Kepler, of Venango County, Pennsylvania. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Josephine Brink, graduated from the Bradford schools, now the wife of David Sinclair, and the mother of their three children: Arthur, Curt, and Donna Sinclair. 2. Clair Gordon Brink, graduated from the Bradford schools and Jamestown Business College, now operating the oil production of his father; he married Anna V. Healy, of Rew City, and they became the parents of three children: i. Clair Brink, a school student. ii. Thomas Brink, a student here. iii. Bonnie Brink. Lorenzo C. Brink married (second) Helen Dollie Greer, of Rew City, one of the four children of John S. Greer and Jennie (Sauerman) Greer.

FRANCIS JOSEPH GARVEY—Francis Joseph Garvey has been associated in various capacities with the Keystone Public Service Company, of Oil City, Venango County, Pennsylvania, since 1926, and is now serving it as assistant treasurer and secretary. Practically all of his career has been identified with Oil City, although he was born at Thompson, Pennsylvania, March 19, 1903.

The parents of Mr. Garvey, Patrick J. and Mary (Murphy) Garvey, both live in Oil City. His father, born at Trunkysville, Pennsylvania, January 21, 1873, was in the employ of the Oil Well Supply Company of Oil City, prior to retiring from business activities. He is a Democrat in politics, a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, as is his wife, and has been a substantial citizen over a long period. Mrs. Garvey is a native of Ireland.

Francis Joseph Garvey attended the local public schools and was graduated from St. Joseph's High School, in 1920. His first employment of note was with the Pennsylvania Railroad system as bookkeeper. After three years

in this connection, he went with the Sinclair Crude Oil Purchasing Company, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, for two years, in a clerical capacity.

The Southwest held little attraction for Mr. Garvey, and in March, 1926, he joined the Keystone Public Service Company, in Oil City, as bookkeeper. Down the years he has advanced through various positions, such as assistant auditor, auditor, and at this writing in 1941, is assistant treasurer and the secretary of the corporation, having held these posts since 1933. In politics Mr. Garvey is a Republican, although his interest as a voter is more for better government than in party leaders. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, third degree, and also is affiliated with the Oil City Lodge, No. 344, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He belongs to the Adelphi Club, and worships in the faith of St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

On June 18, 1930, Francis Joseph Garvey married Margaret Tobin, a native of Oil City, daughter of William and Winifred (Hogan) Tobin, both now deceased. Both parents were natives of Oil City and both died here. Mrs. Garvey is a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Mr. and Mrs. Garvey are the parents of two sons: 1. Robert Francis, born June 12, 1931. 2. James William, born February 24, 1937.

ALMON W. DeARMENT—As one of the business and civic leaders of Meadville, Almon E. DeArment has made many noteworthy contributions to the progress and prosperity of this Crawford County city. He became associated with his father in what grew to be an outstanding manufacturing firm more than a third of a century ago; was made a partner three decades ago; and has served as its president since incorporation in 1928. The firm is now the Champion-DeArment Tool Company, of Meadville, founded in 1883.

The father of Almon DeArment was the late George B. DeArment, a native of Evansburg (now Conneaut Lake), Crawford County, Pennsylvania, born May 26, 1853, and died in Meadville, May 20, 1917. Educated in the public schools, he learned blacksmithing under Walter Jackson, at Hammondsburg, Pennsylvania. A few years after he became of age, he worked at his trade in Oil City, Pennsylvania, and at the same time was devoting his genius for invention to devising and improvement of farrier tools. In 1883 he established at Conneaut Lake, a blacksmithy and a wagonmaking shop, an enterprise that he called the Champion Bolt Company, as his real purpose was to manufacture increasing numbers of farrier tools and allied devices, of his own invention. These included nailhead clippers which he invented in 1880; bolt clippers (1893), hoof parers (1894), a variety of horseshoeing tools (1895)

and horseshoeing hammers (1896). In 1904 the plant was removed to Meadville at No. 296 Pine Street and the business expanded. In 1911 he admitted as partners, his sons, J. Howard and Almon W. DeArment, they having learned the business while it was located at Conneaut Lake. At the time of the death of the father, May 20, 1917, the company went into the hands of the widow and the two sons. Mrs. DeArment sold her interests to the sons, who continued as partners until the death of J. Howard DeArment, September 3, 1927. On January 1, 1928, the concern was incorporated as the Champion-DeArment Tool Company with David B. Higby and Homer Manning as associates, and Almon W. DeArment as president. In 1937 William A. and George S. DeArment came into the business. Since moving into Meadville the twelve thousand square feet of floor space of the plant on Pine Street became too small and in 1923 a new building was erected at Nos. 1306-16 South Main Street, with fifty-one thousand square feet of floor space. It was this plant that was taken over by the incorporated company of 1928.

George B. DeArment, on May 25, 1879, married Eva L. Whiting, and they were the parents of a daughter, Helen, and two sons, J. Howard and Almon Whitney.

Almon Whitney DeArment was born at Evansburg (now Conneaut Lake), Crawford County, Pennsylvania, January 25, 1887. He attended local grammar schools, was graduated from the Conneaut Lake High School, in 1904; and was a student at Allegheny College, during 1906 and 1907. He left the institution to become associated with his father in the business, a brief history of which has herewith been recorded. As indicated, he became a partner in 1911 of the older man and, since 1928 has been president of the Champion-DeArment Tool Company, Inc., and largely responsible for carrying it through the decade of national financial depression to its present strong position. He is widely recognized as of executive calibre, an employer who manages to direct a successful industrial firm without difficulties with labor.

Mr. DeArment is also a director of the Crawford County Trust Company. Public-spirited and always ready to lend aid to projects that make for the best interests of Meadville, he is a popular member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Forged Tool Society of America, the Meadville Country Club and the Iroquois Club. Fraternally he is a member of Lodge No. 408, Free and Accepted Masons, New Castle Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Zem Zem Temple, Erie, Pennsylvania, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Young Men's Christian Association, and of the First Presbyterian Church.

On December 29, 1915, Almon Whitney DeArment married Hazel Irme Byan, daughter of W. A. and Ann (Decker) Byan, both of whom are now deceased. Mrs.

DeArment is a native of Cochrantown, Pennsylvania, a graduate of the local high school, and is very active in the affairs of the First Presbyterian Church, of Meadville.

WILLIAM EDWARD WALZ—Over a period of many years William Edward Walz, of Oil City, was engaged in different types of business enterprise, though he has lived retired from these endeavors since 1935. He has taken an active interest in a number of local organizations and projects, in connection with which his support is warmly welcomed.

Mr. Walz was born October 20, 1885, on the Clapp Farm, near Oil City, son of Louis and Freda (Teege) Walz. His father was born August 11, 1846, at Darmstadt, Germany, and died October 15, 1931, in Oil City. He was active in the oil refining business, organizing, with Henry Suhr and Samuel Justice, the Penn Refining Company. He was a Republican in politics, and was active in Good Hope Lutheran Church as a member of the church council and in other capacities. His wife, Freda (Teege) Walz, William Edward Walz's mother, was born August 22, 1849, in Heidelberg, Germany, and died December 27, 1926, in Oil City.

William Edward Walz attended public schools in Oil City, Dr. Earp's private school, and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, in Troy, New York. He then became associated with the Penn Refining Company, first as shipping clerk and later as credit manager of its subsidiary, the Penn Oil & Supply Company. When that organization was sold to the Sinclair Oil Company, Mr. Walz went into the automobile business in association with Frank Malrich and Ange Garvey under the name of the General Motor Sales Company. Mr. Walz was elected secretary and treasurer of the company, and so served for three years until he sold his interest in the firm. He then became associated with the United Natural Gas Company. After two years in that connection, Mr. Walz went to Los Angeles, California, as secretary and treasurer of the A. B. Strode Company, real estate firm, so continuing from 1919 to 1935.

In October, 1935, he returned to Oil City, retired from business, and proceeded to devote his attention to those matters that were of special interest to him. A Republican in politics, Mr. Walz belongs to the Wanango Country Club, the Oil City Boat Club and the Gridiron Club, and is president of the Kiwanis Club of Oil City and a member of the local Young Men's Christian Association. He serves also on the advisory board of the Salvation Army, holds the thirty-second degree in the Free and Accepted Masons, and is affiliated with Good Hope Lutheran Church.

William Edward Walz married (first), October 9, 1907, Gertrude Kline, who was born in Oil City and died

September 3, 1935, in Los Angeles, daughter of George and Agnes (Weaver) Kline, both of Oil City and both now deceased. Her father was general manager of the J. P. Kern Company here. Mr. and Mrs. Walz became the parents of one daughter, Agnes Walz, wife of Alan Burchard Coppens, of North Hollywood, California, of the Atlantic & Pacific Telephone Company there; and they had a son, Alan Burchard Coppens, Jr. Mr. Walz married (second), June 10, 1936, Ethel Friedhaber, a native of Oil City, daughter of John Augustus and Mary Ann (Buckham) Friedhaber. Her father was born in East Brady, Pennsylvania, and died in Oil City. Her mother was born in England, and now lives in Oil City.

LAWRENCE SHIRLEY GREER—Since the early years of the century, Lawrence Shirley Greer has been active in the Pennsylvania oil industry. Formerly a drilling contractor, he now devotes all his time to oil production, with headquarters at Derrick City.

Mr. Greer was born in Derrick City on June 26, 1886, son of Joseph A. and Margaret (Hamilton) Greer. His father, who was born at Little Washington, Pennsylvania, and died on February 4, 1918, was a farmer in Washington County during his early life. In 1877, however, he came to McKean County and during the remainder of his career was an active oil producer in this field. Margaret (Hamilton) Greer, the mother, was born in Butler, Pennsylvania, and is also now deceased.

Lawrence Shirley Greer was educated in the public schools of Derrick City. As a boy he entered the oil business, working in various capacities for a number of different employers. In 1913 he established his business as a drilling contractor and continued it successfully for fifteen years. Meanwhile, in 1907, he had acquired a small lease and in the early 1920s he took over another. With the growth of his production interests, he decided to devote all his time to them and in 1928 he discontinued his operations as a drilling contractor. He still does the drilling on his own leases, however.

Mr. Greer, who is a well-known independent producer in the McKean County fields, continues to make his home in Derrick City. He is an independent Republican in politics and a member of the Methodist Church.

On November 13, 1911, he married Lottie Isabel Keith, daughter of Calvin L. and Lucy E. (Douglas) Keith, of Nunda, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Greer are the parents of four sons, all graduates of Bradford High School: 1. William, now a gauger for the Niagara Oil Company, who married Lucille Moffett. 2. Richard, a lease worker with his father. He married Harriett Stewart and has one daughter, Sandra. 3. James, also a lease worker with his father. He married Doris Spencer and has one son, Robert. 4. Joseph, a graduate of Bryant and Stratton Business College in Buffalo.

ALBERT EDWARD BOOTH—In his career as an oil producer, Albert Edward Booth represents the second generation of his family to operate in the Bradford field. He is very well known in the industry, which has watched him extend his interests steadily during the past twenty years, and in the Bradford community, where he makes his home.

Mr. Booth was born in Bradford, son of A. B. Booth and Margaret D. (Bovaird) Booth, and a grandson of John E. and Mary Ann (Bamber) Booth, who came to this country from England in 1851, and settled in Montgomery County, New York, where they farmed for many years. His father, born in England on June 5, 1847, was four years old when the family migrated to the United States. The third of six children, he was educated in the public schools of Amsterdam, New York, and at the age of twenty-one, traveled west to Chicago. After a year in that city, he became engaged in railroad construction work and for a period of several years served as superintendent of construction for various roads in the South and Southwest, notably in Texas and Arkansas. From 1874 to 1876 he was in business as a merchant at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and at the end of that time returned to the East. It was then that he settled in McKean County, Pennsylvania, and with his elder brother, Henry A. Booth, became active in the Pennsylvania oil fields. From 1880 onward the firm of Booth Brothers was an important production factor in the Warren and Bradford fields. A. B. Booth became an admired figure in Pennsylvania life, and his activities centered in this State until the close of his career. With his brother, he was one of the early pioneer builders of the Pennsylvania oil industry and an active figure in Bradford life. He was a Republican in politics and was affiliated fraternally with the Masonic Order. In 1883 A. B. Booth married Margaret D. Bovaird, daughter of David B. Bovaird. They became the parents of three children: 1. Mary Elizabeth, who was educated in the Bradford public schools, Bradford Academy and a Massachusetts school and who married Roy W. Hemingway, of Auburn, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Hemingway have four children: Booth, Harvey, David and Margaret. They reside in Auburn, New York. 2. Albert Edward, of this record. 3. Dorothy, educated in the Bradford schools, Miss Madiere's School in Washington, District of Columbia, and Drexel Institute at Philadelphia. She married Arthur H. Hoddish, of Buffalo, New York, and has two children: Joan and Booth. Recently the family has moved to Albany, New York.

A. E. Booth, whose oil operations have brought him national recognition, was educated in the Bradford schools and at Princeton University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1909. Immediately afterward he became associated with



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his uncle, Henry A. Booth, in the oil business, and has been active in the industry ever since. Mr. Booth is today one of the best known producers in the Bradford field, where he has large interests. He is also a director of the Kendall Refining Company of Bradford and of the Bovaird Supply Company, of Tulsa, Oklahoma. He has been a leader in the trade associations of the oil industry almost since the outset of his career, recognizing their value to the industry. Originally active in the old Northwestern Pennsylvania Oil Producers Association, of which he was president for eight years, he helped to organize the Bradford District Pennsylvania Oil Producers Association, which replaced the older body, and became its first president. After that he was treasurer for nine years and has continued to occupy an important place in its councils. Mr. Booth is also influential in the Pennsylvania Grade Crude Oil Association, serving as vice-president and director and as a member of the production advisory committee. His associational activities and the coöperative spirit he has displayed in seeking a solution to problems affecting the industry have attracted comment in oil circles throughout the country and have helped to win him the reputation he now enjoys.

During the World War, Mr. Booth enlisted in the army and was assigned to duty with an ammunition train, then transferred to the Third Reserve Officers Training Corps in October, 1917, and spent ten weeks at the Fort Sill Artillery School. He was then assigned to the 27th Field Artillery, stationed at Camp McClellan, Alabama, where he remained until after the Armistice. Commissioned second lieutenant, he was honorably discharged with that rank in 1919 and returned to his career in civil life. Fraternally he is affiliated with Union Lodge, No. 334, Free and Accepted Masons, and with the various higher Masonic bodies, including the Royal Arch Chapter and Bradford Commandery of the Knights Templar. He is a member and past director of the Valley Hunt Club, member of the Pennhills Country Club, and chairman of the McKean County Committee of the Pennsylvania Economy League. Mr. Booth also serves as a trustee of Warren State Hospital and has been active in the principal civic enterprises at Bradford, meeting effectively and without ostentation the responsibilities of good citizenship.

On April 8, 1925, at Weston, Massachusetts, he married Myrtle Weston Brooks. Mr. and Mrs. Booth became the parents of two children: 1. Gretchen, now eleven years old, attending the Bradford public schools. 2. Edward, deceased.

CHARLES HOWARD FORSTER—In rounding out a decade as a citizen of Oil City, Venango County, Pennsylvania, and a similar period as an executive of the

National Transit Pump & Machine Company, Charles Howard Forster adjudges it to be about the best ten years of his active career. He is not only one of the well recognized industrial leaders of the community, but a man who has borne his full share of responsibility throughout critical years in business and municipal affairs. He is, and has been, a consistent optimist, strong in his faith in the city, its industrial outlook, and larger development.

Mr. Forster was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, May 31, 1883, son of Brooke Buckley and Catherine G. (Tileston) Forster and the grandson of Thomas Forster, a native of Ireland, who came as a young man to the United States and settled in Chester, Pennsylvania. He later removed to Lebanon, this State, where he founded the Lebanon Stove Works, which he operated with a Mr. Mutch until 1884. His wife, originally from Scotland, died in Lebanon. Brooke Buckley Forster, a native of Lebanon, Pennsylvania, born in 1842 died in Philadelphia, July 5, 1900, was a professional accountant, who long was associated with French, Richards & Company, in the Pennsylvania metropolis. Catherine G. (Tileston) Forster was born at Geneva, New York, and died in Pittsburgh, in 1926.

Charles Howard Forster, after being graduated from the Lebanon High School, 1899, entered the employ of the American Iron & Steel Manufacturing Company (now the Bethlehem Steel Company), starting as an office boy. He rose as he merited promotion, during the years he was connected with this concern, being assistant secretary of the corporation when he resigned in 1917. In the latter year he went with the Superior Steel Corporation, of Pittsburgh, as controller, later becoming secretary and treasurer. He was vice-president and treasurer in 1924, when he joined the Morris & Bailey Steel Company, Clarion, Pennsylvania, as general manager of sales. On September 13, 1931, Mr. Forster came to Oil City as auditor of the National Transit Pump & Machine Company. In July, of the following year, he was made assistant vice-president, and since 1933 he has been vice-president, general manager and a director of the corporation. The company specializes in the manufacture of reciprocating pumps for all purposes, rotary pumps, and gas engines both horizontal and vertical, shipping its products to all parts of the country and abroad.

Aside from business, Mr. Forster is keenly interested in civic affairs. He is a Republican in his political views, but no seeker after public preferment. He is a popular figure in the Oil City Chamber of Commerce, and the Kiwanis Club, and is a member of the advisory board of the Towers Club, of Chicago. Fraternally, he is a member of Crescent Lodge, No. 576, Pittsburgh, Free and Accepted Masons; member of Venango Lodge of Perfection, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, at Oil City; Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, at Couders-

port, and is a thirty-second degree Mason. He is also a member of Lodge No. 631, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Lebanon. Hunting and fishing are among his diversions, and although brought up in the Methodist faith, he attends the United Brethren Church.

On December 22, 1912, Charles Howard Forster married Minerva C. Kline, a native of Lebanon, daughter of Frank P. and Clara (White) Kline, the latter of whom died in September, 1940. Frank P. Kline is a retired butcher of Lebanon. Mr. and Mrs. Forster are the parents of a daughter, Dorothy Elvira, who married Earl M. Perrine, an engineer associated with the Twin Coach Company. Mrs. Perrine is the mother of a son by a previous marriage, James A. Cochran, who resides with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Forster.

WILLIAM MARSHALL DODDS—Widely and favorably known in insurance circles in northwest Pennsylvania, William Marshall Dodds, of Oil City, is now district manager of the Oil City-Meadville district of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. His participation in civic affairs has been of such a character as to serve well the best interests of his community, county and State and at the same time to reflect credit upon himself.

Mr. Dodds was born July 18, 1888, in Butler County, Pennsylvania, son of John B. Dodds, Sr., a native and lifelong resident of Butler County, who died there after a career in farming. He was a Civil War veteran, having served in Company G, 5th Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, as a private. A Republican in politics, he was an elder in the United Presbyterian Church. His wife, Mrs. Agnes (Douthett) Dodds, William Marshall Dodds' mother, was born in Butler County, and died in Butler.

William Marshall Dodds attended public schools in Nixon, Butler County, and in 1908 was graduated from Renfrew High School, also in that county. He then studied for a year at Butler Business College, in Butler, before becoming a timekeeper with the Standard Steel Car Company there. Remaining with that organization for two years, Mr. Dodds then operated a farm in his native county for two years, after which he sold it and bought a grocery store which he operated for a year, in Pittsburgh. Selling his store at the conclusion of that time, he became associated with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company as an agent at Freeport, but after a year was transferred to New Kensington, where he was an agent for the same company until 1921. In that year Mr. Dodds was promoted to assistant manager in New Kensington, remaining there until 1929 and serving in his last two years there as supervising manager.

It was on November 1, 1929, that he was made district manager of the Oil City-Meadville district, with headquarters in Oil City, where he lives today and carries on

this same work. He has distinguished himself by his constant demonstration of fine managerial capacity and executive ability, and has at the same time participated extensively in community affairs. A Republican in politics, he belongs to the Wanango Country Club and the Rockmere Boat Club, and is also a member of the Chamber of Commerce. Formerly he was president of the Kiwanis Club in Oil City. He is a member of New Kensington Lodge, No. 644, Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he is affiliated with the Venango Lodge of Perfection, in Oil City. He is also a member of the official board of Grace Methodist Church and is on the advisory board of the Salvation Army. During the World War he led in sales of War Savings Stamps in Westmoreland County, and in numerous other ways he has done everything in his power to support civic projects undertaken from time to time.

William Marshall Dodds married, February 27, 1912, Hazel Shepard, born in Bakerstown, Pennsylvania, daughter of George and Ida (Whiteside) Shepard, natives of Bakerstown, where they still reside and where Mr. Shepard is a retired farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Dodds became the parents of one daughter, Dorothy Agnes Dodds, who married Donald Faloon, of Reno, Pennsylvania, sales representative for the Wolverine Empire Refining Company. The Faloons have a son, William Arthur Faloon, who was born September 3, 1939.

WILLIAM STEWART SULLIVAN—Since he turned from his early career in education, William Stewart Sullivan, of Duke Center, has been an oil producer in the northwest Pennsylvania fields and an active figure in the explosives industry of this section. He is an officer and director of many companies.

Mr. Sullivan was born in Duke Center on December 12, 1898, son of S. N. and Eva (Wilmarth) Sullivan. His father, who was born in New York State and died on March 31, 1926, was a merchant and oil producer. His mother, born in Eldred, is still living.

William Stewart Sullivan received his preliminary education in the local public schools and later studied at Edinboro State Teachers' College. Following his graduation from that institution, he taught for six years in the public schools of Foster Township, McKean County, and then launched his business career as an independent oil producer. Since that time he has been an active operator in the Bradford field and in the lower field around Titusville. In recent years, Mr. Sullivan has also extended his interests to other enterprises. He was formerly secretary of the Otto-Cupler Company at Titusville. As secretary of the Otto Torpedo Company at Duke Center, and secretary of the National Powder Company at Eldred and Duke Center, he is active in the management of these



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concerns, which are representative organizations of the local explosives industry. In addition, he serves as secretary, treasurer and general manager of the Otto Telephone Company. His record as an executive and his wide knowledge of business procedure are well known, and his advice is often consulted by other interests. For several years he has done the accounting and tax work for numerous contractors and producers in Otto Township.

As a resident of Duke Center, Mr. Sullivan is active in community affairs and has served since 1932 as justice of the peace. He is interested in the work of the Parent-Teachers Association, the Boy Scout movement and the Children's Home in Bradford and is a member of the Rotary and Federated Men's clubs of Bradford and the Men's Club of Olean. During the World War, he served in the United States Army. Mr. Sullivan is a Republican in politics and a member of the Methodist Church. He was for several years superintendent of the Sunday school of his church and has also taught a boys' class there.

On October 21, 1926, he married Margaret Faulkner, daughter of Charles G. Faulkner, born in Broome County, New York State, died January 21, 1917, and Irene (Hamilton) Faulkner, born in McKean County, Pennsylvania, and still living. She is a graduate of Shinglehouse High School and Lock Haven Teachers' College and was a teacher in Foster Township schools prior to her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan are the parents of two children: Richard Faulkner, born September 14, 1927, and Charlene Esther, born April 1, 1935.

CLARENCE R. KEPLER—The Kepler Hotel, which serves the Meadville community, has been an enterprise of a single family for almost three-quarters of a century. It is operated today by Clarence R. Kepler, great-grandson of Jacob Kepler, who founded the family in Crawford County and established its notable tradition as hotel keepers by opening the county's first tavern in 1822. Since 1868 his descendants have conducted their business in Meadville.

Jacob Kepler was born in 1793 and was a son of Peter Kepler, who brought his family from Maryland to Le Bouef Township, Erie County, Pennsylvania, in 1798. Jacob at the time was three years old. He spent his boyhood on his father's farm and after the outbreak of the War of 1812 he enlisted in his country's cause and served in the war to its conclusion. In 1817, with his younger brother, William, he left the Erie County farm for the wilderness of Crawford County and settled in the eastern part of Rockdale Township, where he began to clear 150 acres of land in accordance with a contract he had entered into with the Holland Land Company. At the time of his arrival he also purchased a lot in what became Kepler-

ville, now Woodcockboro, and built a house there. By 1822 the turnpike destined to connect Philadelphia with Erie was so far completed that a horde of immigrants to the West began to make use of this through route, which passed through Woodcockboro. Recognizing the opportunity, Jacob Kepler, in 1822, erected a tavern on what is now the southwest corner of Main and Center streets, a two-story structure with twelve rooms, on the upper floor of which was a large public hall. It became the principal community center and also housed the post office, over which Jacob Kepler presided by virtue of his appointment as postmaster. A sketch of this old tavern, the first in Crawford County, now adorns the lobby of the present Kepler Hotel in Meadville. For twenty-one years, it was operated by Jacob Kepler, who subsequently removed to Venango, then called Klecknerville, and continued his career as an innkeeper. Until his death in 1877, he was one of its leading citizens and upon the incorporation of Venango in 1852 he served as one of the first councilmen of the town. Among the distinctions he valued most was the privilege of acting as host to Lafayette, when the great Frenchman made his second visit to America.

Jacob Kepler married Margaret Peiffer, and their eldest son was Samuel W. Kepler, born on June 19, 1821, who continued in the business of his father. His first hotel was located at McKean Corners, Erie County, where he remained from 1853 to 1858. During the following two years he operated a hotel at Venangoboro and after that had a hotel in Titusville. In 1868 he removed to Meadville and took over the operation of the Eagle Hotel on Water Street, near the corner of Walnut Street. From that time until the present day the Keplers have been principal hotelkeepers in the Meadville community.

In 1872 Samuel W. Kepler took possession of the New Cullom House, which was located near the end of the new Dock Street Bridge, now known as Mead Avenue. This hotel was the scene of his celebrated reunion for the veterans of the War of 1812, of which his father was one. A picture of that gathering, held at Meadville, September 11, 1876, is still in existence. In 1879 Samuel W. Kepler moved to the old Kepler House, standing on Market Street opposite the Market House. This hostelry boasted eighteen rooms and enjoyed the marked favor of the community and its visitors. Mr. Kepler operated the Kepler House until his death, March 15, 1891. Outside his business career, he was best known for his long connection with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and was the moving spirit in founding and supporting the Odd Fellows Orphans' Home at Meadville. This institution was the first fraternal orphans' home in the world.

Samuel W. Kepler was the grandfather of Clarence R. Kepler. He married Martha Strauss, who survived him

twenty-two years. His son, Tracy D. Kepler, who had become a partner in the business some years before, continued the management of the Kepler House after his father's death, with his wife, Minnie Gertrude (Truran) Kepler, whom he married in 1888. After the turn of the century the Keplers, recognizing the need of a more modern and commodious hotel, erected the first section of the New Kepler Hotel, which opened for business on March 4, 1904. The new hotel was a brick, fire-proof structure which became very popular with the commercial trade and enjoyed a steadily growing business. By 1914 this had increased to such an extent that Tracy Kepler built a two-story annex, connecting with the original hotel, containing rooms with private bath and heated by steam heat. He died on October 15, 1917. His widow, known to the entire Meadville community as Mother Kepler, continued the Kepler Hotel until she died on April 8, 1928. Like her husband, who was devoted to Sunday school work, she was a well-known figure in the city. Her civic and charitable interests broadened her influence and in recognition of her contributions to Meadville life, she was awarded a gold medal by the local Kiwanis Club.

Clarence R. Kepler, present manager of the Kepler Hotel, is the son of Tracy D. and Minnie Gertrude (Truran) Kepler. He was born in Meadville on September 30, 1899, and after attending the public schools and high school, completed a course in business college. He began his career in the employ of the Spirella Corset Company, with which he remained for nine years, and at the death of his father in 1917, became manager of the Kepler Hotel. With his mother, he planned and completed the addition of a third story to the hotel annex in 1923 and the complete renovation of the older section. The completion of these improvements, celebrated on May 31, 1923, gave Meadville a fine modern hotel with all conveniences.

Since his mother's death, Mr. Kepler has continued as manager of the Kepler Hotel and as co-owner with Mrs. Lotta Kepler, who acts as hotel hostess; Nellie Truran, his mother's sister, who is dining room manager; and Mrs. Thomas Lomangino, his sister, dining room hostess. The old traditions of hospitality long associated with the family name are faithfully observed in the management of the hotel. They are well expressed in the following statement issued by the present owners to welcome the city's many visitors on the occasion of the Meadville Sesqui-Centennial in 1938:

The four present owners of the Kepler Hotel, from our own respective positions, "Welcome you to Meadville" and sincerely wish you to make use of the Kepler Hotel as if it were your own home during your visit here at this or at any other time.

You will find the appointments of the hotel in well-kept condition—pleasant rooms, inner-spring mattresses, old-fashioned cooking and people. You will find nothing flashy at the Kepler Hotel, unless it is the smile that our employees and we ourselves extend to you in greeting.

You will find your needs, our pleasure to supply to you. You will find the finest of conveniences—the best of road and other information. You will find lobby and porch space at your disposal which we are glad to have you enjoy. You will take with you a Godspeed when you leave, with the wish of a pleasant journey and a hope that sometime you will return.

We find the hotel business a very confining business, but one that has compensations which make up for all its work and worry. The joy of meeting people with the fine personalities and appreciation of services rendered, as most of them do.

All in all, the hotel business is a great business and we love it.

On January 29, 1911, Clarence R. Kepler married Lotta A. Williams, daughter of De Los F. and Cora Williams. They have two children: Darwin and Lawrence Kepler, and one grandson, Thomas D. Kepler, son of Darwin Kepler.

JOHN J. COLLIGAN—After an extended career in business and banking, John J. Colligan became associated with the Star Garage Company at Bradford. He is now general manager of this enterprise, which is one of the largest garages in northwest Pennsylvania and agents for the Pontiac motor cars.

Mr. Colligan was born in Bradford on October 30, 1893, son of John J. and Mary (Maroney) Colligan, both now deceased. His father, a railroad man, was born in Bradford. His mother was a native of Ireland.

John J. Colligan was educated in the public schools of Bradford, where he completed the high school course. On April 13, 1913, he entered the employ of the Commercial National Bank, beginning as a runner, and continued in the service of this Bradford institution until it failed in 1935. At that time he was serving as clerk on the check desk. After the bank closed its doors, Mr. Colligan accepted a position as assistant manager of the Option Hotel. Several months later he resigned to become associated with A. J. Wright & Company, a connection he continued until this enterprise was sold to Goodbody & Company. His present connection with the Star Garage dates from October 4, 1938. Originally employed as a bookkeeper, he was appointed general manager on February 1, 1939, after only four months of service, and has since been in general charge of its operations.

The Star Garage was established in July, 1924, by a group of local men headed by William B. Miller, who served as president until his death in 1936. He was succeeded by his widow, who subsequently married again and is now Mrs. Harriett B. Hawkins. At the start, the Star Garage handled many makes of automobiles and was fully

equipped for their servicing. Since 1937, however, the garage has acted as dealers only for Packard and Pontiac motor cars, and at present as dealers for the Pontiac line only. A complete car shop serving all makes of cars and all the most modern equipment for checking and repairing motors, chassis and bodies are maintained. The Star Garage also operates two tow trucks. It has a storage capacity of five hundred cars, making it one of the largest garages in this section of the State, and employs forty-six people. It is an American Automobile Association affiliate.

In addition to his business connections, Mr. Colligan is active in Republican politics, serving on the local Republican committee. During the World War, he enlisted and spent nine and a half months in the United States Army, for three and a half of which he was overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces. Following the war, he became a charter member of the Bradford Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. A Catholic in religious faith, Mr. Colligan is a member of St. Bernard's parish in Bradford. He is fond of sports, particularly baseball, football and bowling, and is known as one of the city's finest bowlers.

On October 17, 1921, John J. Colligan married Agnes Griggs, of Portland Mills. They are the parents of two children: Jean, a graduate from Bradford High School; and Jack, a student in the sixth grade of the public school.

PARR DALTON BLAIR—For many years prominent in educational circles, Parr Dalton Blair is living retired in Meadville. He was formerly superintendent of schools of Crawford County, and held numerous other positions that entitled him to a place of leadership in northwestern Pennsylvania.

Mr. Blair was born March 28, 1877, at Hartstown, Pennsylvania, son of John Alexander and Sarah E. (Hunter) Blair. The Blair family is a well-established one in America, having been brought to these shores in the person of Parr Dalton Blair's great-great-grandfather, Hugh Blair, who was born in County Antrim, Ireland, and died near Hartstown, Pennsylvania. His son, John Blair, married Mary McQuistan. Their son, Hugh Blair, born in Hartstown, and died in this State, was a farmer; he married Margaret Calvin, born in Mahoning County, Ohio, died in Meadville. Their son was John Alexander Blair, Parr Dalton Blair's father, who was born January 29, 1846, in Hartstown, and died in Townville, July 5, 1925, after a career in agriculture. He was a Baptist in his religious faith. He married Sarah E. Hunter, who was born December 13, 1854, at Sagerstown, Pennsylvania, and died October 15, 1935, in Townville, daughter of Samuel E. and Mary Elizabeth (Clark) Hunter. Her father was born at Sagerstown and died at Hartstown, where he was a hotel proprietor. Her mother was born in this State and died also in Hartstown.

Parr Dalton Blair, their son, attended both public and private schools in Townville and Meadville, later became a student at the Pennsylvania State Normal School at Clarion, and in 1905 was graduated from Grove City College as a Bachelor of Arts after having attended both Allegheny and Grove City colleges. He took additional studies at Harvard University and the University of Pittsburgh. Early turning to teaching as a profession, he served in the Richmond and Mead township schools for three years, and was principal of high schools at Spartansburg and Springboro and supervising principal at Cambridge Springs and Irwin until 1911. In that year he was elected superintendent of the Crawford County schools, holding that position until August 1, 1914.

In addition to his many other activities, Mr. Blair has contributed to education in the broader sense. He has served in a most valuable way as president of the Meadville Library Association. He is active in the First Presbyterian Church of Meadville and a member of the board of trustees of the Erie Presbytery. Fraternally he is affiliated with Crawford Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Spartan Lodge, No. 372, Free and Accepted Masons. In the Masonic brotherhood he is also affiliated with Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. Mr. Blair also belongs to the Meadville Rotary Club and the local Young Men's Christian Association, and he is a member of the Round Table Club.

On August 2, 1905, Parr Dalton Blair married Alice Belle Farley, born at Spartansburg, daughter of William and Amanda (Halladay) Farley, both of whom are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Blair became the parents of the following children: 1. June Alatheia Blair, graduated in 1929 from Allegheny College, at Meadville, as a Bachelor of Arts, later took a Master of Arts degree at Columbia University, New York City, and is at the time of writing an instructor in English at Kensington High School, Buffalo, New York. 2. Paul Dalton Blair, graduated in 1931 from Allegheny College with the degree of Bachelor of Science, took postgraduate work at Carnegie Institute of Technology, in Pittsburgh, then became associated with the Pittsburgh Equitable Meter Company, in Pittsburgh; he married Rosella Norton, of Aspinwall, Pittsburgh, and they became the parents of one son, Philip Dalton Blair.

HENRY PORTER FORKER, Jr.—President of the Buhl-Kimberly Corporation, Henry Porter Forker, Jr., of Sharon, is one of the outstanding business men and manufacturers of northwestern Pennsylvania, holding office in several corporations and business enterprises in addition to his responsibilities with Buhl-Kimberly.

Born February 24, 1895, Henry Porter Forker, Jr., is the son of Harry Porter and Maude (Curtiss) Forker. Harry Porter Forker, Sr., who passed away in April of

1939, was engaged in the iron and steel trade, being associated with the Sharon Tinplate Company until the time of his retirement. The family is related to two of the most prominent families in the region, the Porters as well as the Buhls; Mr. Forker, Jr., being a nephew of F. H. Buhl, who is popularly known as the man who "made" Sharon. Aside from the many organizations and institutions in the city which owe their being, at least in part, to F. H. Buhl, he is particularly honored by the citizens of the city for his magnificent gift of a public park which absorbed more than a million dollars in its development. This park, known now as the F. H. Buhl Farm, consists of a three-hundred-acre tract, magnificent woods, and lake, which has been transformed into a splendid playground with several miles of roads, a casino with a dance hall overlooking the lake, bathing facilities, playgrounds, a baseball field and stadium, eight tennis courts, a golf course, picnic groves and many other features—all provided and endowed by F. H. Buhl. In addition, Mr. Buhl also gave Sharon the F. H. Buhl Club, which he constructed and equipped at a cost of about \$300,000. Still another of F. H. Buhl's interests was the Sharon branch of the international social service organization known as the Sunshine Society. At the time of his death in 1918, he had a building under construction for use of the group. Under the terms of his will, however, funds were provided to complete the project and the trustees have now carried through his plans and the property is being used somewhat in the nature of a community headquarters for most of the charitable organizations of Sharon and its vicinity. Perhaps nothing testifies so sincerely to the position F. H. Buhl held in Sharon as the annual spontaneous celebration known as Buhl Day. Features of this holiday are an immense parade, athletic contests and various entertainments and contests for children—it is above everything else a day for the children of Sharon. This is as F. H. Buhl would have had his memory honored—a fact which has led the trustees of the Buhl Farm not only to provide everything possible for the happiness and health of the children who throng the farm but also to maintain a summer school and kindergarten for children under the direction of Mrs. Thomas Fitzgerald and Uldine Gretchins. Much of the success of the present management of the Buhl Farm has been ascribed to Henry Porter Forker, Jr., who is secretary and treasurer of its board of trustees.

Henry Porter Forker, Jr., after taking his college preparatory work at Kiski School, attended Washington and Lee University and then went on to Yale University, a member of the class of 1920 of that institution. His college career was interrupted during the war by his enlistment in the aviation corps of the United States Army, a service in which he was given non-commissioned rank.

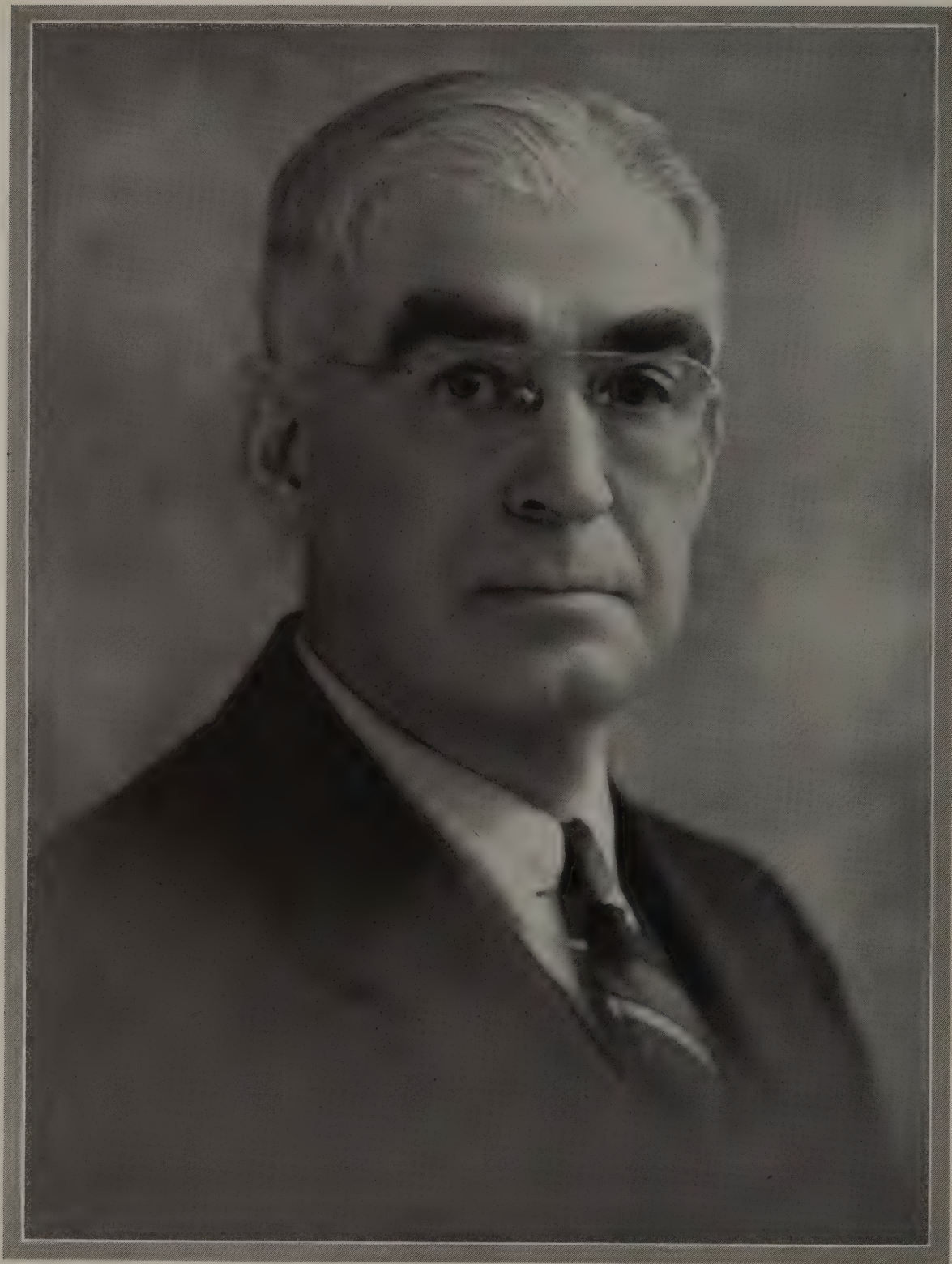
Returning to Sharon, Mr. Forker became associated with the Shenango Machine Works, becoming president

of the organization in 1931. The following year he was appointed secretary and treasurer of the Buhl-Kimberly Corporation, a position which he has occupied through the present time. Among Mr. Forker's other interests may be listed directorates on the boards of the McDowell Bank, the Mercer Tube Company, the First Federal Savings & Loan Bank and the Buhl-Kimberly Corporation. In addition to his public service as secretary and treasurer of the Buhl Farm board of trustees, Mr. Forker has given his time as a director of the Buhl Hospital Board. A Republican in politics, and a member of the Episcopal Church of Sharon, he belongs to the Sharon Fishing Club, the Yale Club of Pittsburgh, the Youngstown City Club, the Sharon Athletic Club, Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, the Sharon Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Masonic fraternity, being a member of various bodies of the order, including the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Henry Porter Forker, Jr., married March 20, 1923, at Long Beach, California, Helen Louise Stanley, daughter of Charles H. and Mary (Belden) Stanley. Charles H. Stanley, who passed away in 1929, was a prominent attorney of Long Beach, California. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Porter Forker, Jr., are the parents of two children: 1. Henry P., III, born December 20, 1923; he is a student at Hill School at Pottstown. 2. Mary, born August 17, 1925; she is a student at the Baldwin School, Vermont, Pennsylvania.

JOHN MacLACHLAND PENNELL—Turning from his career in banking, which brought him during thirty years of service to the position of executive vice-president of the Second National Bank of Titusville, John MacLachland Pennell, in recent years, has devoted himself to more varied responsibilities, first as an investment counselor and currently as owner and manager of the general insurance agency which he established in Titusville in 1939.

Mr. Pennell was born in Pleasantville, Pennsylvania, on November 26, 1886, son of William Walter and Nannie A. (Burchfield) Pennell. He is a grandson of Captain James H. Pennell, born in Lancaster, who was engaged in the foundry business there and afterward moved to Pleasantville, where he was a justice of the peace for many years. The wife of James H. Pennell was a member of the Bickham family. William Walter Pennell was born in Lancaster and died in Titusville on January 21, 1907. A school teacher in early life in the Academy at Neilton, Pennsylvania, where he also married, he later entered the grocery business in Pleasantville and in 1886 moved to Titusville, where he was first associated with McNaughton & Company, retail grocers, and later with the Ullman Company, a general dry goods concern. For many years prior to his death, he was secretary of the Independent



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Order of Odd Fellows Relief Association. Mr. Pennell was a Democrat in politics and a member of the First Presbyterian Church. His wife, who was born in Cochran and died at Titusville on July 15, 1938, was a daughter of Jesse Burchfield, an oil producer at Pleasantville. Her mother was a Porter.

John MacLachland Pennell was educated in the public schools of Titusville. After leaving high school, he entered the employ of the Second National Bank of Titusville in August, 1903, beginning as messenger boy at a salary of \$100 per year. Ambitious and capable, he rose rapidly in the organization and after serving a thorough apprenticeship in every phase of banking, was entrusted with executive responsibilities. During the course of his advancement in the institution he filled all positions, up to and including the office of executive vice-president. Mr. Pennell also served as a director of the Second National Bank. In February, 1934, he resigned as executive vice-president and director after thirty-one years of service, and shortly afterward became associated with John A. Beatie & Company, investment counselors, of Pittsburgh. In 1936, in addition to this connection, he also became associated with F. W. Reis, Jr., manager of the Pittsburgh office of the Canada Life Insurance Company of Toronto, Canada, which had under way an estate analytical survey of life insurance. This was his first direct contact with the insurance business, in which he has since been active. Mr. Pennell has been successful in his insurance work, having made the Century and Quarter Million clubs on several occasions. His general insurance office in Titusville, which he opened in May, 1939, is located at No. 104 Exchange Place. Under his management, it carries on a large business.

Mr. Pennell is a Republican in politics and is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Titusville, in which he formerly served as trustee. He is president of the Lions Club, is affiliated with Titusville Lodge, No. 754, Free and Accepted Masons, and Titusville Elks Lodge, No. 264, and is a member of the Young Men's Christian Association, the Titusville Country Club and other local organizations. In his busy career, he has found time to participate actively in the general life of his community and has exercised a definite influence in its affairs through his various connections and civic interests. Mr. Pennell is unmarried.

EDWARD E. DRAKE—For years active in the affairs of Eldred and Smethport, Edward E. Drake has been a leading figure in banking circles in these two communities. He is, at the time of writing, president of the First National Bank of Eldred, and is one of Smethport's beloved residents.

Mr. Drake was born June 27, 1872, in Sharon Center, Potter County, Pennsylvania, son of Dana and Helen

(Burdick) Drake, both of that county and both now deceased. His father was a lumberman and farmer.

Public schools of Sharon Center, his birthplace, furnished Edward E. Drake's early formal education, and afterward he studied at Westbrook Commercial Academy, in Olean, New York. In young manhood he served as bookkeeper with different mercantile houses, so continuing for some years. Then he went into the oil business as a driller and held other positions connected with the great oil industry of northwestern Pennsylvania. In 1905 he associated himself with the First National Bank, of Shinglehouse, Pennsylvania, as a bookkeeper, and remained with that institution until 1909, when he accepted the position of cashier of the First National Bank of Eldred. Until 1913 he remained in that office. Then he went to Smethport as cashier and director of the Grange National Bank. In the autumn of 1930 Mr. Drake returned to Eldred, here becoming cashier and director of the First National Bank, which made him vice-president and cashier in 1938 and president in January, 1940.

For years Mr. Drake has been active in the affairs of Eldred and Smethport. He is a Republican in politics, a member of the Eldred Rotary Club, and one of the organizers and now president of the Smethport Country Club. He is a director of the Pennsylvania Department of Public Assistance. In the Free and Accepted Masons, Mr. Drake is affiliated with Olean Lodge (of which he is a Past Master), Bradford Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Bradford Council, Royal and Select Masters; Trinity Commandery, Knights Templar (in Bradford), and Zem Zem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (in Erie). He is a devotee, in spare time, of golf and photography. He is a trustee of the Smethport Methodist Church.

Edward E. Drake married Clara Belle Berkhouse, of Kane, Pennsylvania. Mr. Drake is the father of two children: 1. Lawrence Drake, who was graduated from local schools and Smethport High School, then went to Westbrook Academy; now with the Lehigh Portland Cement Company; he married Adelaide Barber, and they became the parents of one son, George Edward Drake. 2. Lyle Drake, graduated from public schools, now living at home with his family.

JOHN GAINES BECK, M. D.—When Dr. John Gaines Beck began his professional career at Titusville he brought to his practice all the qualifications of training and native aptitude which have made him one of the most successful younger physicians of the city. He has been a resident of Titusville during the past eight years.

Dr. Beck was born at Lockport, Illinois, on February 20, 1907, son of John Geddes and Leila (Gaines) Beck. His paternal grandfather, who was born in England and

died in Chicago, was a musician, who conducted for years a Middle West orchestra. He married Adelaide Geddes, who was born in Lockport and died there, a daughter of John Geddes, long a butcher in Lockport, and Martha (Burdick) Geddes. Dr. Beck's father, John Geddes Beck, was born in Lockport, Illinois, on March 11, 1880, and is now living in Pittsburgh, where he is engaged in the insurance and bond business. He is a veteran of the Spanish-American War, in which he served with the 1st Illinois Cavalry, and is an active Methodist layman. At Pittsburgh he is a member of the official board and former Sunday school superintendent of Asbury Methodist Church. Leila (Gaines) Beck, the mother, was born on August 31, 1879, daughter of Ambrose Lincoln and Mary (Allen) Gaines. Her father, who was born in Vermont and died in Pittsburgh, was a retail merchant in Lockport. Her mother was born in Morris, Illinois, and died in Lockport.

John Gaines Beck completed his preparatory education at Nicholas Senn High School at Chicago in 1924 and in the same year entered Northwestern University, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1928 and the further degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1932. After qualifying in his profession he served eighteen months as interne at Western Pennsylvania Hospital in Pittsburgh and came to Titusville at the end of that time to launch his practice. For five years he had offices in the Second National Bank Building. Since 1938, when he bought his present home, he has maintained his offices there. Dr. Beck quickly established his professional reputation as a Titusville physician and has built up an important practice, whose responsibilities now occupy him. He is a member of the medical staff of Titusville Hospital, a Fellow of the American Medical Association and a member of the Crawford County and Pennsylvania State Medical societies. Outside his profession, he is a member of the Titusville Chamber of Commerce, the Lions Club and the Young Men's Christian Association, participating in the general life of the community as the duties of his practice permit. Dr. Beck is affiliated with the Sigma Chi fraternity and the Phi Rho Sigma medical fraternity. He is fond of outdoor sports, particularly hunting and fishing, and makes a hobby of photography.

On July 18, 1934, Dr. Beck married Dorothy DeEtte Kelley, who was born in Erie, Illinois, October 30, 1906, daughter of Dr. Jay Ambrose Kelley and Cora Belle (deLancey) Kelley. She is a granddaughter, in the paternal line, of Wilson and Emma (Freeman) Kelley, the former born in Canada, the latter in Kane County, Illinois. Both died in Elburn, Illinois. Wilson Kelley was a farmer and a veteran of the Civil War. Dr. Jay Ambrose Kelley, the father, was born in Lily Lake, Illinois, January 30, 1875, and is now engaged in the practice of dentistry in Chicago. Cora Belle (deLancey) Kelley, the mother, was

born near Elgin, Illinois, October 9, 1883, daughter of John I. and Emeline (Read) deLancey and a descendant of a Huguenot family established in this country by two brothers, who migrated from France. Her father, a farmer, was born in Kane County, Illinois, and died there. Her mother, who was also born in Kane County, died at Elgin.

Mrs. Beck is a graduate of Nicholas Senn High School in Chicago and of Northwestern University, where she took the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1928. Subsequently, until her marriage, she taught in the high schools of Arcola and Chicago. She is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, the Garden Club of Titusville, the Titusville Woman's Club and the local Presbyterian Church.

Dr. and Mrs. Beck are the parents of two children: Coralee Jean, born March 15, 1936; and John Jay, born June 3, 1938.

CHARLES FORD ADAMSON—As superintendent of schools of Crawford County, Charles Ford Adamson continues his long connection with the administration of the public school system of this county. He has devoted his entire career to education.

Mr. Adamson was born in old Allegheny, now the North Side of Pittsburgh, on January 21, 1889, son of Charles W. and Mary E. (Stenger) Adamson, both born in Mercer County and both now deceased. His father was a hardware merchant in Cochranon for many years and an elder in the Cochranon Presbyterian Church.

Charles Ford Adamson completed his preliminary education with his graduation from Cochranon High School in 1907 and afterward entered Edinboro Normal School, from which he was graduated in 1910. In 1935 he also took the degree of Bachelor of Science at Edinboro State Teachers' College and in 1938, after graduate work at the University of Pittsburgh, he received from that institution the degree of Master of Education. Mr. Adamson has also carried on graduate studies at Allegheny College, Pennsylvania State College and the University of Chicago. Meanwhile, his professional career was well under way. After teaching for two years in the rural schools of Crawford County prior to the first World War, he became a high school principal and teacher in Venango County, first in Richland Township and later at Emlenton, where he spent three years. At the end of this time he was appointed assistant superintendent of schools of Crawford County, an office in which he rounded out a quarter of a century of effective service. On August 1, 1940, when the office of county superintendent of schools became vacant, he was designated to fill it and as administrative head of the county school system he continues the service he began more than a quarter of a century ago.

Mr. Adamson, who is well known in educational circles in western Pennsylvania, is a member of the Pennsylvania

State Education Association, the National Education Association, the National Association of Secondary School Principals and the National Association of Penmanship Teachers and Supervisors. He is affiliated with the Kappa Phi Kappa fraternity. In addition to his professional connections, he has taken an active interest in the life of his community and as a resident of Meadville, contributes to its civic institutions and enterprises. His favorite recreations are travel and hiking.

On December 25, 1913, he married Mabel E. Hill, who was born in Venango County, daughter of George and Elizabeth (Moore) Hill, both deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Adamson became the parents of two children: Annabelle, born January 29, 1915, died December 26, 1922; and Charles Forrest, born August 20, 1925.

THE TITUSVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

—The Titusville Historical Society was founded largely as the result of the interest and effort of Mrs. Julien E. (Elizabeth Fletcher) Hequembourg, widow of J. E. Hequembourg, a distinguished physician and surgeon of Chicago, and herself a descendant of Jonathan Titus, one of the founders of Titusville, and also of Amos Chase, the first settled pastor of a Christian church (Presbyterian) in Titusville and vicinity. With her own family records, and those in the keeping of Canadohta Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, of which she was for some years the Regent, Mrs. Hequembourg was well qualified to judge of the importance of the early history of Titusville as a frontier part of the young American Republic, and of the rôle the town played in later years as the starting point of a great American and world industry through the discovery there of petroleum.

With the backing of the Canadohta Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, a preliminary meeting was called in 1936 to consider the formation of an historical society; and on May 21, 1937, the Titusville Historical Society was duly organized. Its first president was Mrs. Charles T. (Helen Edwards) Evans, descendant of a pioneer family that had been attracted to the region by the discovery of oil; and who was later succeeded in office by Mrs. John W. (Cora Gorenflo) Caldwell, representing a family connected with the early oil business of the locality. The first official roster of the society included the following: vice-presidents, Mrs. E. T. Stevenson, Mrs. Julien E. Hequembourg, John H. Scheide, James H. Caldwell, Jr., Roscoe Fertig, Robert Hampton, Jr.; recording secretary, John B. Chick; corresponding secretary, Arvid H. Anderson; treasurer, Warren A. Love; council, J. M. Bloss, Mrs. George E. Baylis, S. S. Bryan, H. A. Chase, John L. Emerson, Mayor L. D. Fulton, Jacob Goldstein, Mrs. Samuel Grumbine, Mrs. R. S. Hampton, Fred B. Howland, W. A. Murdoch, Mrs. Samuel Semple, C. L. von Tacky, A. N. Warner. These

persons represented active connections with the history of Titusville in business, commercial, social, professional, and philanthropic life for many years.

The history of the region immediately around Titusville covers a wide range. The trading and war parties of the Indians of the Great Lakes section passed down through western Pennsylvania over trails still dimly traceable; and the ancient oil pits on the outskirts of Titusville point possibly to a still older and more primitive people as occupants of that vicinity. The competition of the French and the English for ownership of the lands south of the Lakes; and the gradual infiltration of English, Irish, and Scotch-Irish settlers after the American Revolution and the establishment of the new Republic, are all a part of the historical background of Titusville. Then came the development of the lumbering industry as the region progressed; and finally there was the successful drilling of the first commercial oil well in the world, completed by Edwin L. Drake, under the backing of New England finances, aided by those of Titusville itself. The discovery of petroleum in commercial quantities, and the development of means to handle, utilize, and market it, changed Titusville from a small town with the business interests of the pre-Civil War days to the status of a determining factor in the business and history of the whole country, and indeed of the world. The vast petroleum industry had its first organizational impulse in this town on Oil Creek in northwestern Pennsylvania. Some of the most important oil companies had their first inception there, among them the great Tidewater Oil Company, which laid the first long distance oil pipe line in the world. The Seep Purchasing Agency, which for years set the price of crude petroleum for the world was another Titusville institution. Most of the names that figure in the rise of the vast oil business of the country were once connected with the tale of Titusville and its immediate neighborhood. The natural consequence of this was that the young men of Titusville followed the oil as it was found in many sections of this country, and even into many other countries. Mexico, Venezuela, Peru, Aruba, China, India, Hainan, Formosa, Rumania, are names perfectly familiar in Titusville because her sons have gone to those places to help in the development of oil properties there.

With this background of association and interest it is not strange that the Titusville Historical Society should have been organized on a broad basis, to include not merely the preservation of local records, but also the encouragement of general interest in history of a wide scope. Its constitution embodies this idea; and many subjects besides those of a strictly local character have been presented in the programs which it offers to the public. Along with the historical data of the immediate region these broad interests account for the fact that the society's general membership quickly ran to over two hundred, and that it

has been able to establish the nucleus of a valuable permanent historical collection. It has also begun the practice of holding from time to time historical exhibitions to which loan exhibits may be sent illustrating the various phases of the society's interests.

The society has also inaugurated the policy of honoring distinguished persons who are citizens or former citizens of the community. Its first event of this kind was a testimonial dinner to Ida M. Tarbell, the well-known author and journalist, a native daughter of the city. Miss Tarbell was born in Erie County, Pennsylvania, and was brought here when two years old.

The society has been instrumental in the restoration of appropriate and original names to historic spots in the environment, in order to conserve the continuity of historical identity. It has also undertaken to aid in sponsoring some observation each year of August twenty-seventh, "Drake Day," the anniversary of the day on which Edwin L. Drake completed the world's first commercial oil well, thereby starting a new industry, and a force that has affected the history of the world.

In this last work the society coöperates with the trustees of the Drake Well Memorial Park and Museum, a State institution located on the outskirts of Titusville, on the site of that first drilling for oil. In this and in other matters the society also coöperates with the Titusville Chamber of Commerce.

The Titusville Historical Society is a member of the Pennsylvania Federation of Historical Societies, and collaborates with them. It has secured a depository for exhibits in the Benson Memorial Library, itself a place of historical import in the city, and uses the services of a custodian. Besides its strictly business meetings for the conduct of its own affairs, the society holds stated meeting two times a year, to which the public is invited.

THE REV. SAMUEL SEMPLE, D. D.—For years pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Titusville, the Rev. Samuel Semple, D. D., has been pastor emeritus of this congregation since 1929.

Dr. Semple was born January 1, 1867, in Castledergh, Ireland, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Macauley) Semple. His father spent his whole life in Ireland, and the mother, a native Irishwoman, died in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Samuel Semple himself attended the Hamilton School, in Philadelphia, and was graduated in 1891 from Princeton University with the degree of Bachelor of Arts and in 1897 from the same institution as a Master of Arts. He was graduated from McCormick Theological Seminary in 1894 and received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Grove City College in 1906. In 1894 and 1895 he served as pastor of Glen Avon Church, at Duluth, Minnesota. In 1895 he became pastor of the Second Church of his denomination, in Little Rock, Arkansas, where he re-

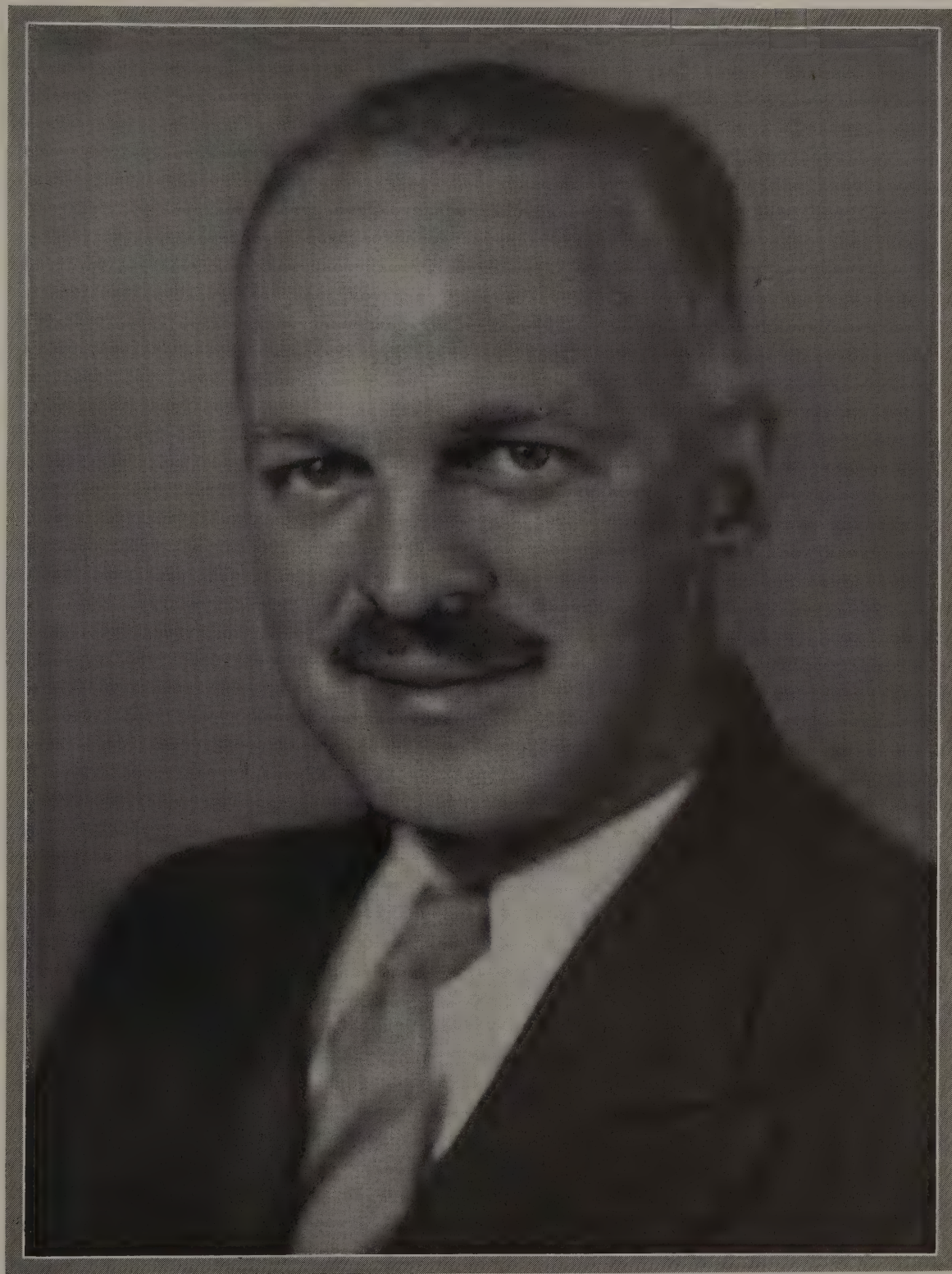
mained until 1899. It was in that year that Dr. Semple was made pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Titusville, where he served continuously in that capacity until his retirement in 1929, a period of thirty years in all. He then became pastor emeritus here.

Civic, social and fraternal activities have absorbed a great deal of Dr. Semple's attention. He is a member of Titusville Lodge, No. 754, Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he is affiliated with the Valley of Pittsburgh Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and holds the thirty-second degree. He is a member of the Bibliophile Society of Boston, and belongs also to the Titusville Rotary Club and the Titusville Golf Club. During the World War period of 1917-18 Dr. Semple was a chaplain at Camp Raritan, New Jersey.

The Rev. Dr. Samuel Semple married, May 9, 1894, Helen Merrick, born in Norristown, Pennsylvania, daughter of Dr. Stephen Wilson and Mary Elizabeth (Walton) Merrick. Her mother, though born in New York City, was reared and educated in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, and died in Titusville. Her father, Dr. Merrick, a native of Bucks County, who died there, was a practicing dentist. Dr. and Mrs. Semple became the parents of the following children: 1. Samuel Merrick Semple, who is associated with an oil company at Baton Rouge, Louisiana; he married Prudence Foster, a native of Texas. 2. Robert Walton Semple, who is now deceased, formerly of Dallas, Texas, was associated also with an oil company; he married Helen White, of Weatherford, Texas.

HOWARD C. HERGER—Port Allegany proved itself a place of opportunity for Howard C. Herger as a graduate engineer of twenty years ago. The opportunity was in the form of a glass factory, but was somewhat disguised by the fact that the plant had changed hands a number of times and threatened to become defunct. The enterprise not only has survived but has been developed into one of the most important manufacturing companies in McKean County. Credit for accomplishment is universally given to the able management of Mr. Herger, who has directed its destinies since 1926. Although a busy man bearing heavy responsibilities, he is one of the most active citizens in community affairs.

Mr. Herger was born at Buffalo, New York, February 9, 1898, son of Charles G. and Frances (Cornell) Herger. His mother is a native of Lewiston, New York. His father, who died in 1930, was one of the founders of the Pierce Glass Company (of which further). In the public and private schools Howard C. Herger was prepared for higher education. Entering the University of Buffalo, he was graduated in 1920 a Bachelor of Science in Engineering. During that same year he entered the employ of the Pierce Glass Company, at Port Allegany, within



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a year winning promotion to assistant manager. As already related, he was elected secretary and general manager in 1926 and has been the directing head of production ever since with splendid results. Mr. Herger is fortunate in having the qualifications required of a skilled executive, combined with technical training and large experience.

Some history of the Pierce Glass Company and of their plant in Port Allegany may be in order. Making the last first—About a half century ago it became evident that Port Allegany possessed special advantages for the making of certain types of glass, more particularly the kinds used in bottles—the raw materials, railroad transportation and above all, a supposedly inexhaustible supply of natural gas. The Olean Glass Company built the first plant at Port Allegany in 1896, the first bottle being blown on May 9 of that year. Shortly after the turn of the century a fire and a shortage of natural gas caused the shutting down of the establishment, which started again on a reduced scale in 1902. In 1913 the Olean Glass Company sold its interests to the Acme Glass Company, which in turn disposed of them to several local men, who in turn sold them in 1915 to the Wightman Coöperative Glass Company, a group of workmen and former employees. In 1917-18 they sold to the Pierce Glass Company.

The Pierce Glass Company was organized in 1905 at St. Marys, Pennsylvania, by Dr. V. Mott and others of Buffalo, New York, to operate a small "hand" plant. In 1914 it removed to Hamburg, New York, and built a new works, and in 1917 came to Port Allegany to take over the Wightman Coöperative Glass Company's holdings. As indicated, Howard C. Herger became associated with the company in 1920 and has had a hand in building up the business to one of major proportions. Not even the recent long and repeated depressions have stopped its progress. The concern manufactures a varied line of bottles, with a production capacity of half a million gross of bottles annually. About two hundred are employed, and thereby the company is an outstanding contributor to the prosperity of the community.

Among other business interests, Mr. Herger is president of the Keystone Garage, Inc., and vice-president of the Salem Chemical Company. He has been secretary of the Board of Education for twelve years, and is a Republican in political allegiance. During the World War, he served with the Field Artillery, United States Army, and he is a Past Commander of the Frank Burt Post, No. 258, American Legion. Along professional lines, Mr. Herger is a member of the American Chemical Company, the American Ceramic Society, and the British Society of Technologists. He is an enthusiastic Rotarian, and his religious affiliations are with the Catholic Church. Mr.

Herger has several hobbies about which he is keen. He has built his own golf course; is a well-known rider, having his own string of hunters and jumpers; is exceptional in his skill as an amateur photographer; and is a fine musician, especially as a pianist.

On June 28, 1921, Howard C. Herger married Lillian Abel, of Buffalo, New York, and they are the parents of four children: 1. Joan, graduate of Mary Mount School at Troy, New York, now attending William Smith College, at Geneva, New York. 2. Michael, a graduate of Port Allegany High School. 3. Carole. 4. Joseph. The last two named are attending local schools.

THOMAS AUSTIN ESHELMAN, D. D. S.—

Since he began the practice of dentistry at Franklin some eighteen years ago, Dr. Thomas Austin Eshelman has firmly established his professional reputation and his position in the city's life. He is today one of the most active figures in his community.

Dr. Eshelman was born on February 12, 1893, son of Uriah Hague and Malinda Jane (Carrier) Eshelman, both born in Venango County and both now deceased. His father was a contractor and builder.

After the completion of his preliminary education in the public schools of Franklin, Dr. Eshelman entered Bucknell University, where he specialized in science and music. His preparations for his profession were interrupted by two years of military service in the World War period, during which he spent one year overseas with the 318th Infantry, 80th Division, United States Army, and attained the grade of corporal. Following his discharge from the service, he entered the University of Pittsburgh and was graduated from that institution in 1923, with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. After taking his degree, he launched his practice in Franklin, which has now grown to large proportions.

Dr. Eshelman's standing in his profession was reflected in his election as president of the Venango County Dental Society in 1932. He is also a member of the Pennsylvania Dental Society and the American Dental Association. In addition to his professional connections he takes an active part in all local civic affairs and is now serving as a director of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce and of Franklin Chapter of the American Red Cross. Dr. Eshelman also retains his early interest in music, which he taught for several years as a young man. He is an accomplished violinist, playing with a number of local organizations, and is prominent in all music affairs of the Franklin area. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Franklin Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and in this order is a member of all higher bodies of both York and Scottish rites, including the Royal Arch Chapter, the Council and Commandery, Knights Templar, all at Franklin; New Castle

Consistory, and Zem Zem Temple, Mystic Shrine, at Erie. He is a member of the American Legion, and Past Commander of Post No. 476, at Franklin. Dr. Eshelman is also a member of the Franklin Kiwanis Club. His college fraternities were Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Pi Omega. He is a Republican in politics and a Methodist in religious faith.

In 1922 Dr. Eshelman married Rena Geiger, of Franklin. They became the parents of three children: Thomas P., who died in infancy; Richard G., and John Phillip, both in local schools.

JAMES HAMILTON CHICKERING—For many years associated in business with the Oil Well Supply Company, manufacturers and dealers in oil well supplies, James H. Chickering is also interested in banking activities in Oil City. He retains his residence here since his withdrawal from active business pursuits, and is one of his community's honored and beloved citizens.

Mr. Chickering was born December 8, 1875, in New York City, son of Kenton and Elizabeth (Hamilton) Chickering. The family is an old and distinguished one, dating back in family records on the paternal side to Henry Chickering, born in 1560 in England, died in the parish of Braunfield, Suffolk County, England. His widow came to America, settling at Dedham, Massachusetts, in 1646. Their son, Simon Chickering, died August 27, 1674. Nathaniel Chickering lived from 1647 to 1694 at Dedham, and rendered military service in the Colonial wars. Daniel Chickering and his son, Nathaniel Chickering, of Dover, fought in the Revolutionary War. Cyrus Clark Chickering, James H. Chickering's grandfather, born in Dover, Massachusetts, November 30, 1812, and died November 18, 1865, in Worcester, that State, carried on the family line. He married Sarah M. Scott, who was born in Philadelphia, April 14, 1818, and died in Oil City, September 18, 1901, a cousin of General Winfield Scott, of Mexican War fame. Their son, Kenton Chickering, James H. Chickering's father, was born May 16, 1847, in Worcester, Massachusetts, and died December 9, 1908, in Oil City, Pennsylvania. At the time of his death he was vice-president and general manager of the Oil Well Supply Company, of Oil City. He was associated with John Eaton in selling oil well supplies and in forming the Oil Well Supply Company, Ltd., removing from Titusville to Oil City in January, 1876. He was a Republican in politics, at one time a member of the Oil City Council, a director and the first president of Oil City Hospital, and a vestryman and warden of Christ Episcopal Church, of Oil City. His wife, Elizabeth (Hamilton) Chickering, James H. Chickering's mother, was born November 23, 1846, in New York City, and died November 2, 1926, in Oil City.

James H. Chickering attended grade schools in Oil City and the Stevens School at Hoboken, New Jersey,

and in 1886 he studied at Bethlehem Preparatory School, in Bethlehem. He entered Lehigh University in September, 1897, and in the fall of 1899 became associated with the Oil Well Supply Company, of Oil City, filling different positions therein until March 1, 1927. He was statistician and director of the company until that time, when he opened an office in the Oil City National Bank Building. On April 24, 1923, he was elected a director of the Oil Well Supply Company, on whose board he served until that company was purchased by the United States Steel Corporation in 1930. Mr. Chickering carried on his extensive activities for many years until his retirement from business on June 1, 1938. A director of the Oil City National Bank, as an advisor and helper he has aided many other enterprises in this region of Pennsylvania.

Civic affairs absorb a great deal of his time, of which he gives generously to any project that gains his interest. He was for some years a director of the Oil City Hospital, and was its president in 1925. He is a Republican in politics. In Christ Episcopal Church for many years he served as senior warden and vestryman. He is a member of the executive council of the diocese of Erie. He is a member of the Wanango Country Club and president of the Oil City Boat Club, belongs to the Chi Psi fraternity, and in the Free and Accepted Masons is affiliated with Petrolia Lodge No. 363, Oil City Chapter No. 236, Royal Arch Masons; Keystone Council, No. 42, Royal and Select Masters; Venango Lodge of Perfection in Oil City, and New Castle Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, in which he holds the thirty-second degree. He is a Past Commander of Talbot Commandery, No. 43, of Oil City, and in 1929, 1930 and 1931 was Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Pennsylvania. At the time of writing he is chairman of the finance committee of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, of Pennsylvania, and a member of the finance committee of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America. His Masonic affiliations also include membership in Syria Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Pittsburgh. Mr. Chickering is a member of the Kiwanis Club and its second president in 1923 and lieutenant-governor in 1924 and 1925. During the World War, Mr. Chickering was active as a "four-minute speaker" in connection with the different drives and campaigns. His favorite recreation is fishing.

James H. Chickering was married, June 15, 1905, to Helen Shepard, of Bradford, Pennsylvania, daughter of Edwin R. and Caroline (Slack) Shepard, both of Bradford, Pennsylvania, and both now deceased. Her father was treasurer of the Southern Group of Pipe Lines. Mrs. Chickering, prior to her marriage, lived in Bradford, Pennsylvania, where her family resided. Mr. and Mrs. Chickering are the parents of the following children: 1. Kenton Chickering, of the publicity department of the



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Oil Well Supply Company, of Dallas, Texas, who married Emma Roess, of Oil City; they have two children: Kenton Chickering, Jr., and Winfield Scott Chickering. 2. Helen Chickering, wife of Captain C. F. Buck, Jr., now stationed in the chief of ordnance office, Washington, District of Columbia; they have two children: Champlin F., Jr., and Carolyn Buck. 3. Lieutenant Edwin S. Shepard Chickering, instructor in the United States Air Corps, at Kelley Field, Texas; he married Mary Jim Lane, of Little Rock, Arkansas. 4. James H. Chickering, Jr., associated with the Glen L. Martin Company, of Baltimore, Maryland; married Greta McMullin, of Oil City.

CHESTER ALBERT NORDSTROM, M. D.—Since 1931 Dr. Chester Albert Nordstrom has been engaged in the practice of medicine at Franklin. He is a well-known specialist in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat and has won recognition in the principal professional associations.

Dr. Nordstrom was born at Jamestown, New York, on August 16, 1899, son of the late F. G. Nordstrom and Mary (Bacon) Nordstrom. His father, who was born in Sweden, was a jeweler. His mother was born in Wellsboro, Pennsylvania.

Chester Albert Nordstrom received his preliminary education in the public schools of Jamestown, and afterward entered the University of Buffalo, where he took the degrees of Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Medicine in 1923. During the following year he served as interne at Buffalo General Hospital, and in further preparation for his professional career, spent three years at New York Post Graduate Hospital in New York City. Having qualified as a specialist, he began his practice at Franklin in 1931 and has since devoted himself to professional responsibilities which have grown to substantial proportions. His practice embraces all phases of ophthalmology, rhinology and otolaryngology, with special emphasis on surgery.

Dr. Nordstrom is also active in institutional connections as a member of the staff of Franklin Hospital and Polk State School. He is a member of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology, the American Medical Association, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the Venango County Medical Society. In addition, he serves as a member of the board of the Franklin Red Cross.

Aside from his professional connections, Dr. Nordstrom is active in the Masonic Order, in which he is a member of Franklin Lodge and all higher bodies of both York and Scottish rites, including Franklin Royal Arch Chapter; Franklin Council, Royal and Select Masters; Franklin Commandery, Knights Templar; Oil City Lodge of Perfection, and Coudersport Consistory, and a member of Zem Zem Temple, Mystic Shrine, in Erie. He is also

affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is a member of Franklin Rotary Club. During the World War, Dr. Nordstrom attended the Field Artillery Corps Officers' Training School. He is a Methodist in religious faith.

On March 9, 1925, he married Gwendolyn Clark, of Canada, and they are the parents of one son, James Peter, born June 26, 1926, now attending Rocky Grove High School.

JOHN BELL McMILLIN—In Bradford, McKean County, the business of John Bell McMillin has grown increasingly noteworthy during the more than two decades that he has at various times been a citizen of this city. He is the head of two companies of his own organizing and formerly was associated with one of the local important industrial firms. The qualities that have brought Mr. McMillin to the fore in commercial fields have been placed generously at the service of community projects to their advantage.

Mr. McMillin was born at Bellevue, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, August 11, 1892, son of John H. and Elizabeth (Bell) McMillin. His father, who died in 1913, was a native of Mercer County, this State. He was an architect. His mother was born in Allegheny County. John Bell McMillin was educated in the grammar schools of his birthplace. As a young lad, however, he began earning a part of his own livelihood as a Western Union messenger boy, and at various other jobs open to one so young. He secured steady employment with the Pennsylvania Railroad System in their Pittsburgh offices and thereby laid the groundwork of what was to be his future career. After some five years in this connection, at the age of twenty-one, he was traffic manager of the Lutz & Schramm Company, and in 1914 he went to the Riverside Oil Company, as traffic manager under O. D. Robinson. In 1918 he came to Bradford in charge of sales and as general manager of the B. B. Stroud Company, of which he later was a stockholder.

In 1927 Mr. McMillin returned to the Pittsburgh area with the Waverly Oil Company, but after eight months teamed up once more with O. D. Robinson in the Republic Oil Company. In 1932 he returned to Bradford as district manager of the Republic Company. Since 1935 he has been president of the Oil Marketers Corporation, which he founded at that time after the closing of the local office of the former concern. The new company was a partnership firm, its purpose being to facilitate the sale of the petroleum products of the Bradford oil field, and his associate was Guy Leslie Hughey. The concern serves a territory that comprises a large area in the East, functioning by the use of a fleet of transports, together with

several motor trucks for local distribution. It has storage tanks of some sixty thousand gallons capacity and at its new headquarters on the corner of Mills and Williams streets maintains also a retail branch. Everything in housing and equipment is of the most modern. About twenty people are employed, and their service to jobbers and industrial plants is exceptionally complete and fast.

Since 1937 Mr. McMillin has also been the owner and general manager of the Airco Heating Equipment Company, dealing in heating devices and air conditioning plants, as General Electric dealer. He is a director and treasurer of the Bradford Building & Loan Association. In politics Mr. McMillin is a Republican, and was the organizer of the local Republican Club, in 1937, of which he was secretary and treasurer. He was county chairman of the Willkie clubs during the 1940 campaign for President. Fraternally he is affiliated with Union Lodge, No. 334, Free and Accepted Masons, and is a member of the Rotary Club. He has been much to the fore in the work of the Young Men's Christian Association, acting as its first vice-president and director. He is a member of the Y's Men's Club, and a past regional director of the Y's Men's International clubs, having oversight of these organizations in five states. As such he was likewise a director of the International group, having a hand in making its policies. Formerly he was active in Boy Scout work. His religious affiliations are with the First Baptist Church of Pittsburgh. He was one of the organizers of the Community Chest in 1926, acting as director and secretary for two years. He is now president of this organization.

On August 2, 1917, John B. McMillin married Jean Wood, of Wilkesburg, Pennsylvania, and they are the parents of three children: 1. Lois D., a graduate of local schools and Lockhaven State Teachers College, who married Robert W. Wingard, and they have two daughters: Jeananna and Elizabeth W. 2. John B., who died in infancy. 3. Sara Betsey, a graduate of local grammar and high schools.

GUY LESLIE HUGHEY—A native and lifelong resident of Bradford, Guy Leslie Hughey has been associated with the oil industry for a number of years in several phases of this important northwestern Pennsylvania industry himself. His early experience in accounting and banking have proved of major value in later activities as the secretary and treasurer of petroleum companies. He also is identified with production and distribution.

Mr. Hughey was born in Bradford, McKean County, Pennsylvania, September 17, 1902, son of Carle B. and Marguerite G. (Valelly) Hughey. His mother is a native of Ellicottville, New York. His father, who died in July, 1940, was born in West Valley, New York, and

was active in oil production for many years of his life. Guy Leslie Hughey supplemented his grammar and high school education with extension courses in accounting. His first employment of note was with Oppenheim and Siff, but upon his graduation in 1920, he entered the Bradford National Bank in a clerical capacity.

On May 1, 1929, Mr. Hughey became associated with the Healy Petroleum Corporation, but on November 15, of that same year, joined the forces of the Kendall Refinery as an accountant. In June, 1933, he went with the Niagara Oil Company, remaining until February, 1935, when he accepted a post with the Pennsylvania State on special work undertaken by the Unemployment Division of the National Works Progress Administration. In August of that year, he became a partner with John Bell McMillin, to organize the Oil Marketers Corporation, of which he has since been the secretary and treasurer. This company functions as distributors for the petroleum products of the Bradford oil area, shipping by a fleet of motorized equipment to many parts of the East. It also maintains at their new Mill and Williams streets headquarters in Bradford, pumps and equipment for the retail as well as wholesale trade. A large storage tank of sixty thousand gallons capacity is one of the methods by which the corporation carries on quick and efficient distribution.

Mr. Hughey is secretary and treasurer of the David Oil Company, of which he also is a partner, and the Gibson Oil Company, and has been for several years connected with independent oil production. Although only a boy when the United States entered the World War, he offered his services and was accepted by the Pennsylvania Militia. Later he was a member of Company C for about a year. Fraternally he is affiliated with Union Lodge, No. 334, Bradford, Free and Accepted Masons; Bradford Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and Trinity Commandery, Knights Templar, and is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Numbered among his clubs are the Kiwanis, the Young Men's Christian Association Men's Club, the Bradford Club, and he is treasurer of the McKean County Motor Club. A member of the Bradford Presbyterian Church, he sings in its choir and is active in religious and humanitarian organizations and movements.

On October 30, 1929, Guy Leslie Hughey married Beulah Gibson, daughter of J. H. Gibson, of Bradford, and they are the parents of three children: 1. James Harvey, born March 19, 1931. 2. Betty Ann, born March 12, 1933. 3. Ruth Jean, born June 27, 1935. All of the children are attending local schools.

SAMUEL PENNIMAN BATES—A partner in the Edward T. Bates Company, engaged in the music business, Samuel Penniman Bates is one of Meadville's leading citizens.



Sam L. Hughes

Mr. Bates was born December 22, 1900, in Meadville, Pennsylvania, son of Alfred J. and Bertha Sprague Bates and a member of an old family long established in this region of Pennsylvania. His great-grandfather, Dr. Samuel P. Bates, was Pennsylvania State historian. After the Civil War he wrote a number of histories, the best known of which was "Martial Deeds of Pennsylvania." An educator, superintendent of Crawford County schools for six years, and deputy superintendent of public instruction, he was a graduate of Brown University, and held the honorary Doctor of Laws degree, conferred upon him by Bucknell University in 1866. He was born at Mendon, Massachusetts, January 27, 1827, and died July 15, 1902, in Meadville. He and his wife, Sarah Josephine (Bates) Bates, established the family in Meadville about 1850, she having also been born in Mendon, Massachusetts.

His son, Edward T. Bates, the present Samuel P. Bates' uncle, founded the Edward T. Bates Music Company in 1880, the store's headquarters being at No. 303 Chestnut Street. He conducted the enterprise until 1888, after which his father managed it until 1893. It was then taken over by Alfred J. Bates, Samuel Penniman Bates' father, who carried it on until his death in 1933. Alfred J. Bates married Bertha Sprague. They became the parents of Samuel P. and John L. Bates, who now run the business.

Samuel Penniman Bates attended public schools in Meadville, and was graduated from Allegheny College here in 1923. He also studied at the Pennsylvania College of Music. Beginning in 1922 he was associated with the Edward T. Bates Company here, with the exception of the year 1924-25, when he was with the C. C. Mellor Piano Company, in Pittsburgh. Returning, however, to the Bates company, in Meadville, he was made manager in 1933, so continuing until 1936, when he became a co-partner in the business.

The store, one of the leading enterprises of its kind in this region, has been situated at No. 287 Chestnut Street since 1912. In addition to his work with this music company, Mr. Bates takes a lively interest in community affairs. In 1937 he was elected a member of the Meadville Board of Education for a six-year term. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the Meadville Orchestral Society. He is a director of the Kiwanis Club and a member of Lodge No. 408, Free and Accepted Masons. His church is the First Baptist.

WALTER JOHN MCCLINTOCK—Since he began his professional career in Meadville some thirty years ago, Walter John McClintock has been active both at the bar and in other phases of the city's life. He carries on a large and important practice and has extended the scope of his influence through his many connections with the institutions and civic enterprises of his community.

Mr. McClintock was born at Meadville on January 9, 1885, a son of John Oliver and Harriet E. (Coburn) McClintock. He is a descendant of Joseph McClintock, who served in the Revolutionary War during eight separate enlistments, in three of which he had the rank of sergeant, and died in 1799. From Joseph McClintock the line is traced through his son, Hugh McClintock, born in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, died there in 1807, and his wife, Ann (Carrouthers) McClintock; Hamilton McClintock, born in Cumberland County in 1771, died in Venango County in 1857; James McClintock, a farmer, born in Cumberland County (now a part of Perry County) in 1800, died in Venango County in 1855, and his wife, Louisa (Reynolds) McClintock; and Hamilton Reynolds and Mary Jane (Small) McClintock, who were the grandparents of Walter John McClintock.

Hamilton Reynolds McClintock was born in Venango County, where the town of Rouseville now stands, on September 2, 1822, and died at Meadville on January 1, 1896. A farmer and a lay minister of the Methodist Church, he also operated an oil refinery at Rouseville for several years prior to 1865 and upon his subsequent removal to Meadville, was engaged in business as a manufacturer until his retirement. His wife, Mary Jane (Small) McClintock, was born in Jackson Township, Venango County in 1820 and died at Meadville in 1894. John Oliver McClintock, the father, was born in Cherry Tree Township, Venango County, on June 23, 1850, and died in Meadville on December 12, 1929. He was a lawyer in this city for many years, a member of the Meadville School Board and was otherwise active in the community life. He married Harriet E. Coburn, who was born in Meadville on December 23, 1849, and died at Bradford, while visiting there, on August 16, 1930.

Walter John McClintock received his preliminary education in the public schools of Meadville, where he completed the high school course in 1903, and subsequently entered Allegheny College, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1907. He prepared for his profession at Dickinson School of Law, taking the degrees of Bachelor of Laws and Master of Arts in 1910, and in the same year was admitted to the Pennsylvania bar, entering practice at Meadville in partnership with his father. This connection was continued until the death of John Oliver McClintock on December 12, 1929. Since that time Mr. McClintock has continued the practice alone. Early in his career he established his professional reputation and has appeared successfully in much important litigation, frequently representing large interests. Although he does not limit his practice, he specializes in estates, tax matters and corporate law and is well known in these fields.

Mr. McClintock is attorney and director of the Merchants National Bank & Trust Company of Meadville,

and in addition to the responsibilities of his private practice, has served since 1938 as county solicitor of Crawford County. He is vice-president and director of the Meadville City Hospital, in which he has long been active; vice-president of the Crawford County Historical Society, an association reflecting another major interest; and trustee and secretary of Meadville Theological School. His other connections are numerous. Mr. McClintock is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and is affiliated fraternally with the Masonic Order, in which he is a member of various York Rite bodies, all bodies of the Scottish Rite, including the thirty-second degree of the Consistory, and Zem Zem Temple, Mystic Shrine, in Erie. He is also affiliated with Crawford Lodge, No. 734, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is vice-president of the Crawford County Bar Association, member of Phi Kappa Psi, member of the University Club of Meadville, the Round Table Club, the Literary Union, the Meadville Rotary Club, the Meadville Country Club and the Iroquois Boating and Fishing Club. Mr. McClintock is a Republican in politics and a member of the Unitarian Church. Golf is his favorite recreation.

On August 29, 1922, he married (first) Dorothy A. Kennedy, of Akron, Ohio, who died on January 4, 1924. Mr. McClintock married (second) on April 10, 1930, Mrs. Grace (Wheeler) Smith, who was born in Brooklyn, New York, and reared and educated in Meadville, a daughter of Dr. David Hilton Wheeler and Mary D. (Demerest) Wheeler. Her distinguished father, who served as United States Consul at Genoa, Italy, during the administration of President Lincoln, was twice president of Northwestern University and for a period of years between his two incumbencies at that institution, was president of Allegheny College. He was born in New York State and died in Meadville, to which place he had returned to make his home.

WINFIELD SCOTT ZEHRUNG—Years of association with the oil industry and with other branches of industrial life have admirably fitted Winfield Scott Zehrung, of Oil City, for his present work as president of the Pennzoil Company. He has distinguished himself in the perfection of certain processes, holding patents on refinery processing, and has also written extensively for technical and general magazines on refinery engineering.

Mr. Zehrung was born January 15, 1897, in Montpelier, Indiana, son of Winfield Scott and Gertrude (Mahoney) Zehrung. He attended Meadville High School, where he was graduated in 1915, and in 1919 he was graduated *magna cum laude* from Allegheny College, Meadville, with the degree of Bachelor of Science. He then associated himself with the Phoenix Iron Works, in Meadville, serving as erection supervisor in 1919, and then he became

connected with the Penn American Refining Company, forerunner of the Pennzoil Company. In 1927 he was made manager of the sales engineering department of the Pennzoil Company. From 1932 to 1937 he served as manager of lubricating sales. From 1934 to 1937 he was vice-president of the Pennzoil Company. Then he was elected president.

Mr. Zehrung's work in the oil industry includes his activities as chief executive officer of the Pennzoil organization, as well as the inventive and literary accomplishments mentioned above. He belongs to the American Chemical Society, the American Society for Testing Materials and the American Petroleum Institute. He served during the World War in the Army Air Corps of the United States, and is now affiliated with the American Legion, as well as with the Wanango Club and the Second Presbyterian Church.

Winfield Scott Zehrung married, September 9, 1929, at Johnstown, Pennsylvania, Sarah L. Myton, a native of Johnstown. Mrs. Zehrung was graduated from Hood College in 1924 as a Bachelor of Science, and she is a member of the Second Presbyterian Church of Oil City and active in several woman's organizations. Mr. and Mrs. Zehrung are the parents of two children: 1. Winfield Scott Zehrung, III, born July 4, 1931. 2. Sarah Lane Zehrung, born November 7, 1936.

VAUGHN RUSSELL DE LONG—As superintendent of the schools of Oil City, Vaughn Russell De Long has earned the respect and admiration of his fellow-citizens in all walks of life, and he has done much for the advancement of the educational interests of his community and its people.

Mr. De Long was born January 24, 1903, in Corning, Ohio, son of George W. and Addie (Moore) De Long. His father, born in Perry County, Ohio, died in Dresden, Ohio, April 6, 1920, aged sixty-three years, was an educator by profession, serving as superintendent of schools in his community at the time of his death. He was a Republican, active in the Methodist Church. His wife, born in Perry County, Ohio, now lives in Columbus.

Vaughn Russell De Long attended Dresden High School, where he was graduated in 1918, and in 1923 he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts from Ohio Wesleyan University Delaware, Ohio. In 1929 he took the degree of Master of Arts at Ohio State University, in Columbus. Taking up education as his life's work, he first taught in Ashland, Kentucky, spending three years in the high school there. Then he became a chemist with the Ashland By-Products Coke Company, with whom he remained for eighteen months. For three years he was principal of the elementary schools of Ashland, Kentucky. Then, removing to Elwood City, Pennsylvania, he took





E. H. Brissett.

charge of the elementary school system there, so continuing until 1932, when he was made superintendent of schools. In 1938 he came to Oil City as superintendent of the city schools.

Continuing in this office down to the time of writing and contributing in a notable degree to the betterment of Oil City, educationally speaking, Mr. De Long has also concerned himself with education on a much broader scale and with civic and social affairs in his community. He is a member of the Oil City Kiwanis Club, the Oil City Chamber of Commerce, the American Association of School Administrators, and Trinity Methodist Church (of Oil City). In his political alignment he is a Republican.

Vaughn Russell De Long married, July 3, 1922, Doris Britt, a native of Mingo Junction, Ohio, daughter of Joseph and Cora (De Yarmon) Britt, both natives of Jefferson County, Ohio. Mr. Britt, who was associated for years with the Carnegie Steel Company as a foreman at Mingo Junction, Ohio, is now deceased. Mrs. De Long's mother lives with the De Longs in Oil City. Mrs. De Long herself attended the Mingo Junction schools and Ohio Wesleyan University, and is today an active member of Trinity Methodist Church, in Oil City. Mr. and Mrs. De Long became the parents of two children: 1. Merritt Britt De Long, born October 18, 1923, member of the class of 1944 at Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio. 2. Catherine Lynnette De Long, born April 30, 1931, died July 6, 1938. 3. Jan De Long, born September 29, 1940.

EDWARD W. BISETT—E. W. Bisett & Son is one of the older business firms of Bradford, McKean County, since it was organized well before the turn into the present century and from then down to the present time has been operated by members of the family of Edward W. Bisett, one of its founders. The story of this company has been one of constant change and progress, of larger activities, modernization of equipment and greater scope in enterprise. With all this Mr. Bisett was identified as partner and sometime sole owner until his passing in 1923. His son, Richard W. Bisett, and son-in-law, James T. White, have since carried on the responsibilities which formerly the older man bore so well.

Edward W. Bisett was a native of Ellicottville, Cattaraugus County, New York, whose business experience began in the operation of grocery stores at Dallas City and Aikin. In 1895 he removed to Bradford where, with his brothers, J. J. and W. W., the firm of Bisett Brothers was formed to engage in heavy hauling and teaming, and the running of a coal business. At one time they had thirty teams working, and did a great deal of rigging—raising large smokestacks, installing heavy boilers and the

like. Their first headquarters were on Main Street near the Erie Railroad tracks, although later they were moved farther up Main Street.

In 1922 Edward W. Bisett purchased the interest in the company held by his brothers. Taking in his son, Richard W. Bisett, as partner, and his son-in-law, James T. White, as manager, the firm became E. W. Bisett & Son. Within less than a year the older man died, and since then the business has been directed by Richard W. Bisett and James T. White. It so happened that these young men came into executive positions when horse hauling was becoming outmoded and it was advisable to change over to automotive means of trucking. It was an expensive change although, as time has proved, a profitable one; and it was something for which a modern outlook was required. Now all of the Bisett rolling stock is motorized—trucks, automobiles, tractors—and the concern is equipped to handle about every kind of hauling. Over a third of a century the Bissetts have maintained a warehouse for the storage of furniture and similar articles. In 1935, believing there was a future in a certain phase of construction work, they went into the ready-mixed concrete business, which they have expanded until it is now the outstanding feature of the company. The coal and hauling trade is in nowise neglected, and the territory served expands with the years.

Edward W. Bisett died in 1923, leaving an enviable reputation in business and community circles. He was in a very real sense a pioneer of the second period of Bradford history, a man known and respected for his complete honesty and fairness in all his dealings, "whose word was his bond." It was said of him that "Edward Bisett always completed a contract to the satisfaction of his client without regard to personal losses or gains." An exemplary citizen, he was associated with organizations and movements that were undertaken for the best interest of his city and McKean County.

Edward W. Bisett married Elizabeth Carey, born in Wellsville, New York, who survives with all but one of four children: 1. Josephine, who married James T. White, of previous reference as manager of the company. They have five children: James, Joan, Mary Lou, Martha, and Richard. 2. Edward, deceased. 3. Elizabeth (Betty), widow of Dr. E. J. Lavin. 4. Richard W., born at Bradford, July 8, 1905, who literally grew up in his father's business. He also is president of the Hooker-Fuller Company. He is a Republican in politics; is a member of the Bradford Chamber of Commerce, the Bradford Club and the Pennhills Country Club. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, of which his father was a Grand Knight, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in which the older man was also a member. His religious affiliations are with St. Bernard's Catholic

Church. On October 10, 1932, Richard W. Bisett married Gertrude Kick, of Olean, New York, and they are the parents of a daughter, Jean, attending local schools.

DANIEL H. MAUNZ, M. D.—Specializing in surgery, Dr. Daniel H. Maunz is a member of the surgical staff of Bradford Hospital, in Bradford, and of St. Francis' Hospital, Olean, New York, the community where he lives and where his work is centered.

Dr. Maunz was born November 10, 1904, in Buffalo, New York, son of Otto and Rose (Laube) Maunz and member of an old and honorable family. His parents were both born in Germany, and his mother is now deceased.

Graded schools in Buffalo, his birthplace, provided Daniel H. Maunz's early formal education, and after graduation from Masten Park High School, in Buffalo, he became a student at the University of Buffalo. There he received the degree of Graduate in Pharmacy in 1924 from the School of Pharmacy and that of Doctor of Medicine in 1931 from the School of Medicine. Between the periods in which he took these two courses he was engaged in work as a pharmacist in Buffalo. He served a student internship at Buffalo City Hospital and Buffalo General Hospital, followed by a surgical internship at the Millard Fillmore Hospital, in Buffalo. Here also he served as assistant to Dr. P. H. J. Bulkley, before becoming resident surgeon at the Fifth Avenue Hospital, New York City. He came to Bradford in 1934 and began the practice of medicine, specializing in surgery. He is today a member of the staffs of Bradford Hospital, in Bradford, and of St. Francis Hospital, in Olean, New York. He belongs to the McKean County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the American Medical Association, and is a diplomate of the National Board of Medical Examiners.

In addition to his professional activity, Dr. Maunz is interested intensely in Bradford's civic affairs. He is a Republican in his political views. He belongs to the Penn-hills Club, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Free and Accepted Masons. In the Masonic Order he is affiliated with Bradford Lodge, No. 749, Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Zem Zem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is active in the Methodist Church.

On September 1, 1928, Dr. Daniel H. Maunz married Florence G. Criesbaum, of Alden, New York. They became the parents of two children: 1. Sue Ann Maunz, born January 26, 1935. 2. Don Loren Maunz, born February 16, 1936. In leisure time Dr. Maunz enjoys model building of both airplanes and railroads.

HON. FRED FRANK WHIPPLE—In one of the most healthful sections of northwestern Pennsylvania are located the Highland Camps of Edinboro, summer camps

for boys and girls, directed by the Hon. Fred Frank Whipple, of Meadville, Crawford County. This is but one of his varied enterprises and activities, for he is a public official, business man and manufacturer, and a prominent figure in local and State affairs.

The name Whipple has been known in America since the early years of the settlement of New England, and Fred Frank Whipple is a descendant from William Whipple, of England, who came to Boston, in the Massachusetts Bay Colony, prior to the famous Deerfield Indian Massacre. Some of his sons fought in the American Revolution and a relative of the same name was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Shortly after the end of the Revolution members of the family removed to western New York and Pennsylvania, not far distant from the line that separates the two states, when settlement became fairly safe from Indian depredations. Some went still farther west into the "wilderness" of Ohio.

Grandfather Jonathan Whipple, a native of Cattaraugus County, New York, died in Edinboro, Pennsylvania. He was a Doctor of Dentistry who had as a side interest, a harness and saddle shop next to his office. He married Lydia Whipple, born near Mosiertown, Pennsylvania, who also died in Edinboro. Of their children was Herbert Humphrey Whipple, born at Mosiertown, Crawford County, February 5, 1872, and who now is a resident and business man of Meadville. He is senior partner of H. H. Whipple & Son, dealers in leather goods, luggage, and the like, and manufacturers of harness and sporting supplies. The business was established in 1893, at Mosiertown; was removed to Conneaut Lake and still later to Meadville, its present headquarters. Herbert Humphrey Whipple married Corinne Harvey, daughter of Dr. John and Emily (Miller) Harvey. Her father, a veterinary surgeon, was born of English parents at Conneautville, Pennsylvania, and died at Steamburg, Ohio. Her mother, born at Elmira, New York, of German parents, also died at Steamburg.

Fred Frank Whipple, son of Herbert Humphrey and Corinne (Harvey) Whipple, was born at Mosiertown, Crawford County, April 7, 1890. He supplemented his academic education with courses in the Meadville Commercial College, and also pursued university extension courses in business administration. He then became associated with his father in the leather goods trade until 1923, when he joined Henry Likely & Company, of Rochester, New York, manufacturers and distributors of the widely known "Likely" luggage. He traveled for this firm as salesman until 1928, when it removed its headquarters to Fitchburg, Massachusetts. Mr. Whipple became sales manager at this time, a post he filled until 1930, when he resigned to return to Meadville on account of his father's health. Since 1931 he has been a partner in H. H. Whipple & Son, distributors of leather and sports goods.

As already indicated, Fred Frank Whipple operates the Highland Camps of Edinboro, an undertaking in which he is ably assisted by his wife, the former Jean Woodworth, and a corps of expert directors and counsellors. There are the Cussewago Camp for Boys, and three miles distant, Tecumseh Camp for Girls. Into this work Mr. Whipple puts the very best of his energies and ideas, for he is sincerely and deeply interested in the physical, mental, moral and social development of the young. The site of the camp could hardly be surpassed in fitness; all housing and equipment is of the most modern. It serves a large clientele and one secret of its success is the constant and skilled personal supervision of Mr. and Mrs. Whipple.

Mr. Whipple is the mayor of Meadville, having been elected in 1937, taking office January 1, 1938, for a term of four years. Exceptionally active in philanthropic and humanitarian projects, he was the founder of the Juvenile Delinquency Commission which has done so much in the rehabilitation of youths as to be copied by other cities, and to be the subject of magazine articles. He has promoted movements for playgrounds and the properly directed recreations of children. Mr. Whipple is a director of the Meadville Chamber of Commerce, of the Meadville Library Association, of the Salvation Army, and serves on the official board of the Crawford County Boy Scouts of America. His fraternal affiliations include the Masonic Order, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, No. 219, and he is a member of the Kiwanis Club. He is president of the Crawford County Baseball League and is one of the outstanding figures in the promotion of amateur baseball in this part of northwestern Pennsylvania. Mr. Whipple is a member of the United States Armory Board. During the World War he was a member of Company K, Pennsylvania Reserve Militia, with the rank of sergeant. A Republican in politics, he is prominent in party councils and campaigns. His religious affiliations are with the Old Stone Methodist Episcopal Church.

On October 12, 1916, Fred Frank Whipple married Jean Woodworth, a native of South New Lyme, Ohio, daughter of G. S. and Nellie (Sullivan) Woodworth. Her father, a traveling salesman for the International Harvester Company, was born in New Lyme, Ohio, and died in Cleveland, of the same State. Her mother, born in Rock Creek, Ohio, now resides in Cleveland. Mr. and Mrs. Whipple are the parents of two daughters: 1. Janet Marie, born January 13, 1921, now attending Ohio Wesleyan College. 2. Betty Jean, born July 17, 1923.

EDWARD SAMUEL McALEVY—Carrying on a general practice of law in Oil City, Edward Samuel McAlevy has earned the respect and confidence of his

contemporaries, not only as a result of his professional achievements, but on account of his splendid public spirit, manifested in countless specific ways.

Mr. McAlevy was born September 25, 1882, in Oil City, Pennsylvania, son of Achilles McIntosh and Ophelia (Fritz) McAlevy. He was descended from General William McAlevy, who was a colonel in the Colonial forces in the War of the American Revolution and later was a general in the State Militia. He was a native of Ireland, who came to America in 1743, settling in Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania, at a place called McAlevy Fort, named after him. Edward Samuel McAlevy's grandfather, Samuel Allen McAlevy, was born June 16, 1821, in Huntingdon County, this State, and died March 30, 1903, in Oil City. He came with his parents to Venango County, settling with them in Plum Township, on a fifty-acre farm, then all woodland. Samuel Allen McAlevy not only farmed there, but engaged in carpentry under his father's direction until he was twenty-seven years old. Then, in 1848, he began farming on his own account in Jackson Township, so continuing until his election as sheriff in 1859. He had already served as justice of the peace and county auditor, and after a term as sheriff he became deputy provost marshal under Captain D. V. Derickson, United States marshal for the district, with offices in Meadville. As deputy for Venango County, Mr. McAlevy handled the first draft of soldiers for the Civil War. He was himself one of the drafted men, as were his two brothers and a brother-in-law. Nevertheless, supervising officers managed to retain his services because of their appreciation of his special fitness for these duties, which made him more useful at home than at the front. Later he became an oil producer. In 1868 he removed to Salem City (Seneca), where he became a merchant, and in the fall of 1873 he went to Sugar Creek Township as steward and superintendent of the County Infirmary. In 1876 he came to Oil City, where he was a partner in the flour mill business with his son, Achilles M. McAlevy, for nine years. Together they obtained ground and buildings of the Oil City Mills, which they converted into a flour mill. Selling his flour mill holdings in 1885 to H. A. Fair, Samuel Allen McAlevy served for eighteen months as county commissioner, then became justice of the peace in the Sixth Ward of Oil City. He married Adesta Williams, who was born in 1826 in Jackson Township, and died February 2, 1852, in Jackson Township.

Their son, Achilles McIntosh McAlevy, Edward Samuel McAlevy's father, was born January 31, 1852, in Jackson Township, Venango County, Pennsylvania, and died January 24, 1927, in Oil City, this State. He was a merchant in Oil City, and was a Republican and a Methodist, serving for years on the official board of his church. He married Ophelia Fritz, who was born September 25, 1852, in

Clarion County, and makes her home at Oil City, at the time of writing. To their marriage three children were born: Grace Adesta McAlevy, born September 9, 1880, who is unmarried and still living; Edward Samuel McAlevy, of whom further; George F. McAlevy, born April 6, 1890, who is a teacher in the Oil City Senior High School and is married to Mabel Simpson. There were two sons born to George F. McAlevy: George Leslie McAlevy, who is married to Beatrice Walker and has one son, Allan Robert McAlevy; and Robert Simpson McAlevy, who is married to Jane Waldron.

Edward Samuel McAlevy, attended school in Oil City, was graduated from high school here in 1900, then studied law in the law office of Trax and Parker in this city. On April 23, 1906, he was admitted to the bar of Pennsylvania. Then, establishing himself in the practice of his profession in Oil City, he began the work that has occupied him down to the time of writing. For a time he was a partner with the late Hon. John L. Mattox in the firm styled Mattox and McAlevy. Later he was a partner with the late Frederick W. Hayes in the firm of Hayes and McAlevy. Then he took up the independent practice of his profession, and has so continued.

Admitted to practice in the Supreme and Superior courts of Pennsylvania, Mr. McAlevy is prominent in legal circles as a member of the Venango County Bar Association, and the Oil City Lawyers' Club. He is a Republican in politics, serves as solicitor of the Oil City School District, and is active in the Kiwanis Club, the Oil City Boat Club and Fort Venango Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. During the World War he served on the legal advisory board set up in connection with administering the selective service draft act, and he also made a number of public addresses on behalf of the Liberty Loan and Red Cross campaigns instituted at that time. Mr. McAlevy is also a member of the Oil City Chamber of Commerce.

Fraternalism and church work have long interested him. In the Free and Accepted Masons he belongs to Petrolia Lodge No. 363, Oil City Chapter No. 236, Royal Arch Masons; Talbot Commandery, No. 43, Knights Templar, and Venango Lodge of Perfection, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. Mr. McAlevy is a member of Grace Methodist Church, of Oil City, a member of the board of trustees of the congregation, and a teacher of the men's Bible class.

Edward Samuel McAlevy married, July 22, 1914, Katherine Susan Reed, a native of Oil City, daughter of Lemuel R. and Ida Elizabeth (Jennings) Reed, both now deceased. Her father was president of the Enterprise Milling Company, of Oil City. Mr. and Mrs. McAlevy became the parents of the following children: 1. Katherine Elizabeth McAlevy, born September 2, 1916, an instructor in Oil City High School; took the degree of Bachelor of

Arts at Allegheny College, Meadville, in 1938. 2. Marjorie McAlevy, born November 2, 1919, a student at the Pennsylvania State Teachers' College, in Indiana, Pennsylvania. 3. Edward Samuel McAlevy, born November 1, 1927, a student in Oil City High School.

GEORGE LAMBERTON CRAFT—Since boyhood George Lamberton Craft has been a resident of Warren, Pennsylvania. Like many others in this part of the State he entered the oil business as a young man, but soon left it to establish himself in other lines of endeavor and long has been the president of the Craft Agency, Inc., and an official and director in a number of other companies. At all times he has been active in organizations and movements undertaken for the benefit of the city.

Mr. Craft was born at Franklin, Pennsylvania, March 6, 1879, son of James Newton and Mary (Lamberton) Craft. His mother was the daughter of James G. and Ann (Whiting) Lamberton. James G. Lamberton, a native of Ireland, was a merchant for many years in Franklin, Pennsylvania; his wife was born in Philadelphia. Both parents died in Franklin. Mrs. Mary (Lamberton) Craft died in Franklin, in 1884. James Newton Craft, his father, was a native of Redstone Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, and died in Warren, January 4, 1901. He was prominent in the oil refining business, a staunch Republican in politics, and a trustee of the First Presbyterian Church. He was the son of Elijah and Ruth (Steele) Craft; the grandson of David and Margaret (Woodrow) Craft; and the great-grandson of George Craft who was one of the first settlers of Redstone Township, coming to Pennsylvania from the Free City of Hanover, Germany. The family since early times have been outstanding in Fayette County life and affairs.

George Lamberton Craft, of this record, was educated in the grammar and high schools of Warren, Pennsylvania, and the Pennsylvania State College. He followed in his father's footsteps for a few years in oil refining, but in 1904 sold his interests and joined C. R. Henry to purchase the old Sill Insurance Agency. This long since has become the Craft Agency, Inc., of which George Lamberton Craft is the very efficient president. He also is a director of the First National Bank, of Warren, vice-president of the Piso Company, of the city, a firm that for more than sixty years has engaged in the manufacture and distribution of cough medicines; vice-president of the Pennsylvania Bottle Company, in Sheffield, Pennsylvania; president of the Barnhart Davis Company of Warren, a foundry and machine works. Among his directorships are those in the Knox Glass Bottle Company, at Knox, Pennsylvania; Smith & Horton Company,



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of Warren; and he holds a financial interest in other enterprises.

Despite his many business activities, Mr. Craft enters heartily into many phases of Warren city and county. He is a popular figure in the Chamber of Commerce, the Conewango Valley Country Club, both of Warren; and fraternally is affiliated with North Star Lodge, No. 241, Free and Accepted Masons, and the higher bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including Zem Zem Temple, at Erie, Pennsylvania, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His college fraternity is Beta Theta Pi, and he attends the First Presbyterian Church.

George Lamberton Craft married, January 30, 1913, Clara Rebecca Stone, born in Warren, daughter of C. W. and Elizabeth (Moorhead) Stone, her mother born in Erie and died in Warren, both of this State. C. W. Stone, born in Groton, Massachusetts, died in Warren, was an attorney-at-law, served as Lieutenant-Governor of Pennsylvania under Governor Beaver and was Congressman from this district several terms. Mr. and Mrs. Craft are the parents of three children: 1. Elizabeth Moorhead, a graduate of Vassar College. 2. Mary Lamberton, also a graduate of Vassar. 3. George Lamberton, Jr., a graduate from Pennsylvania State College, now associated with the Gulf Refining Company, at Port Arthur, Texas.

CHARLES ALLEN SMITH—Active in the business and civic affairs of Oil City and its environs, Charles Allen Smith is vice-president and treasurer of the Oil City Sand & Gravel Company. His participation in Democratic politics has been a force for community betterment, and he has left no stone unturned in his efforts to improve conditions among his fellow-citizens.

Mr. Smith was born April 1, 1872, in Clinton, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, son of Peter A. and Sarah Smith. His paternal grandfather owned and operated a cooper's shop at Liberty and Grant streets, Pittsburgh, many years ago. Peter A. Smith, who was born in Pittsburgh in 1835, was orphaned at an early age, then was reared by Captain Kelly, at Kelly Station. He became a steamboat pilot and captain, so serving through the Civil War period, steamboating through the South. In politics he was a Democrat, and he belonged to the Presbyterian Church. His wife, Charles Allen Smith's mother, was supposedly born in Philadelphia; but she, like her husband, was orphaned while very young, so that not even her maiden name—the name with which she was born—is on record. It is known, however, that she was reared by Nelson Bartholomew, of Springdale, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

Public schools of Clinton, his Armstrong County birth-

place, furnished Charles Allen Smith's early formal education, but when he was only twelve years old he went to work as a helper to his father, gathering cobblestones out of the Allegheny River and thus supplying materials for paving Pittsburgh's streets. For years he was so engaged until he ran away from home and began steamboating in the vicinity of Pittsburgh. Throughout most of his life he continued in this same work, though eventually he associated himself with J. K. Davidson & Brother, of Pittsburgh, in the sand and gravel business.

Coming to Oil City in April, 1928, he built a sand and gravel plant here, and in 1931 he rebuilt the factory, converting it into a completely up-to-date structure from every point of view. In 1928 the business was incorporated as the Oil City Sand & Gravel Company, with Mr. Smith as vice-president and treasurer. William Fullhart is president of the company, of which W. H. Clark is secretary. They supply sand and gravel, not only to Oil City consumers, but to Clarion, Forest and Crawford counties. Mr. Smith, as a Democrat, is very active in Oil City affairs. He is a member of the board of directors of the Salvation Army organization here, and belongs to the Oil City Chamber of Commerce and the National Sand and Gravel Association. Farming is one of his major avocations, and he practices it on his own 146-acre farm in Forest County. While he lived for thirty-three years in Blawnox, Pennsylvania, Mr. Smith was active in the Presbyterian Church there, serving as chairman of the building committee that erected the new church in that community. There he also belonged to Blawnox Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, though he later shifted his membership to Oil City Lodge.

On December 19, 1896, Charles Allen Smith married Jessie May Bowser, who was born in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, daughter of Huidmond and Amanda (Bowser) Bowser, both now deceased. Her father was a carpenter in the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. Mr. and Mrs. Smith became the parents of the following children: 1. Jessie Smith, wife of William Clark, secretary of the Oil City Sand & Gravel Company; they became the parents of a son, William H. Clark, Jr. 2. Charles A. Smith, Jr., associated also with the Oil City Sand & Gravel Company; he married Helen Lauer, of Oil City, and they became the parents of a son, Peter A. Smith, III. 3. Matilda Smith, wife of Wayne Blyer, associated with the Printz Company, at Warren, Pennsylvania. 4. Sylvester A. Smith, who was a steamboat pilot and captain, serving overseas during the World War as a pilot on the Seine and Marne rivers in France, and who died February 12, 1936, at the age of thirty-four years; he married Matilda Muller, of Pittsburgh, and they became the parents of two children, Charles A. and Patty Jean Smith.

LEO W. BURDIC—The large, modern general store operated by Leo W. Burdic at Rixford represents a business enterprise controlled by his family during the past half century. He became its owner upon the death of his father in 1918 and has continued the important service rendered to the community by one of its oldest business institutions. Mr. Burdic was born in Rixford on September 17, 1885, son of Arthur W. and Nellie (Fitzgerald) Burdic. His father, who was born in Potter County, was a merchant at Rixford for many years. His mother, who is also deceased, was born in Union City. They became the parents of four sons, of whom Leo W. Burdic was the eldest. His brothers, George; Kenneth, who married Matilda Albraith and had one son, George Edward; and Rollins, are all deceased.

Mr. Burdic received his preliminary education in the Rixford public schools and subsequently entered Mansfield Normal School. Because of his father's ill health and the pressure of the family business, he withdrew from that institution to take charge of the business, although his interests and plans were directed to other paths. Mr. Burdic has made a success of his career as a merchant. Upon his father's death on November 11, 1918, he became owner of the Burdic general store, which continues to enjoy a large local trade under his management. When his brother, Kenneth, died in 1939, Mr. Burdic, as administrator of the estate, also took over the management of the garage and hardware store established by Kenneth Burdic next door to the Burdic general store. The latter has been in possession of the family since the early 1890s, when it was purchased by Arthur W. Burdic from Frank Newton.

Mr. Burdic is affiliated fraternally with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is independent in politics and has never entered public life, but is influential in the general affairs of his community. Sports are his hobby.

WARREN PERHAM NORTON, M. A.—In 1928 Warren Perham Norton, M. A., was appointed superintendent of the Meadville, Crawford County schools. It has been his responsibility during the past thirteen critical years to administer the affairs of the school system. In a time of increasing requirements and diminishing funds Mr. Norton has not only been able to keep the institutions under his direction up to their former high standards, but has initiated and effectively executed many progressive policies, broadened the curricula, introduced new activities, and extended the scope of the services the schools render the community.

Mr. Norton was born at Waymart, Pennsylvania, September 9, 1899, son of Warren Myron and Lydia (Perham) Norton and a member of families long established in Wayne County, especially Clinton Township. Ancestral lines go back to the Pilgrims and Puritans of Massachu-

setts. On the paternal side there was one Levi Norton, a soldier in the American Revolutionary War, born near Winchester, Connecticut, who settled in Clinton Township in 1811, where he spent the remaining years of his life. He had served under General Putnam in the Continental Army. One of his sons, Warren Wheeler Norton, was born in Winchester, Connecticut, and moved to Pennsylvania with his father. Warren Wheeler's son, Sidney Myron, was a native of Clinton Township. He married Ursula Gaylord, who was also a native of Clinton Township. Their son Warren Myron, father of the subject of this sketch, was born February 22, 1857, and died February 13, 1922. A substantial citizen and farmer, deacon of the Baptist Church, Warren Myron Norton filled such public offices as supervisor of the township, member of the school board, and town clerk. He married Lydia Perham, born in Pleasant Mount Township, Wayne County, Pennsylvania, March 1, 1855, daughter of Horatius and Tryphenia (Bigelow) Perham, natives of this same place in Wayne County. Mrs. Norton died in Clinton Township June 11, 1920.

Warren Perham Norton, son of Warren Myron and Lydia (Perham) Norton, was reared on a farm. He was graduated from the Clinton Township High School, in 1907, and then taught school and farmed until he was able to enter Keystone Academy, at Factoryville, Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in 1911. Matriculating at Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts with the class of 1915. He did graduate work at Brown in 1915-16. Mr. Norton also did postgraduate work in Teachers College, Columbia University, New York City, receiving his Master's degree in 1923. Mr. Norton has also pursued special courses in the Pennsylvania State College and the University of Pittsburgh.

While an undergraduate at Brown University, Mr. Norton helped earn his way through college by working in the Providence City Hospital, of Providence, Rhode Island. During 1916 and 1917, he taught English in Cook Academy, Montour Falls, New York, and in the following year held a similar position with the Northwestern Military and Naval Academy, at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. On July 25, 1918, he returned to a learning-teaching job once more by entering the United States Army for the first World War service with the 154th Depot Brigade at Camp Meade, Maryland. There followed a transfer to Headquarters Company, 17th Infantry. Made a corporal, he was assigned to the Machine Gun Officers' Training School at Camp Hancock, Augusta, Georgia, where he ultimately was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Infantry Reserve Corps. He remained at Camp Hancock until his honorable discharge in December, 1918.

Beginning again his professional activities, Mr. Norton immediately began teaching English at the Rochester





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(Pennsylvania) High School. From the fall of 1919 to 1922 he was supervising principal of the Girard (Pennsylvania) public schools. From 1922 to 1928 he held a like position at Sharpville, Pennsylvania. Since 1928 he has been superintendent of the Meadville public schools. As already indicated he has done constructive work as educator and administrator down the years of a very difficult period in public school education. Warren Perham Norton keeps in touch with his professional colleagues by memberships in the National Educational Association, the Pennsylvania State Educational Association, the American Association of School Administrators, the Department of Secondary School Principals. He served on the faculty of the Allegheny College Summer Schools of 1928 to 1931, and 1938 to 1940. His college fraternities are Kappa Phi Kappa and Delta Upsilon. In civilian affairs he is president of the Meadville Kiwanis Club, member of Lodge No. 408, Free and Accepted Masons, of Meadville, and chairman of the Meadville Chapter of the American Red Cross Society.

Mr. Norton is a member of the Charles N. Stafford Post, No. 111, of Meadville, and long has been prominent in Legion circles, having been a commander and adjutant of the Sharpeville Post, and charter member of the Girard Post, both in Pennsylvania, and in 1940 acted as Americanization officer in Crawford County, of the American Legion. By right of notable ancestry, Mr. Norton is a member of the Meadville Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution; of the Pennsylvania Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, and the Alden Kindred of America—descendants of John and Priscilla Alden. He is president of the board of trustees of the First Baptist Church of Meadville, chairman of the board of directors of the Young Men's Christian Association, chairman of the board of examiners of the Boy Scouts of America.

On July 5, 1922, Warren Perham Norton married Helen Miles Davison, a native of Oil City, daughter of Lewis M. and Alfaretta (Boal) Davison, of Oil City. Mr. and Mrs. Norton are the parents of a son, David Warren Norton, born September 22, 1929.

RICHARD HILLER AMBERG—Although comparatively a newcomer to Oil City, Venango County, Richard Hiller Amberg already has come very much to the fore in community affairs. Completing his exceptional education at Harvard University, in 1933, he successively engaged in the oil business, insurance, and since 1937 has been the president and editor of "The Oil City Blizzard." Colleagues and clients are agreed that he is a good newspaper man who evidently has found the vocation in which he will achieve a notable career. Keen, active, broad-minded, he not only is a chronicler of the day's events, but interprets them with an understanding and vision that is unhampered by prejudices or personalities.

Mr. Amberg was born in New York City, June 5, 1912, son of Max W. and Irma (Hiller) Amberg. Prepared for higher education in metropolitan schools, he matriculated at Harvard University, from which he was graduated, *magna cum laude*, in 1933, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. From 1933 to 1935 he was with the Gulf Refining Company. From 1935 to 1937 he was associated with an insurance corporation in Newark, New Jersey. As already indicated, since 1937 he has been editor and president of "The Oil City Blizzard," a daily and Sunday newspaper. He also publishes the weekly "Knox Times," of Knox, Pennsylvania, and the "Pennsylvania Sportsman's Hunting and Fishing Digest," a monthly sportsman's magazine. "The Blizzard" was established in 1882, near the height of one of the successive petroleum booms that have marked the history of northwestern Pennsylvania. It survived despite the various recessions and the great changes of the past half century, both in the production and utilization of crude oil.

Versatility and energy are outstanding characteristics of Mr. Amberg. As a Harvard undergraduate he was one of the organizers of the College Division of the Republican National Committee (1932). He is a member of the American Newspaper Publishers Association and the Pennsylvania Newspaper Publishers Association, the New York Press Club and the National Press Club, Washington, District of Columbia. He is a member of the Oil City Chamber of Commerce, Titusville Chamber of Commerce, the Lions Club, and is a director of the Oil City Chapter, National Aeronautical Association. Fraternally Mr. Amberg is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, a member of the Commandery, Knights Templar, and of the Knights of Pythias. Numbered among his clubs not already mentioned, are the Wanango Country, Harvard Club of New York, National Press Club of Washington, the National Republican and the United States Navy, the latter of Philadelphia.

On June 18, 1938, Richard Hiller Amberg married Janet Katharine Law. They reside in Woodland Heights, and the business office of Mr. Amberg is at No. 221 Sycamore Street, Oil City.

THE REVEREND PATRICK A. LYNCH—St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, of which the Rev. Patrick A. Lynch is now pastor, is the pioneer Catholic parish of Oil City, and its development during the past eighty years has kept pace with the progress of the city. Prior to 1860, there were no regular Catholic services in the Oil City settlement. Indeed, the small population did not warrant them, and the spiritual needs of the few Catholics domiciled here were ministered by visiting priests from Fryburg, Clarion, Pittsburgh and other places. These visits became more regular during the winter of 1859-60, when the drilling of the first oil well

by Colonel Drake marked the establishment of a new industry and attracted many people to this section. At this time, the Rev. Patrick O'Neil made regular visits to Oil City.

In 1860 the Rev. Davis Snively was transferred from Franklin to Oil City as the first resident pastor of St. Joseph's congregation and proceeded to organize the parish. There were then about a dozen Catholic families in the town and a large number of young Catholic men and women, attracted by the oil boom. In 1861, when the congregation had increased to thirty or forty families, it was decided to erect a church and a site was selected on Cottage Hill, then lying somewhat apart from the main settlement, but now the chief residential section of the city. The erection of a wooden church was started by Father Snively but before its completion he was succeeded by the Rev. J. D. Coady, who came from Clearfield in 1861. Father Coady completed the church, which cost about \$2,000. Today, Catholic church property in Oil City is valued at well over \$1,000,000. During his pastorate of ten years, Father Coady purchased a lot directly in the rear of the church, with a residence located thereon, used for a time as a school. In 1869 he purchased four acres of ground on Cottage Hill for a cemetery and in 1870 began the erection of a new school building behind the church. On October 13, 1871, Father Coady was succeeded as pastor of St. Joseph Congregation by the Rev. Thomas Carroll, who was transferred from Franklin.

With the rapid growth of the congregation, Father Carroll soon found that the church and school were too small. He built a fifteen-foot addition to the church and added two rooms to the school. In the fall of 1875 he secured the Benedictine Nuns to teach the parochial school. The previous year he had erected a new parochial residence on the north side of the church and the old parochial residence on the south side of the church was used as a home for the Sisters. By 1888 the old church was far outgrown and a plot for a new church, located between the parochial residence and Seeley Avenue, facing Pearl Avenue, was purchased. On August 3, 1890, the corner stone of the new edifice was laid and in good time it was completed at an estimated cost of \$135,000, including furnishings, many of which are historical relics. The dimensions of St. Joseph's Church are as follows: length of nave, 150 feet; across transept, 82 feet; facade breadth, 76 feet; height of spires, 170 feet; distance from cross on transept to floor, 115 feet. The architect was A. Druiding, of Chicago.

On May 28, 1898, the Rev. Thomas Carroll died, mourned by the entire city and especially by the parish in which he had labored zealously and effectively for a quarter of a century. When he died he left St. Joseph's Parish free from debt and in his will made liberal provi-

sions for advancing Catholicity, not only in Oil City but in numerous colleges. On July 10, 1898, the Right Rev. P. J. Sheridan, Vicar General of the Erie Diocese, was transferred from Clearfield and appointed permanent rector of St. Joseph's Church. Meanwhile, the rapid growth of the congregation made it necessary to establish a new parish, called St. Stephen's, and in 1899 a parish for the Polish people of the city was also organized by the Rev. M. Polaski. This was the Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

St. Joseph's Parish remained in charge of Father Sheridan, who continued the development program of his predecessors. In 1902 he took steps to erect a new school and home for the Sisters, for both of which buildings his predecessor, Father Carroll, had made generous provision in his will. The plot of ground at the corner of Washington and Seeley avenues was purchased, the old school building was moved and the new school building was erected on the site of the old school, where it was ready for occupancy for the term of 1903-04. The old building was remodeled and the lower floor was made into a parish hall which was called Carroll Hall in honor of Father Carroll. With the beginning of the fall term of 1905, Father Sheridan established St. Joseph's Academy, using the second floor of Carroll Hall. It is today a secondary institution of the highest standards and its graduates have been called to many positions of responsibility and trust. Other improvements effected by Father Sheridan were the purchase of fifty-five acres of ground on Oak Grove Street to be used as a cemetery and the purchase of a plot of ground on Colbert Avenue, in 1913, on which a handsome brick church was erected. This was the Help of Christians Chapel, one of the most beautifully decorated churches in this section, which was attached to St. Joseph's Church as a mission until after the death of Father Sheridan. The entire cost of the property and the church was paid by him out of his private funds and stands today, as it has been written of him, as a monument to his zeal for the welfare of Catholics of that portion of the city. Father Sheridan died on March 28, 1921, at the age of seventy-nine, remaining a venerated figure in the city until the close of his career. He had labored here for twenty-three years.

On June 1, 1921, the Rev. E. M. Driscoll was transferred from Mount Jewett and became the fifth permanent pastor of St. Joseph's Church, where he had previously served as assistant in 1901-02. The traditions of his predecessors and their record of vigorous administration were continued by him throughout his pastorate.

The present pastor of St. Joseph's Church, the Rev. Patrick A. Lynch, was appointed to his duties here on May 27, 1931, after more than a quarter of a century in the priesthood. Father Lynch was born in County Cavan,

Ireland, on January 12, 1875, son of Peter and Margaret (Riley) Lynch. His father came to America in 1863 and settled at Pawtucket, Rhode Island, where he was a textile worker. He was also a veteran of the American Civil War, but subsequently returned to Ireland and died there in 1930. In his native land he was a store keeper. Margaret (Riley) Lynch died in Ireland in 1934.

The Rev. Patrick A. Lynch attended the National School in Ireland and the Jesuit School, Mungret College, in Limerick, Ireland. After coming to the United States he continued his education at Niagara University and on April 24, 1903, was ordained to the priesthood of the Roman Catholic Church. For ten months he served as assistant to Monsignor James Dunn in Meadville. This was followed by nine years at Reynoldsville, Jefferson County, as assistant priest under the Rev. T. Brady. In September, 1913, he was transferred to Driftwood, Cameron County, where he remained for nine months and during the illness of the pastor, the Rev. B. McAvenue, served as administrator of the parish. In July, 1914, Father Lynch was appointed to organize a new parish in Curwensville, Clearfield County, of which he was first pastor. Following its organization, he built St. Timothy's Church, remodeled a house to serve as the parochial residence and eventually established a mission which was attached to the parish. During a pastorate of twelve years he also made other extensive improvements of church property.

In February, 1926, Father Lynch became pastor of St. Bartholomew's Church at Sharpsville, Mercer County, where he served for five years and five months. During his pastorate he purchased two properties, with the intention of building a school, made improvements in the church property amounting to \$30,000 and at the close of his tenure, left approximately \$10,000 in the treasury. On May 27, 1931, he was appointed to his present charge and on June 5, 1931, was installed as pastor of St. Joseph's Church in Oil City. Here he has continued his notable record as an administrator and builder. During his pastorate he has made improvements too numerous to mention, totaling altogether more than \$50,000. The improvements on the church alone amounted to \$15,000, including \$4,000 spent on the church windows. Father Lynch also remodeled the parochial residence at a cost of \$7,000, expended \$4,000 on the construction of Lynch Court and re-roofed the graded school. He improved Calvary and St. Joseph's cemeteries at a cost of \$15,000. One of the most notable developments of his pastorate was the opening of Lynch Boulevard to Calvary Cemetery. Father Lynch has also organized football and basketball teams, which are under the direction of a hired coach, and has established an orchestra. With all this, he has not neglected the spiritual needs of the parish and has proved

himself a true shepherd of his flock, concerned with their souls' welfare.

Although as a priest, Father Lynch's first interest is the church and its mission, he has always played his part as a good citizen in those communities to which his duties have taken him. During the World War period, when he was in Clearfield County, he spoke regularly in behalf of the Liberty Loan and Red Cross drives and since then has many times aided useful community projects. Father Lynch is a member of the Knights of Columbus in Oil City. By virtue of his position and character he has firmly established his place in the city's life and enjoys the respect of its people of every faith.

FRANK HOWARD FLANDERS—For more than forty years, Frank Howard Flanders has been a funeral director in Titusville. By virtue of his long record of service, he is one of the senior members of his profession in northwest Pennsylvania, and as a resident of Titusville, has been active and influential in many other phases of the community life.

Mr. Flanders was born at Corry, Erie County, on December 14, 1872, son of Charles Wesley and Harriet (Howard) Flanders and a grandson of Moses and Phoebe (Pratt) Flanders, the former of whom was a farmer and a banker at Columbus for some years. He died in New York State. Charles Wesley Flanders was born in Washington County, New York, on March 23, 1833, and died in Buffalo, New York, in August, 1900. He was a carpenter by trade, an Episcopalian and a member of the Democratic party. Harriet (Howard) Flanders, the mother, was born at Columbus, Pennsylvania, on July 4, 1847, and died at Chautauqua, New York, May 4, 1894. She was a daughter of William and Miranda (Marble) Howard, the father born in Chemung County, New York, and died at Colza, Pennsylvania, the mother born at Columbus and died at Colza. William Howard was station agent at Colza for some years, and later a locksmith and gunsmith. At one time he was also a brick manufacturer.

Frank Howard Flanders received his general education in the public schools of Corry and as a youth learned the merchant tailor's trade, graduating from the John J. Mitchell School of Cutting in New York City in 1889. For about a year afterward he was associated with R. F. Livermore in Corry, working as a cutter, and then served in the same capacity at Gowanda, New York, for Henry Machmer, with whom he also remained for one year. Another year as a cutter for William Bell at Reynoldsville, Pennsylvania, completed his connection with the tailoring trade and at the end of that time he returned to Corry to become associated with his uncle, E. L. King, a local funeral director. In preparation for his new vocation he studied at the Philadelphia School of Embalming and is a graduate of that institution.

In October, 1898, Mr. King purchased the business of R. D. Stoellzing, funeral director at Titusville and conducted it until his death in 1913. Mr. Flanders accompanied his uncle to Titusville, was associated with him in his business here and after his death opened his own funeral parlor at the corner of Washington Street and Central Avenue. Later he moved to the P. T. Wetherop property at 109-111 North Washington Street, where he has since been located. Three years after he moved there, he purchased the property, remodeled and modernized it, installing the fine equipment and furnishings which have enabled him to conduct his business in accordance with the highest professional standards. He brings to his work long experience and personal qualities valued in the community.

Mr. Flanders is a member of the National Funeral Directors Association, the Pennsylvania State Funeral Directors Association and the Crawford County Funeral Directors Association, of which he is past president. He has been active and influential in Republican politics, serving as city chairman of his party for three years and has been associated with the principal civic enterprises and institutions of the community during his residence here. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Mr. Flanders is also a member of the Lions Club and the Titusville Young Men's Christian Association. An Episcopalian in religious faith, he serves as a vestryman of St. James' Episcopal Church at Titusville. Hunting and fishing are his favorite recreations.

On April 30, 1900, Mr. Flanders married Mary Rappold, who was born in Titusville, daughter of Albert and Marie (Biedinger) Rappold, both born in Germany and both now deceased. Her father, a manufacturing chemist, was superintendent of the Grasselli Chemical Company plants in Titusville and Boughton.

JOHN FEHRENBACH—As district manager at Titusville of the Keystone Public Service Company, John Fehrenbach continues his association with an organization of which he first became a member some fifteen years ago. He has devoted the greater part of his career to the electrical industry, beginning in England and Canada, and has risen to his present position on the basis of his experience and record.

Mr. Fehrenbach was born in the Black Forest of Germany on June 11, 1881, son of Engelbert and Anna (Schworer) Fehrenbach and a grandson of Mathias and Catherine (Schworer) Fehrenbach, a shoemaker of the Black Forest region, born in Eisenbach Village. Engelbert Fehrenbach was also a shoemaker and one of the leading musicians of his village. The mother, Anna (Schworer) Fehrenbach, died at the early age of twenty-two, about

half a century ago. She was a daughter of Augustin and Wilhelmina (Schultheis) Schworer.

John Fehrenbach received a public school education in Germany, studying at the Gymnasium, equivalent to the American high school. At the age of sixteen, he went to London, England, to learn the jewelry and watch-making trade in the store of his uncle, Stefan Mayer. During this period he attended evening classes at Borough Polytechnic School, having a marked inclination toward technical and engineering work. From his uncle's shop, he went on to other London jewelry firms and afterward was employed for three years by the Electric Meter Company. At the end of that time he moved to Bristol, England, and spent seven years in the electrical department of the city. In June, 1912, Mr. Fehrenbach took up his residence in Canada, where he was employed for three years in the electrical department of the Toronto Power Company. In June, 1915, he came to the United States, where he has since pursued his career. After a few months with the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company in Buffalo, he entered the service of the Depew Lancaster Power Company at Lancaster, New York, spent three years in the electrical department of that corporation and then returned to Buffalo to become associated with the electrical department of the Niagara, Lockport & Ontario Power Company. In 1922, while living in Buffalo, he became a citizen of the United States.

On January 1, 1925, after seven years with the Niagara, Lockport & Ontario Power Company, Mr. Fehrenbach moved to Oil City, where he joined the operating personnel of the Citizens Light & Power Company, now the Keystone Public Service Company. Eighteen months later, having clearly demonstrated his qualifications for executive responsibilities, he was appointed to his present position as district manager of the company in Titusville, and has since successfully administered the duties of his office.

As a resident of Titusville, Mr. Fehrenbach participates in the general life of the community and has rendered effective service to many of its principal institutions. A member of the Titusville Rotary Club since 1926, he became its secretary in 1929 and was its president for the term 1935-36. He has also been a moving spirit in the City Club and in the Chamber of Commerce, of which he was president four years and is now a director. As vice-president of the Associated Charities, he has contributed much to the work of the organization. A Roman Catholic in religious faith, Mr. Fehrenbach is a member of St. Titus parish in Titusville. Billiards and travel are his favorite recreations.

On September 27, 1910, in Bristol, England, he married Kate Augusta Durant Pedler, who was born in Bristol on January 18, 1884, daughter of Augustus and Florence (Whittard) Pedler. Her father, a retired accountant and



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a musician and composer, is now living in Buffalo with his wife. He was born in Bristol, England, on January 5, 1860, and Florence (Whittard) Pedler was born there on June 16, 1862. Mrs. Fehrenbach, who was educated in English private schools, is a member of St. Titus Roman Catholic Church in Titusville, the Catholic Daughters of America, the Young Women's Christian Association and the Titusville Women's Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Fehrenbach have a son and twin daughters: 1. Philip John, born in Bristol, England, July 12, 1911, a graduate of Titusville High School and Chicago School of Music, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Music. He is a gifted artist as well as a musician. 2. Lucille Mary, born at Lancaster, New York, October 27, 1917, a graduate of Titusville High School. 3. Irene Martha, born at Lancaster, October 27, 1917, also a graduate of Titusville High School, now the wife of Jack A. Steinbuhler, of New York City.

ARTHUR MAXWELL TURNEY—Since 1919, Arthur Maxwell Turney has served as general secretary of the Oil City Young Men's Christian Association. His connection with the work of the Young Men's Christian Association dates from the World War period and in order to continue his service in the organization he relinquished the business career which had occupied him for some two decades. By virtue of his position and numerous civic connections, he is a widely known figure in Oil City life.

Mr. Turney was born at Foxbury, Clarion County, on August 16, 1883, son of Mack and Anna (Logue) Turney. He is a grandson of David and Susannah Turney, both of Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, and the former a hotel keeper at Kellersburg for many years. Mack Turney, the father, was born at Kellersburg in 1861. He was at one time chief of police at Bellevue, Allegheny County, but afterward became an operator in the Mid-Continent oil fields, in which he was active until his retirement. He now makes his home at Muskogee, Oklahoma. The mother, Anna (Logue) Turney, was born near Knox, Clarion County, on April 10, 1860, daughter of Michael Logue, a Pennsylvania farmer, born in Clarion County, and Mary (Watson) Logue, born at Nickleville, Venango County, where her father, Lot Watson, was a farmer.

Arthur Maxwell Turney was educated in the public schools of Emlenton and Allegheny City. Following his graduation in 1900 from Park Institute at Allegheny City he became a salesman for the Bindley Hardware Company of Pittsburgh and after four years entered the employ of the Oliver Iron & Steel Company of Pittsburgh as order clerk. Here he remained for two years. A brief association with the Forest Oil Company of Allegheny County as a pumper followed and at its termination Mr. Turney became a bookkeeper for the Cook & Calvin Lumber

Company at Benavon, Pennsylvania. During a period of two years he rose in the organization to the position of private secretary to the president. At the end of this time he entered the retail grocery business, establishing A. M. Turney & Company, with his mother as silent partner. He was engaged in the operation of this enterprise for thirteen years and left it to go to France with the Young Men's Christian Association at the request of local officials after the United States entered the World War.

Mr. Turney began his connection with the Young Men's Christian Association on January 1, 1918, sailed for England on January seventh and after a week in London was sent to Paris, arriving there on February 2, 1918. He spent eighteen months overseas on active duty and became eventually Division Y. M. C. A. Secretary of the 28th Division, comprising troops of the Pennsylvania National Guard. Following his return to the United States he resumed his grocery business, but after three months he decided to devote himself permanently to Young Men's Christian Association work and came to the Oil City "Y" as general secretary. Since that time he has been administrative head of the local organization. Clearly recognizing the potentialities of his position, he has made it a constructive force of inestimable value in the city through his innumerable contacts with the young people of the community.

Mr. Turney is also active in other phases of Oil City's life. During the past twenty years he has been secretary of the Oil City Ministerial Association. He is also an active member and past president of the Oil City Rotary Club; chairman of the Agricultural Committee of the Oil City Chamber of Commerce; an honorary member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; and an effective worker in various civic causes. A Methodist in religious faith, he is a member of the official board of Trinity Methodist Church, in whose Sunday School he has taught for twenty years, and is chairman of the finance committee of the board. In politics he is a Republican. Mr. Turney's favorite recreation is fishing.

He married, on April 7, 1909, Blanche Arthur, who was born in Allegheny City, daughter of Samuel and Emily (Wheeler) Arthur, both now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Turney are the parents of one daughter, Dorothy May Turney, who was graduated from high school at Oil City and was a student for two years at Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio.

HARRY E. SCHONBLUM—Through the range and importance of his interests both in business and civic life, Harry E. Schonblum has been an influential figure in the Bradford section for many years. He is a member of one of the city's old families and in his own career has continued the tradition of prominence long associated here with the family name.

Mr. Schonblom was born at Petroleum Center on December 8, 1873, son of Otto F. and Christine (Burckhalter) Schonblom. His father, who was born in Barth, Prussia, on September 26, 1838, and died at Bradford on August 2, 1918, came to this country in early life with his parents and began his career in New York State. The development of the Pennsylvania oil fields brought him to Petroleum Center and afterward to Oil City. Initially a merchant, he became an oil and gas producer in 1877 and accumulated large interests in the industry, which he retained until the close of his career. In 1879 he took up his residence in Bradford and shortly afterward succeeded Robert F. Brockman as president of the Bradford National Bank. As head of this institution until his death, his strong leadership and the confidence inspired by his name were major factors in its success. Mr. Schonblom was also a large investor in city property. As a citizen, his efforts were equally constructive. He was one of the true builders of Bradford and the influence of his career has remained a continuing force in the city's life. In 1864 Otto F. Schonblom married Christine Burckhalter, of Erie County, New York.

Harry E. Schonblom, son of this marriage, was educated in the public schools of Bradford and at preparatory school. As a young man he entered the service of the Bradford National Bank, beginning as a runner, and during the intervening years has always been associated with the bank in one capacity or another. At the present time he is a director and takes an active part in shaping the policies of the institution.

Meanwhile, his interests were developing in other fields. In 1915 Mr. Schonblom formed a partnership with William Barnsdale, Jr., for the production of oil and gas in the Bradford area. Several wells were drilled, but when his partner died within a short time, Mr. Schonblom sold his holdings to the Potter Gas Company. Afterward he assumed new responsibilities as vice-president of the Lewis Run Manufacturing Company, manufacturers of acetate, wood ash and charcoal. During the same period he became vice-president of William C. Kennedy & Company, oil producers, and continued active in the company until its holdings were sold to the Forest Oil Corporation. Since that time, he has confined his business interests to his connection with the Bradford National Bank and the management of his extensive real estate holdings.

During the World War, Mr. Schonblom was in charge of the local Civilian Relief Board and at the time of the influenza epidemic he had as many as sixty people working under him in this enterprise. He has always recognized and fully met the obligations of good citizenship and has had a part in most of the principal community enterprises devoted to the welfare of the city and the advancement of its civic progress. Mr. Schonblom is past

president of the Bradford Board of Commerce and served as first president of the Bradford Rotary Club. He is a charter member of Bradford Chapter, American Red Cross, in whose work he was also very active during the World War period. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, and in this order is a member of Union Lodge, No. 334, Free and Accepted Masons; Bradford Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Bradford Council, Royal and Select Masters; Trinity Commandery, Knights Templar; the higher Scottish Rite bodies, including Coudersport Consistory; and Ismailia Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Buffalo. He is a charter member of Bradford Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In addition to these connections, Mr. Schonblom is a member of the Pennhills Club, and the Bradford Club. He is a Republican in politics and a trustee of the First Presbyterian Church of Bradford. His hobbies are his splendid collection of autographed letters of famous men of the past and his collections of coins and stamps. He also has one of the finest collections now extant of circus posters. The circus and its people have interested him for many years and he is a member in good standing of the Circus Fans Association.

In 1901 Harry E. Schonblom married Helen Rae Walker, daughter of William C. Walker, manufacturer of oil well supplies and chemicals at Degolia. They are the parents of two children: 1. Harry James, who was graduated from Lawrenceville School, attended Princeton University and was afterward graduated from Babson Institute at Boston. He is now associated with the Kendall Oil Refinery. He married Aline Dana, of Bradford, and has two children: Eric and Joan. 2. Christine Jean, a graduate of the Bradford public schools and Mount Vernon Seminary and a former student at Old Colony Business School in Boston. She married J. B. Fisher (*q. v.*), of Bradford, and has two children: Anthony and Helen Louise.

WILLIAM LEROY HALL—Chief of the Fire Department of Sharon, Mercer County, William Leroy Hall is not only prominent among the firemen of northwestern Pennsylvania but widely known through the State for his many civic interests, including conservation work in particular—a field of activity which led him into many years of service as secretary of the Wild Life League of the State of Pennsylvania.

Born August 19, 1881, at Cool Springs Township, Pennsylvania, William Leroy Hall is the son of Millard F. and Ella (Lundy) Hall. Millard F. Hall passed a busy life, being engaged as a lather and plasterer.

After passing through the public and high schools of Sharon, with two years of fire-fighting study late in life at the University of West Virginia, William Leroy Hall

began his career as a printer's devil on the old "Sharon Herald" in 1898, becoming a press feeder for the "Protected Home Circle Gazette," a paper published by the Herald Corporation. A few years later he studied the trade of barbering and, in 1900, began five years association in the trade with John Willman in Sharon. Then, in 1905, he became an employee of the American Steel Foundries of Sharon. Seven years later, in 1912, he entered the employ of the American Locomotive Company at Chester, where he was made supervisor of steel castings. In 1914, however, Mr. Hall returned to Sharon and purchased the Carver Hall Barber Shop which he operated independently until 1927. In that year, in partnership with Joseph Snyderwine, of Sharon, he purchased the Hanna Hardware Company on South Water Street, a business which he operated until 1930 and then disposed of his share of the company. Returning to the steel business then, Mr. Hall became associated with the Pittsburgh Steel Foundries at Wheatland, and later, in 1932, was employed by the Fruit-Oil Hardware Company. About a year later, Mr. Hall resigned this position to become fire chief of the city of Sharon Fire Department, a post which he now occupies. Under his management, the Sharon fire fighting forces have been thoroughly modernized and now include three pumpers, one chemical truck, two cars and a chief's car with fifteen paid firemen on duty and twenty volunteers on call. Giving all his talents and abilities to this civic employment, Mr. Hall has been recognized by his brother fire fighters as a person of great accomplishment and his popularity has led to his election as a president of the Mercer County Firemen's Association and as a secretary of the Northwestern Pennsylvania Firemen's Association. Mr. Hall worships at the Central Christian Church of Sharon, which he has served as a deacon. He has added to his many and varied civic and social activities a lifelong interest in the problems of conservation, giving himself generously to the work as a member of the Pennsylvania Wild Life League since its organization and serving as the organization's secretary from 1905 through 1912. A member of the Masonic fraternity, Mr. Hall is a Past Master of Sharon Lodge, No. 250, Free and Accepted Masons, and a member of Norman Chapter, No. 244, Royal Arch Masons, and a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

On September 23, 1905, at Greenville, Pennsylvania, William Leroy Hall married Pearl Romick, daughter of Elandis and Anna (MacDonald) Romick. Mr. and Mrs. Hall are the parents of three children: 1. Ronald James, born January 3, 1907, at Sharon. He is chief engineer for the American Steel & Wire Corporation, at the American Works, Cleveland, Ohio. He married Ida Logan of Dunbar, West Virginia, and they are the parents of a son, Ronald, Jr., born June 14, 1927. 2. Marjorie, born September 26, 1911; she married Charles Hazelett, employed

by the Biggins Dairy of Sharon. Mr. and Mrs. Hazelett are the parents of one son, Raymond Leroy, born April 13, 1937. 3. Ann, born January 14, 1913; she married Donald Marthins, associated with the Douglas Aircraft Corporation of California. Mr. and Mrs. Marthins are the parents of two children: Donald R., born March 15, 1937, and William Leroy, born August 17, 1940.

CHARLES JAMES WARD—Recognized as one of Titusville's leading business men, Charles James Ward is operator of the Titusville News Company, of this city, dealers in newspapers, magazines, candies, confectionery and a number of other products.

Mr. Ward was born August 31, 1878, in Titusville, Pennsylvania, son of James and Anna (Fox) Ward. His paternal grandparents, James and Mary Ward, were natives of Ireland, who came to this country to live, took up their residence in Titusville, and died here. On the maternal side, the grandparents, Patrick and Anna Fox, were also natives of Ireland, born in County Clare. They also came early to America, and died in Dunkirk, New York. James Ward, born April 26, 1842, in Dublin, Ireland, died August 26, 1912, in Titusville, was a general contractor, long successfully engaged in business. A Democrat in his political views, he served for two terms as a city councilman in Titusville, and was affiliated with St. Titus Roman Catholic Church. The mother of Charles James Ward, Mrs. Anna (Fox) Ward, was born May 15, 1851, in County Clare, Ireland, and she died October 22, 1929, in Titusville.

Titusville schools, both public and parochial, provided the early education of Charles James Ward, who later was a student at Welch Business College, in Oil City. Completing his formal studies, he became associated with Joseph Smith, city engineer, in Titusville, here remaining for five years. Next he became active in the general contracting business in Titusville, so continuing until, in 1937, he took over management of the Titusville News Company, of which he was part-owner after 1930. He is now associated with his daughter, Mrs. L. C. Foley, who is part-owner and conductor of the Titusville News Company with him. This company distributes at wholesale, as well as at retail, a wide variety of newspapers and magazines, in addition to a full line of candies, smokers' supplies, greeting cards and the like.

Politically Mr. Ward is a Democrat, but despite affiliation with the party he maintains independence as a voter, choosing the candidates and measures of his choice rather than any blindly partisan alignment. At one time he was a member of the Titusville School Board. He is a director of the Titusville Chamber of Commerce and a member of Lodge No. 264, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and St. Titus Roman Catholic Church.

On January 11, 1905, Charles James Ward married Sarah Bennett, a native Philadelphian, born September 10, 1877, died December 5, 1920, in Titusville, daughter of John and Mary (Hanlon) Bennett, both of whom are now deceased. Her father was a native of Ireland, and her mother of Philadelphia. Mr. Bennett was a wholesale liquor dealer for many years in Philadelphia. Mr. and Mrs. Ward became the parents of two daughters: 1. Catherine Ward, widow of Leroy C. Foley, a native of Titusville, who died here February 19, 1937; the Foleys became the parents of three children: Ward Leroy, Mary Alice, and Leroy Charles Foley. 2. Bennetta Cecilia Ward, who is now associated with the Titusville News Company.

JOHN HENRY FISHER—One of the most successful real estate and insurance businesses in Titusville was founded and developed by John Henry Fisher, who was active in the city's life for many years, rising through his own efforts to the established position he occupied at the time of his death.

Mr. Fisher was born in Titusville on June 1, 1876, son of John and Christina (Butler) Fisher. His father, who was born in County Antrim, Ireland, came to the United States in early life and became superintendent of an oil refinery at Titusville, where he made his home until the close of his career. He was a Democrat in politics and an active member of St. Titus Roman Catholic Church. Christina (Butler) Fisher, the mother, was also born in County Antrim, Ireland, a daughter of Henry and Margaret (McKinley) Butler, with whom she came to this country. She died at Titusville on August 4, 1920, at the age of seventy-two.

John Henry Fisher received his education in the parochial schools of Titusville and began his active career as a shoe salesman with the Isaac Wertheimer Shoe Store, a local enterprise. Here he remained until 1914, the year which marked his first connection with the real estate and insurance business. Until 1923 he was associated with the real estate and insurance business of M. B. Chick Company, handling the affairs of the office. In this way he served a thorough apprenticeship in the business and familiarized himself with all its details. Ambitious for larger opportunities, he opened his own office in the Chase and Stewart Block at Titusville on June 23, 1923. From small beginnings, through his enterprising spirit and able management, he rapidly developed a highly successful business, now continued by his wife, assisted by his brother, Neil D. Fisher. Mr. Fisher had a wide knowledge of the Titusville real estate situation and sound judgment in the matter of property trends and values. His agency also offers insurance coverage to meet every need. His success was hastened by his appealing personal qualities and genuine desire to be of service to those who consulted

him. Mr. Fisher was noted among his friends for his artistic temperament. He had a real creative talent, as the beautiful decorations on the walls of his home and office, done by himself, reveal. His taste was cultivated and his love for beauty also found expression in his fondness for flowers. In his relations with others he was always considerate, and his charity of spirit was most marked, manifesting itself in numerous philanthropies and his unflinching willingness to extend a helping hand to those in need.

Mr. Fisher was a member of St. Walburga's Roman Catholic Church and was affiliated fraternally with the Knights of Columbus. In politics he was a Democrat.

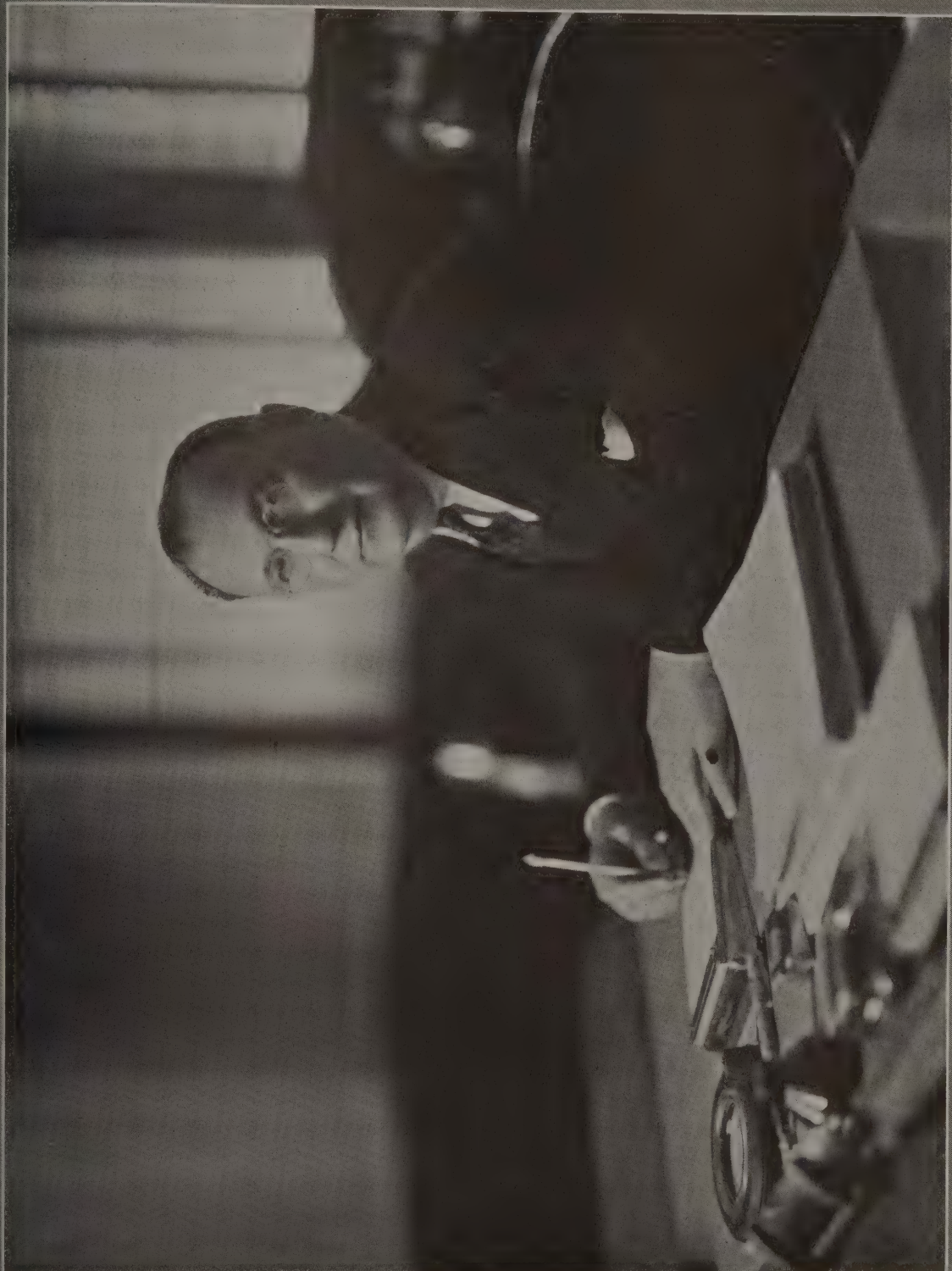
On January 28, 1913, he married Clara M. Masterson, who was born in Eagle Rock, daughter of Patrick and Charity (McCrea) Masterson. Her father, who was born in County Cavan, Ireland, March 17, 1841, and died in Warren, Pennsylvania, on September 2, 1913, was associated with the Pennsylvania Railroad for many years, first as agent at Eagle Rock and later as chief clerk at Warren. He was a son of Patrick and Ann (Keegan) Masterson, who spent their lives in Ireland. Charity (McCrea) Masterson, mother of Mrs. Fisher, was born at Eagle Rock, Pennsylvania, on November 24, 1844, and died in Warren on October 18, 1913. She was a daughter of Hugh and Patience (McGuire) McCrea, farmers at Eagle Rock.

Mrs. Fisher was educated in the parochial school of the Benedictine Sisters at Warren and prior to her marriage was associated for fifteen years with the Cornplanter Refinery Company of Warren, where she obtained a broad experience in office work. In 1932 she became active in her husband's real estate and insurance business and since his death has successfully continued its operation. Mrs. Fisher is a member of St. Walburga's Roman Catholic Church and is prominent in Catholic charities and other organizations of the church. Among these are the Catholic Daughters of America and the Ladies Catholic Benefit Association, of both of which she is a member.

John Henry Fisher died at Titusville on March 23, 1935. Respected for his business success and admired as a man and citizen, he enjoyed the regard of his community and the early termination of his career was a source of regret to many.

MERRILL NATHANIEL DAVIS—For many years Merrill Nathaniel Davis, of Bradford, has figured prominently in the industrial life of this State. As executive president of the Dresser Manufacturing Company, makers of couplings, sleeves, fittings and other standard accessories for the building and operating of pipe lines of all sizes, he has made a particularly valuable contribution to the oil, gas and water industries.

Mr. Davis was born January 10, 1886, in Millbridge, Maine, son of George W. and Flora (Stover) Davis.



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Both the Stover and Davis families are among New England's pioneers.

Merrill N. Davis attended graded and high schools in Millbridge, his Maine birthplace, and thenceforth combined studies with practical work in a characteristically American way, designed to make his education practical and meaningful and achieving that commendable end. Throughout life he has taken special courses of study whenever he felt the need for them, delving into such diverse subjects as law, business administration, mechanical engineering and advertising and at the same time doing a great deal of reading covering all phases of human learning. Regarding life itself as a school, as well as a medium for constructive work, Mr. Davis considers himself still a student in this greater university, although among his many friends and acquaintances he is regarded as most well-informed and broad in his knowledge. His business career began as office boy with the H. K. Barnes Company, of Boston, Massachusetts. Then he went to the Empire Rubber Manufacturing Company, also of Boston. Still later he was connected with the C. A. Claflin Company, in the same city. Resigning from the Claflin organization, Mr. Davis became associated with the B. F. Goodrich Rubber Company, first at Boston and then at Akron, Ohio. During all those positions Mr. Davis struggled through an era of change and difficulty in the external world, including the hard period of the World War (1914-18), during which he rendered, incidentally, much valuable service to his country as a helper of the Red Cross and Liberty Loan activities of the day.

His advent to Pennsylvania came when, leaving the B. F. Goodrich Rubber Company, in Akron, Mr. Davis established himself in East Brady, Pennsylvania, and organized the Rexhide Rubber Manufacturing Company. The war had a retarding effect upon the Rexhide company's business, and for a time Mr. Davis was again employed by the Goodrich company. In 1919 he came, however, to the Dresser Manufacturing Company, of Bradford, mentioned above, taking a position as special representative and advertising manager. When the company was reorganized, in 1929, Mr. Davis was elected vice-president and a director of the corporation.

The Dresser Manufacturing Company, with its several subsidiaries, branches, representatives and distributors in the large cities of the United States and a number of foreign countries, is one of the highly important American corporations. Apart from food, clothing, and shelter, three of the most important industries that serve our daily needs are gas, oil and water. Around these three basic necessities Dresser has built its business. Gas for cooking and heating, oil and gasoline for your car, water in abundance at your faucet—all these are speeded on their way to you by nearly one hundred different Dresser

products made by seventeen hundred workmen, many of them highly skilled—some with a craftsmanship handed down four generations. "All the way along the line"—all through the long and complicated processes that these gifts of nature follow from source to you—some Dresser product plays its part in many of the various steps—production, refining, transmission, distribution, maintenance, utilization, and research. Billions of dollars have been invested in gas, oil and water. New developments of tremendous importance are under way. And in some of these processes, in many of these new developments, Dresser has had a hand. For Dresser has grown up with them. It has initiated much of the pioneering in each field; it has shared in and helped to solve many of the problems.

Founded in 1880, Dresser was for years a single company largely serving one industry—gas. Following, however, a definite program of expansion and diversification, Dresser, since 1933, has gradually widened its services and markets through the acquisition of related companies in the fields of gas, oil and water. At the present time, Dresser includes a group of four wholly-owned companies. Each operates independently and manufactures different products, yet all bear an inter-relationship to each other in the general program of bringing gas, oil and water "all along the line"—from production to utilization—from the field to the consumer. Operating under a single ownership, these four companies, Dresser, Bryant, Clark, and Pacific, enjoy the benefit of coördinated management and its accumulated experience. Each is a famous name in its field. Each maintains aggressive research to keep its products and services abreast of the times, and to retain its leadership. The 1941 far-sighted diversification program was based on careful studies of trends in the gas, oil and water fields. Its rounding out has been accomplished step-by-step.

1. New Dresser Markets and Products. From 1930 on, Dresser Couplings were gradually extended to new water, sewerage and oil lines, and for industrial use. New repair clamps and sleeves were also added for existing lines, together with new fittings for small gas lines. These steps resulted in a considerable broadening of the company's markets and made its sales less dependent on the growth of any one industry.

2. New Canadian Company. On September 24, 1931, Dresser Manufacturing Company, Limited, of Toronto, was established. This new division tapped the rich Canadian market and its growing pipe lines.

3. Bryant is acquired. On July 1, 1933, the Bryant Heater Company of Cleveland, Ohio, was purchased. This company's line of gas-fired heating products was redesigned and its market considerably extended by the introduction of new heating and air-conditioning equip-

ment, indirectly helping the progress of gas by building greater gas "loads."

4. Clark Brought Added Opportunities. On July 1, 1937, Clark Brothers Company, Inc., of Olean, New York, was added to the Dresser Corporate Family through an exchange of stock between the two companies. The rapid strides Clark has made in developing its products to meet the new and ever-expanding needs of the oil and gas industries have added substantially to Dresser sales and the completeness of Dresser service.

5. And Now—Pacific. On October 1, 1940, Pacific Pump Works of Huntington Park, California, was acquired. The non-competing products of this company further rounded out the Dresser line and admirably supplemented the facilities of Clark and the latter's ability to offer complete service on many installations.

The principal markets for each of the corporate members of the Dresser family are all inter-related. Each company caters to a specialized field, each supplementing some phase of the other's activities, and together all four enable Dresser to offer a wider, allied service in the production, transmission, distribution, maintenance, and utilization of those most essential of our natural resources—gas, oil and water. The Dresser Manufacturing Company at Bradford is the world's largest maker of flexible pipe couplings. It started with the invention of the Dresser coupling by Solomon R. Dresser, in 1880, the first of a long series of such contributions to pipe using industries.

The Byrant Heater Company at Cleveland, was the pioneer in 1908, of the world's first (natural and artificial) gas-fired boiler for homes, and thereafter fixed heating and air conditioning. There are a hundred ramifications of its developments.

The Clark Brothers Company, Inc., at Olean, is pre-eminent in compression equipment for oil and gas. It was founded in the same year as Dresser (1880), but for the making of agricultural and sawmill machinery and steam engines, changed over to its present line in 1919.

The Pacific Pump Works, at Huntington Park, Southern California, is a leader in specialized pumps for world-wide use and dates from 1923. All the aforementioned subsidiaries combine in an ever-widening service to the gas, water and other industries, in production, refining, transmission, maintenance, utilization and research. Its service is extended through sales offices and distributors in sixty-four American cities and eight foreign countries.

Merrill N. Davis is the executive vice-president, secretary, general manager and a director of the Dresser Manufacturing Company. In keeping with his policy of being in close touch with industrial organizations, he is a member of the American Petroleum Institute; the American Gas Association, which he served for several

years as chairman of the Manufacturers' division; the West Virginia Gas and Oil Association, the Canadian Gas Association; the Canadian Natural Gas and Petroleum Association, the Pacific Gas Association. He has served as president of the Association of Gas Appliance and Equipment Manufacturers; is a director of this national trade association, and a vice-president of the Pennsylvania State Chamber of Commerce.

In addition to his business activities, Mr. Davis has had a number of important affiliations in civic and social circles. He is active in the Bradford Country Club and the Park Street Club (of Boston), both of which he has served as president. He headed the Park Street Club in 1912 and 1913. He is a non-resident member of the Lotos Club, Bankers' Club, New York Athletic Association, and the Engineers' Club, the Uptown Club, all of New York City, and a member of the Valley Hunt Club; and the Mount Desert Island Club of Boston. He has also served as president of the Rotary Club and the Bradford Chamber of Commerce. In the Free and Accepted Masons he is affiliated with many different bodies, both York and Scottish rites, and with the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is active in the Protestant Episcopal Church, being affiliated with the Church of the Ascension, in Bradford.

Merrill Nathaniel Davis married, June 24, 1908, in Boston, Massachusetts, Hattie Edith Jones. They are the parents of two children: 1. Dorothy Elizabeth, who married Thomas F. Servatius and is the mother of a daughter, Merrilyn. 2. Merrill Nathaniel Davis, Jr., who married Mary Tonkin, and has one son, Merrill Nathaniel Davis, III.

ORRIN O. BASHLINE, D. O., F. A. C. O. S.—

For many years Dr. Orrin O. Bashline has contributed to the professional life of Grove City and Mercer County, being a practicing osteopathic physician and surgeon in Grove City, and owner, with his colleague, Dr. Walter F. Rossman, of the Osteopathic Hospital.

Dr. Bashline was born in Lamartine, Clarion County, Pennsylvania, son of George and Mary (Miller) Bashline. He was reared in Lamartine, attended school there, and was graduated in 1902 from the Clarion State Teachers College. For three years before completing his college course, he taught in the public schools, and for two years after graduation was high school principal. He entered the Kirksville College of Osteopathy and Surgery at Kirksville, Missouri, where he took his degree of Doctor of Osteopathy in 1907. After internship in the Kirksville Hospital, he later located in Grove City and established a practice which grew with the years. He and Dr. Rossman organized the Osteopathic Hospital in 1915, which they operate as partners. Both Dr. Bash-

line, his wife, and entire family are members of the Methodist Church.

Dr. Bashline married, September 17, 1902, Fannie Belle Kapp, of Venus, Venango County, Pennsylvania. Previous to their marriage she was engaged as teacher in her district. They have four children: Mrs. E. C. Hammond, Short Hills, New Jersey; Dr. Wayne L. Bashline, a practicing physician connected with the hospital; Dr. H. Woodrow Bashline, practicing in Grove City; and D. S. Bashline, a second year student in Temple University.

Dr. Bashline assumed charge of the surgical department of the Philadelphia Osteopathic College and Hospital from 1916 to 1921, returning to Grove City for the summer and on frequent occasions during the college year for surgical operations. He resigned the position in 1921 to give his entire time to his professional career in Grove City.

He has studied at various times in surgical clinics and has taken postgraduate courses in the United States, Germany, Vienna, Austria and Switzerland.

He is a member of the American Osteopathic Association, Pennsylvania Osteopathic Association, American College of Osteopathic Surgeons, and past president of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons.

He is interested in Boy Scout activities, a member of the Mercer County Council, and member of the Kiwanis Club and the Chamber of Commerce. He was elected to the board of directors of the First National Bank in 1936.

Dr. Bashline is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, his great-grandfather being Christian Wenner, who was an officer in the Revolutionary War. His wife is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution through the ancestry of Captain Paul Neely.

Dr. Bashline has always been a staunch supporter of true Americanism, and the Prohibition and Republican parties. He has been quite active against all New Deal or Communistic idealogies which he feels are not American.

ROBERT DICKSON LOCKE—The historic Drake Well, which ushered in the era of oil production in Pennsylvania, also served to introduce Robert Dickson Locke, of Titusville, to the industry with which he has been associated, directly or indirectly, for almost eighty years. A retired oil producer and business man, he is the last survivor of the group in personal contact with the Drake Well in its first days, although he was only a boy at the time. His career thus spans an epoch in the development of western Pennsylvania and at ninety he remains an honored figure in the industry and in the life of Titusville, where he has long made his home.

Mr. Locke was born in Lyman, New Hampshire, on August 26, 1850, son of Elbridge Gerry and Jane Ann (Dickson) Locke, and a grandson of David and Florinda (Locke) Locke. He is a descendant of Captain John

Locke, born in England in 1627, who came to America and died on August 26, 1696, at the age of seventy, having been scalped by the Indians. The Lockes were among the early settlers of New York and New Jersey, and other branches of the family settled in Virginia and North Carolina.

Elbridge Gerry Locke, father of Robert Dickson Locke, was born at Lyman, New Hampshire, on March 24, 1818, and died at Mayville, Pennsylvania, although at the time of his death he had been a resident of California for some years. In early life he taught school, later was associated with J. B. Summer & Company at Dalton, New Hampshire, as foreman and on September 1, 1860, with his wife and six children, he settled on the Locke farm, now the Mackey farm, in Titusville. Two years later the family moved to the Drake Well, where they lived until 1867. At the end of that time, his wife having died, Elbridge Gerry Locke migrated to California, where he took up a government claim and became a ranch owner at San Luis Rey. Jane Ann (Dickson) Locke, his wife, was born at Ryegate, Vermont, on July 8, 1821, and died in Titusville, Pennsylvania, on February 3, 1867. She was one of ten children of Robert Dickson, a native of Scotland, who came to America at the age of twelve, settled in Vermont, and died at Ryegate, where he owned a large farm.

Robert Dickson Locke was ten years old when the family moved from New Hampshire to Titusville. He was twelve when they settled on the Drake Well property, drilled three years earlier, and in the fall of 1862 he went to work as "pulley boy" at the top of the derrick. Colonel Drake himself he had known a year earlier, along with "Uncle Billy" Smith, Drakes driller, and the others who helped to make history more than three-quarters of a century ago. Today he knows more about the Drake Well than any other man now living. His knowledge and fund of anecdote are always at the disposal of those seeking enlightenment about events of the past, and on many occasions he has been consulted by writers and historians. Among those who have visited him to draw upon his wealth of memories is Professor Paul H. Giddens, of Allegheny College, probably the leading historian today of the Pennsylvania oil region.

Mr. Locke attended public school in New Hampshire and at Titusville and the Drake Well. He also studied for a time under a private teacher, but for the most part he obtained his education in the hard school of experience. After he began work as a "pulley boy" at the Drake Well in the fall of 1862, he progressed through the various phases of oil production, gaining experience in drilling and tool dressing. For a time he also put in torpedoes for the Roberts Torpedo Company. Mr. Locke learned the machinists trade with his uncle's firm, Locke & Hamilton, and in other shops. As a young man he was sent to Formosa to drill an oil well for the Chinese Government and

worked there for a year under A. P. Karns in the days before the island passed into the hands of the Japanese. After his return to the United States, he formed a partnership with E. I. Young, in the firm of Young & Locke, machinists, a business which was continued for seventeen years. At the end of this time he turned to oil production as an independent operator and was so engaged until 1920, when he sold out his lease, although royalties are still paid to him on production. Mr. Locke also owns a half interest in the Titusville Supply Company, but is not active in the management of the business.

Since his retirement in 1920, Mr. Locke has continued to make his home in Titusville, in whose life he has been influential for many decades. Although he never sought a career in politics, he was for some years a member of the city council and also served as superintendent of the Titusville Water Works. He has been associated with most of the principal institutions of the community and despite advancing years has continued to take an active interest in local affairs. The occasion of his ninetieth birthday was marked by hundreds of his Titusville friends, who showed their respect and regard by visiting his home or leaving little gifts. Other friends from out of town sent greetings. This anniversary was also signalized by the presentation to him of a large silver Hewes bowl bearing the following inscription: "Robert Dickson Locke, August 26, 1850-1940." Many in the community contributed to making possible this gracious acknowledgement of their friendship for him and the unique place he occupies in Titusville life. As the "Titusville Herald" wrote of him:

"There is not a person in Titusville in whom the people have a greater interest than Mr. Locke. This is the natural result of his fine character and delightful personality, coupled with sentimental interest in him growing out of the fact that he is the only person now living who had a direct contact with the Drake Well."

Mr. Locke has been affiliated with Shepherd Lodge, No. 463, Free and Accepted Masons, at Titusville, since 1883. He is also a member of the Titusville Historical Society. In politics he is a Republican.

On July 12, 1884, at Titusville, he married Fannie Jane Allison, who was born in New York City, daughter of John D. and Elizabeth (Hutchinson) Allison, both born in Scotland. Her father, a member of a prominent Scottish family, was a genius at drafting and installing boilers and was sent to this country to install a Scottish marine boiler for St. Louis firms. Afterward, the Navy Yard in Brooklyn sent for him and still later he was dispatched to New Orleans to design and build marine boilers. He never returned to Scotland, but pursued his career in this country until his death in Philadelphia. Elizabeth (Hutchinson) Allison, who died in Williamsport, was the daughter of a New York merchant. He was prominent in the city

and was the first to build a home on Madison Avenue. He also owned the land through which the Hutchinson Parkway runs and that boulevard was named in his honor. His wife was a member of the Conway family, builders of the first railroad in Scotland. Mrs. Locke is active in the women's organizations of Titusville, including the Women's Club, the Garden Club and the Young Women's Christian Association. She is also a member of the Titusville Historical Society and is chairman of the research committee constituted to correlate records and data on the constructive period of Titusville. In 1923 she made a trip around the world with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dollar, of San Rafael, California, to whom she is related by marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Locke have two children: 1. Lucy N., widow of the late Henry J. Zweygartt, a broker at Hartford, Connecticut, who died on August 24, 1940. She has four children: Jane Locke, who married Loring Grigg, of Hartford; Mary Candy; Robert Locke; and John Candy Zweygartt. 2. Robert Allison, an engineer, who served overseas during the World War as captain in the Ordnance Department, and is now associated with the Boiler Institute, of Middletown, Pennsylvania, whose business covers the entire United States. He married Margaret Chase, of Titusville, and has two daughters: Margaret Chase and Elizabeth Locke.

LOUIS EARL BENNINGHOFF—The oil industry of Pennsylvania and Ohio has engaged the efforts and attention of Louis Earl Benninghoff during the greater part of his career. He is today an active operator in the Warren County fields, making his headquarters at Titusville, where he is also active in public life.

Mr. Benninghoff was born near Greenville, Mercer County, on May 3, 1885, son of Louis Nelson and Mary Matilda (MacClintock) Benninghoff, grandson of George and Julia (Baney) Benninghoff and a great-grandson of John Benninghoff, who was victimized in the "Great Benninghoff Robbery," a historic event in northwestern Pennsylvania. John Benninghoff was a farmer, who lived about a mile and a half from Petroleum Center. After oil was discovered in Pennsylvania, his farm was found to contain important reserves. Wells were sunk and successfully brought in, and his income from royalties, said to have reached \$8,000 a day, brought him substantial wealth. Having once lost money through a bank failure, he distrusted these institutions and kept his money in a cheap safe in his living room. In October, 1867, at Saegerstown, a plot to rob him was developed, involving Seager, who originated the scheme, Jacob Shoppert and George Miller and four professional cracksmen from Philadelphia, Donnelly, Gordon, Wright and Fleming, who were introduced to the others by an ex-policeman named Thackeray. The Benninghoff hired man, John Geiger, of Saegerstown, was



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an accessory to the crime. The robbery occurred on Thursday night, January 16, 1868. Answering a knock at the door, Geiger, who worked on the farm and slept in the house, admitted his fellow-conspirators, who bound and gagged the father, mother, daughter and Geiger as well. The marauders made short work of opening the old safe, from which they took \$200,000 in currency and \$55,000 in bonds, but missed another \$200,000 in large bills, wrapped in old brown paper. After the robbery, the loot was taken to Meadville and divided. The professional cracksmen fled to Canada, from which they could not be extradited, and Seager, the instigator of the plot, escaped to the West, where he lived many years. Three men, however, were sent to the penitentiary. This was the "Great Benninghoff Robbery," still much talked of in northwestern Pennsylvania, in whose annals it has a historic place. After the robbery, Benninghoff sold his Venango County farm of three hundred acres and moved to Mercer County, where he died at Greenville in 1882. His safe is now on exhibit at Drake Memorial Park Museum in Titusville.

George Benninghoff, son of John, was born near Petroleum Center and died near Meadville, when he was struck by a train. He was a farmer and oil producer. His wife, Julia (Baney) Benninghoff, also a native of Pennsylvania, died near Meadville. Louis Nelson Benninghoff, their son, was born near Pioneer, Venango County, in 1850, and died on June 8, 1929, in Homeworth, Ohio. An oil producer and oil contractor, he was also a prominent Mason, being affiliated in the order with all higher Scottish Rite bodies, including the thirty-second degree of the Consistory. He was a Republican in politics and a member of the Presbyterian Church. Louis Nelson Benninghoff married Mary Matilda MacClintock, who was born at Cherry Tree, Venango County, in 1849, and died on October 12, 1891, near Greenville. She was a daughter of Andrew Jackson and Laura (Starling) MacClintock, natives of Venango County, who died at Cherry Tree, where her father operated a hotel for many years and was engaged in farming.

Louis Earl Benninghoff, son of Louis Nelson and Mary Matilda (MacClintock) Benninghoff, was educated in the public schools of Bradford and Arnold, Pennsylvania, St. Marys, West Virginia, and the high school at New Kensington, Pennsylvania. He began his career in the coal mines near New Kensington, where he worked for several years, and then entered the plumbing and roofing business for himself in Arnold. In 1906 he moved to Pleasantville, Pennsylvania, where his uncle, D. W. Brinton, had an oil lease. Mr. Benninghoff became associated with his uncle in this operation and did all kinds of work there until 1923, when he and his father purchased oil properties at Homeworth, Ohio. These were operated in partnership until the death of the elder man. In 1930 Mr. Benninghoff disposed of his Ohio properties and leased some land near

Titusville. Here he had several wells drilled which are now abandoned. Later he bought land at Gossville, Warren County, leased other adjacent tracts and altogether has drilled about thirty wells in this vicinity most of which are still producing.

Mr. Benninghoff is well known not only in the oil fields but also as an influential figure in the life of Titusville, where he serves as a member of the city council and since January, 1940, has been superintendent of public safety. He is affiliated with the Masonic Blue Lodge, No. 499, at Homeworth, Ohio, and Nazir Grotto at Canton and is a member of the Titusville Young Men's Christian Association. Mr. Benninghoff is a Presbyterian in religious faith. His diversions are fishing and hunting.

On July 1, 1914, he married Mayme J. FitzGerald, who was born at Clarington, Forest County, daughter of S. D. and Rebecca (Henry) FitzGerald, both born in Clarion County and died at Tionesta, Forest County. Her father, who served with the Union forces during the Civil War and was twice wounded in action, was a lumberman. He was a son of John and Rachael (Dunkle) FitzGerald, farmers in Clarion County. Mrs. Benninghoff was graduated from Tionesta High School and attended Edinboro Normal School, after which she taught for three terms in the Forest County public schools. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church and of the Order of the Eastern Star in Titusville.

VICTOR H. SAMUELSON—Extensively engaged in the real estate business in the active Bradford, Pennsylvania, oil field, Victor H. Samuelson specializes in the selling and appraising of oil properties and royalties. In his chosen profession he has been successful in acquiring pertinent data and a collection of maps, designating the development of the Bradford oil field from its inception to date. He is considered an authority on oil property and real estate values and has an excellent knowledge of all phases of the petroleum industry in the McKean County area. Mr. Samuelson has been the owner of several oil properties and at the present time has extensive holdings of oil royalties in the Bradford oil field and other oil fields throughout New York, Illinois, Texas and Kansas.

Mr. Samuelson was born January 14, 1896, in Titusville, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, son of Emil and Ida (Carlson) Samuelson. His father, born in Sweden, came to America at about the age of eighteen, and is now living retired in Bradford after an extended career as a railway mail clerk. The mother, also born in Sweden, died May 11, 1928, at Bradford. They were the parents of ten children: 1. Walter O. Samuelson, a resident of Omaha, Nebraska, married Fannie Parkhurst, formerly of Bradford, Pennsylvania; they have six children: Lucy, Roy, Dorothy, Ruth, Walter O., Jr., and Dale Samuelson. 2.

Victor H. Samuelson, of further mention. 3. Gladys Samuelson, wife of the Rev. Charles H. Schmitz, of Penfield, New York; their two children are Constance Elaine and Gloria June. 4. Rev. Paul Samuelson, of Eldorado, Kansas, married Vera Byrd, of Rock Springs, Wyoming; they have two children: Victor E. and Glenn Paul Samuelson. 5. Emil Samuelson, Jr., a resident of Bradford, unmarried. 6. Roy Samuelson, who died July 2, 1909, at Bradford. 7. Helen Samuelson, who died April 1, 1912, at Bradford. 8. Ray Samuelson, who died May 17, 1912, at Bradford. 9. Elmer Samuelson, who died June 10, 1913, at Bradford. 10. Floyd Samuelson, who died October 9, 1937, at Bradford, Pennsylvania.

When Mr. Samuelson was seven years of age, his parents moved to Bradford to reside and it was in the oil country that he was reared and educated. Bradford schools provided his early formal education. The World War somewhat interrupted his career in 1917 and 1918, when he served with the 3d Corps Artillery Park in France. He saw active service in the Argonne Forest and was honorably discharged at Camp Dix, New Jersey, July 11, 1919.

After his return from France, Mr. Samuelson attended Dental College in New York City and later worked in a dental laboratory there until 1922. He returned to his home at Bradford in that year, where he was variously employed until 1927, when he entered into the automobile business with Joseph H. Ertz in a partnership known as Samuelson & Ertz Motor Company. The firm dealt in Oakland and Pontiac automobiles.

In 1930 he sold his interest in the above organization and went directly into the real estate and investment business, continuing his activities along these lines to the present time.

Taking a deep interest in Bradford affairs, Mr. Samuelson is a Republican in politics and a member of a number of local organizations. He belongs to the Pennhills Club, the Bradford Club, the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and in the Free and Accepted Masons is affiliated with Bradford Lodge, No. 749, Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Zem Zem Temple (of Erie), Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He attends the Presbyterian Church.

Victor H. Samuelson was married to Mary Monroe Fitzgerald, of Bradford, October 2, 1933. William K. Fitzgerald is an only son.

FRED T. FRUIT—Fred T. Fruit was born in Sharon, Pennsylvania, on May 22, 1886, the son of James S. and Caroline E. (Semple) Fruit. He was educated in the public schools of Sharon, Trinity Hall, in Washington, Pennsylvania, and Rayen School in Youngstown, Ohio. He graduated from Princeton University in 1908

and from the Law School of the University of Pennsylvania in 1911.

Following his admission to the bar, Mr. Fruit commenced the practice of law with Horace W. Davis, in Sharon, under the firm name of Davis and Fruit. Subsequently, Eugene E. Anderson became a member of the firm and the name was changed to Davis, Fruit and Anderson and so continued for many years. Mr. Fruit is a member and former president of the Mercer County Bar Association, and also a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

In 1879 Mr. Fruit's father, with Edwin N. Ohl and John J. Spearman, founded the Fruit-Ohl Company, as a partnership, dealing in hardware and mill supplies. The firm was subsequently incorporated in 1899 and James S. Fruit was its president until his death in 1902. Mr. Fruit's father was also active in the business, civic and political life of the community and was a member of both the House of Representatives and Senate of Pennsylvania.

Fred T. Fruit has been president of the Fruit-Ohl Company since 1911. He is also president of the Valley Savings & Loan Association, a director of Sharon Steel Corporation, the Merchants & Manufacturers National Bank of Sharon and Inland Investors, Inc., of Cleveland. He was a member of the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania in 1915 and also solicitor of the city of Sharon from 1916 to 1941. He has been president and a member of the board of directors of the Shenango Valley Community Fund and active in other civic and charitable organizations.

During the World War, Mr. Fruit was a member of various committees and boards engaged in war work and at its close was in the Field Artillery Training Corps at Camp Taylor, Louisville, Kentucky. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church and holds a membership in the Sharon Chamber of Commerce, Sharon Country Club and the Free and Accepted Masons.

CARL HELMER RABILD—As president and general manager of the Titusville Dairy Products Company, Carl Helmer Rabild operates a dairy products manufacturing plant which sells or processes the milk from 320 farms. Cream goes to New York City and milk to Pittsburgh from this Titusville organization, whose products include ice cream mix, cottage cheese and a wide variety of other food items.

Mr. Rabild was born August 10, 1878, in Denmark, son of Andreas Peter and Margrethe (Mathiesen) Rabild, both born in that country, and both died there. His father was a farmer, active in Conservative party politics, and held some local offices and was a member of the Lutheran Church. The paternal grandparents, Niels Anderson and Maren (Christenstatter) Rabild, spent their entire lives in Denmark, where Niels A. Rabild owned a large

amount of property. He was a veteran of the War of 1864 between Denmark on one side and Austria and Germany on the other.

Carl Helmer Rabild studied in a private school in Denmark and at the Danish Agricultural College, where he was graduated in 1897. He then served in the Danish Royal Guard for two years, and was commissioned second lieutenant. Until January 1, 1900, he had charge of a large farm. Then, migrating to the United States, he settled at Fremont, Michigan, working there and in other places in Michigan as a butter maker until 1905. In that year he was appointed deputy State dairy food commissioner, and in that capacity he organized the first cow-testing association in the United States. Later he was named dairy expert by the United States Department of Agriculture, beginning in May, 1908, and was assigned to Washington, District of Columbia. In 1906 he was promoted and was put in charge of all dairy extension work in addition to certain dairy farming investigations that the government was then making. The closing two years of his government work were as head of the Experiment Station set up in Grove City, Pennsylvania.

Favorably impressed by this Pennsylvania district, Mr. Rabild organized, in 1926, the Titusville Dairy Products Company, with headquarters in Titusville, referred to above. The present fine building was erected in 1926, but since that time has been enriched by additions and improvements at different periods. The Titusville Dairy Products Company covers a territory of about fifteen miles surrounding Titusville, and ships its products also to the large metropolitan centers noted above. "Condensed skim" and "semi-solid" milk products are specialties for which the organization is particularly well known. Mr. Rabild is not only head of this enterprise, but performs a valuable service as vice-president of the Pennsylvania Association of Milk Dealers and as vice-president of the Rotary Club. Formerly he was a vice-president of the Titusville Chamber of Commerce. A Republican in politics, he is deeply interested in community affairs. During the World War (1914-18) he was situated in Washington, District of Columbia, where he did valuable government work. Though he volunteered his services for military duty and was even offered a captaincy in the Quartermaster Corps, Mr. Rabild could not enter the army because the government would not let him go.

He is today a member of many organizations, among them the Titusville Country Club, Lodge No. 242, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Lodge No. 2959, Loyal Order of Moose, and different branches of the Free and Accepted Masons. In the Masonic Order he is affiliated with De Molay Mounted Commandery, Knights Templar, in Washington, District of Columbia, of which he is Past Commander, and with Zem Zem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in Erie. He also be-

longs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Titusville, the International Association of Milk Dealers and the American Dairy Science Association. In spare time he is fond of golf and other outdoor recreations.

Carl Helmer Rabild married, August 7, 1912, in Washington, District of Columbia, Ada Webber, a native of Lynchburg, Virginia, who died July 21, 1939, in Titusville.

FRED MELLON McARTHUR—For years one of Meadville's leading citizens and a beloved resident of Crawford County, Fred Mellon McArthur is president of the Yost Manufacturing Company, of this city, manufacturers of all kinds and sizes of vises and of gas soldering furnaces.

Mr. McArthur was born August 11, 1882, in Conneaut Lake, Pennsylvania, son of Fred and Bertie S. (Gehr) Mellon and adopted son of the late E. W. McArthur. His father, Fred Mellon, was born in 1853 at Conneaut Lake, and died August 15, 1882, aged twenty-nine years, after serving for some years as a merchant at Conneaut Lake. He was a Republican. The mother, Mrs. Bertie S. (Gehr) Mellon, was born at Gehrton, near Conneaut Lake, and died January 10, 1930, in Meadville. Her parents, Josiah S. and Elizabeth (Wilson) Gehr, were both natives of Gehrton, where they farmed throughout their careers until they died.

Crawford County schools provided Fred Mellon McArthur's early formal education, and after graduation from Meadville High School in 1900 he became a student at Allegheny College, in Meadville, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1905. For three years thereafter he was engaged in work in the oil fields in Indiana and Illinois. He then associated himself with his father in the Yost Manufacturing Company, serving for seven years as a salesman. Mr. McArthur and other company officials found his work highly praiseworthy, and he became manager of the enterprise on July 1, 1916, and president in 1929. As president, general manager and secretary of this company, he continues down to the time of writing.

So valuable have been his services to this business institution that no record of Mr. McArthur's life would be complete except against the background of company history. The Yost Manufacturing Company had its origin at Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, on March 7, 1907, though it came to Meadville in the following year, mainly through the efforts of the Meadville Industrial Commission. The company here obtained three acres of land at South Main Street and Clark Road, and erected a machine shop, fifty by two hundred feet in area. Within a few years the plant employed about thirty men, and disbursed from \$15,000 to \$20,000 in wages each year. It is still situated at No. 1337 South Main Street, where it

continues to manufacture vises and gas soldering furnaces. The former general manager, G. M. Yost, was a native of Cumberland County, this State, engaged in the machine business from boyhood and serving as manager of the Emmett Manufacturing Company, of Waynesboro, for six years, before organizing the G. M. Yost Company. In 1910 the company bought the Williamson Manufacturing Company, of Bradford, and consolidated it with the Meadville plant. The McArthur family came into the management of the organization in 1918. Back in 1908 the first president was John Dick, who was succeeded by Simeon Merrill and Otto Kohler, respectively. E. W. McArthur was in control from January 1, 1918, to January 1, 1930, when his son, F. M. McArthur, took charge.

Not only as head of this company, but in many other capacities, Fred Mellon McArthur has distinguished himself in Meadville. Politically he is a Republican. He belongs to many business organizations and civic groups, served as a director of the Merchants' National Bank for twenty years, until June, 1936, is president of the Vise Manufacturers' Association of America (in his second term in this office at the time of writing), is a charter member of the Meadville Rotary Club, a life member of the Iroquois Boating and Fishing Club, and a member of the Taylor Hose Company. In the Free and Accepted Masons he is affiliated with Meadville Lodge, No. 408, is a Past Commander of Northwestern Commandery, No. 25, Knights Templar (of Meadville), and a life member of Zem Zem Temple (Erie), Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also active in the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, which he joined in his student days. In his religious faith he is a Congregationalist. Mrs. McArthur, before her marriage, was educated at the Pennsylvania College of Music and at Allegheny College, in Meadville, and was a member of the Presbyterian Church and of different women's organizations of the church.

She was formerly Isabella Titus, of Bradford, daughter of Myers and Mary (Farley) Titus, of that city. Her father was an oil producer, and both parents died in Bradford. Mrs. McArthur herself was born October 1, 1884, in Bradford, and died February 24, 1938. The McArthurs were married March 31, 1920.

HUGH J. WALTER—The career of Hugh J. Walter is divided chronologically into two parts—the earlier years spent in the glass industry, during which he rose to the presidency of the Interstate Window Glass Company, and the later period, in which he has devoted his efforts to the production of oil. He has been active in the Pennsylvania oil fields since 1922 and has expanded his interests to include holdings in other states.

Mr. Walter was born at Ravenna, Ohio, on October

3, 1873, son of Joseph and Lydia (Sontum) Walter, both born in Germany and both now deceased. His father was a glass worker, and after a public school education, Hugh J. Walter also entered the same industry, beginning with a Pittsburgh window glass company. In 1899 he moved to Kane, Pennsylvania, being employed by the Pennsylvania Window Glass Company. In 1901 he became secretary and manager of the Standard Window Glass Company of Kane. After the plant was destroyed by fire he accepted the position of general manager of the Pennsylvania Window Glass Company, at Kane, assuming later, in addition, charge of the Kane Window Glass Company, of Kane, and the Wilcox Glass Company, of Wilcox, Pennsylvania. In 1919 he became vice-president and general manager of the Consolidated Window Glass Company at Bradford, where his activities have since centered. Shortly after he began his association with the Consolidated Window Glass Company, a new company, the Interstate Window Glass Company, a consolidation of independent companies, which included the Consolidated Window Glass Company, was organized. Mr. Walter was elected president and general manager of the corporation, whose factories covered six states. Meanwhile, however, he had acquired a number of oil leases in the Bradford area and in 1922 he resigned the presidency of the Interstate Window Glass Company and retired from that industry to devote all his time to the production of oil. His holdings have since developed steadily.

Mr. Walter now owns leases not only in Pennsylvania, but in Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas oil fields, and is a well-known independent producer. He is a member of the Independent Petroleum Association, the Bradford District Producers Association and the High-Grade Association of Oil City. As a resident of Bradford, he has been active in other phases of the city's life and is a member of the Board of Commerce, the Bradford Club, the Pennhills Club and other local organizations. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masonic Order, in which he is a member of Bradford Lodge, No. 749, Free and Accepted Masons; all higher bodies of both York and Scottish rites, including Bradford Chapter, No. 260, Royal Arch Masons; Bradford Council, No. 43, Royal and Select Masters; Trinity Commandery, No. 58, Knights Templar; and Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret; and Zem Zem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Erie. He is also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, at Kane. In politics he is a Republican.

On February 27, 1899, at Oil City, Hugh J. Walter married Edna Shively. They became the parents of two children: 1. Marian, who married Chapin Morris and has two children: Walter and Laura Jane. The Morris family



Hugh J. Walter.



resides in Port Washington, New York. 2. Laura, who married Milo J. Sutliff, and lives at Sands Point, New York.

JOHN AUSTIN HUNTER, M. D.—If the municipality of West Middlesex, Pennsylvania, had the custom of naming annually its "first citizen," the name of Dr. John Austin Hunter would long ago have been written large upon this scroll of honor. He has practiced his profession here for forty-seven years; has been president of the local national bank, and over a long period has been active on the school board and in public affairs.

Dr. Hunter was born January 4, 1870, in Beaver County, Pennsylvania, son of Robert J. and Lucinda (Cross) Hunter. His father was a farmer and stock raiser in Beaver County. The future medical man was educated in local schools, the University of Pittsburgh and the West Pennsylvania Medical College, receiving the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1894. He began the practice of his profession in West Middlesex, Pennsylvania, that same year, and has conducted a general practice ever since. He is an honorary member of the staff of Buhl Hospital, of Sharon (*q. v.*) and is held in high esteem as the dean of the medical profession in this section of the county.

In 1917 Dr. Hunter was elected president of the West Middlesex First National Bank, and is still serving most efficiently in this post. This bank was one of the few banks that did not close during the Bank Holiday, and did not have to be reorganized. He has also been president of the West Middlesex Sand & Gravel Company for many years, and has served as relief administrator for this district for the past forty-one years, 1900-41. Dr. Hunter has served as a member of the local school board since 1920. He is a Republican in his political allegiance. By way of keeping in close touch with colleagues and progress in his profession, he is a member of the American Medical Association, Pennsylvania State Medical Association and the Mercer County Medical Association. His religious affiliations are with the United Presbyterian Church, of which he is an elder and a liberal supporter of religious and humanitarian works.

In 1899 John Andrew Hunter, M. D., married, in Washington County, Pennsylvania, Isobel Reed, daughter of John and Mary (Wallace) Reed, her father a farmer in Beaver County. Dr. and Mrs. Hunter are the parents of three children: 1. Willard Hunter, born in 1902, and educated in Westminster College and Eastman Business College, now engaged as a merchant in West Middlesex. He married Betty Campbell, and they have a son, Willard Johnson Hunter, born in 1932. 2. John Andrew Hunter, born in 1903, a graduate of Westminster College, Princeton Theological Seminary, and the School of Divinity, Edinburgh, Scotland, now engaged as a United

Presbyterian minister in Oakmont, Pennsylvania. He married Dorothea Harnden, and is the father of a son, John Hunter, born in 1934. 3. Floyd D. Hunter, born in 1909, a graduate of Washington and Jefferson University, Western Reserve University, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws, now an attorney for the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company. He married Rebecca Marshall, and they have a son, Clifford Marshall Hunter, born in 1941.

JOSEPH E. FLEMING—Known as one of Titusville's outstanding citizens and as a leading figure in the oil industry of this region of Pennsylvania, Joseph Edward Fleming has been an independent producer since 1917. He has extensive properties in Warren, Forest and Venango counties.

Mr. Fleming was born January 4, 1878, in Titusville, Pennsylvania, son of Joseph and Caroline (Brown) Fleming. His father, a native Prussian, was for years an oil producer in Titusville, where he died March 4, 1881. The mother, born in Switzerland, died August 29, 1930.

Joseph Edward Fleming, who early revealed many of his father's sterling qualities, attended local schools in Titusville, and was graduated from Titusville High School in 1896. He then became associated with the oil trade, and spent twenty-one years with the Standard Oil Company, first in Oil City, Pennsylvania, then in California, then in Titusville. He was with the group that laid the first pipe line in California, and stayed there until he saw the line functioning. Then, returning to Titusville, he bought crude oil for the Joseph Seep Purchasing Agency, a branch of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, so continuing for about ten years. In 1917 he became an independent producer, becoming in 1919 one of the organizers of the Oil Creek Refining Company, with offices and plant in Titusville, and served as president of that company until he severed his connection with it some years ago. The company's charter provided for production of oil and manufacture of oil products, and the capacity went up to about one thousand barrels a day before Mr. Fleming withdrew. His interests are now extensive in Warren, Forest and Venango counties, as indicated above, and, in addition to his other activities, he serves as a director of the Titusville Trust Company.

Also holding stocks in other organizations, Mr. Fleming has figured prominently in business affairs in this district of Pennsylvania. He is a Republican in politics, a member of the Knights of Columbus and St. Titus' Roman Catholic Church, and an active worker in the Titusville Chamber of Commerce and Titusville Lodge, No. 264, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He was a charter member of the Titusville City Club, and is also associated with several trade groups, notably the Pennsylvania Grade Crude Oil Association. During the World War (1914-18) Mr. Fleming served as treasurer

of the Titusville division of the American Red Cross and was active in both Liberty Loan and Red Cross drives.

Joseph Edward Fleming married Alma Elizabeth Seep, a native of Titusville, daughter of Joseph and Catherine (Hillenmeyer) Seep, both of whom are now deceased. Her father was born in Voerde, Hanover, Germany, May 7, 1838, and died April 1, 1928, in Titusville. He was an executive official of the Standard Oil Company and president of the South Penn Oil Company, as well as head of the Joseph Seep Purchasing Agency. Her mother was born September 4, 1845, in Lexington, Kentucky, and died February 15, 1917, in Titusville. Mr. and Mrs. Fleming became the parents of four children, two sons and two daughters: 1. Joseph Edward Fleming, Jr., born November 24, 1913, graduated in 1935 from Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, as an Electrical Engineer, now associated with the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company, of East Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. 2. William J. Fleming, born April 1, 1916, educated in Titusville public schools and at Cornell University. 3. Martha S. Fleming, born July 13, 1919, graduated from the National Park College, Washington, District of Columbia, in 1938, where she was president of the senior class and was chosen as "May Queen" of the college; married, May 3, 1941, Lieutenant William D. Stephenson, secretary of the Titusville Chamber of Commerce. 4. Jane E. Fleming, born August 5, 1922.

EMMETT A. WILLIAMS—As manager of the Meadville division of the National Bearing Metals Corporation, Emmett A. Williams occupies a position of high standing in his community and throughout this region of Pennsylvania.

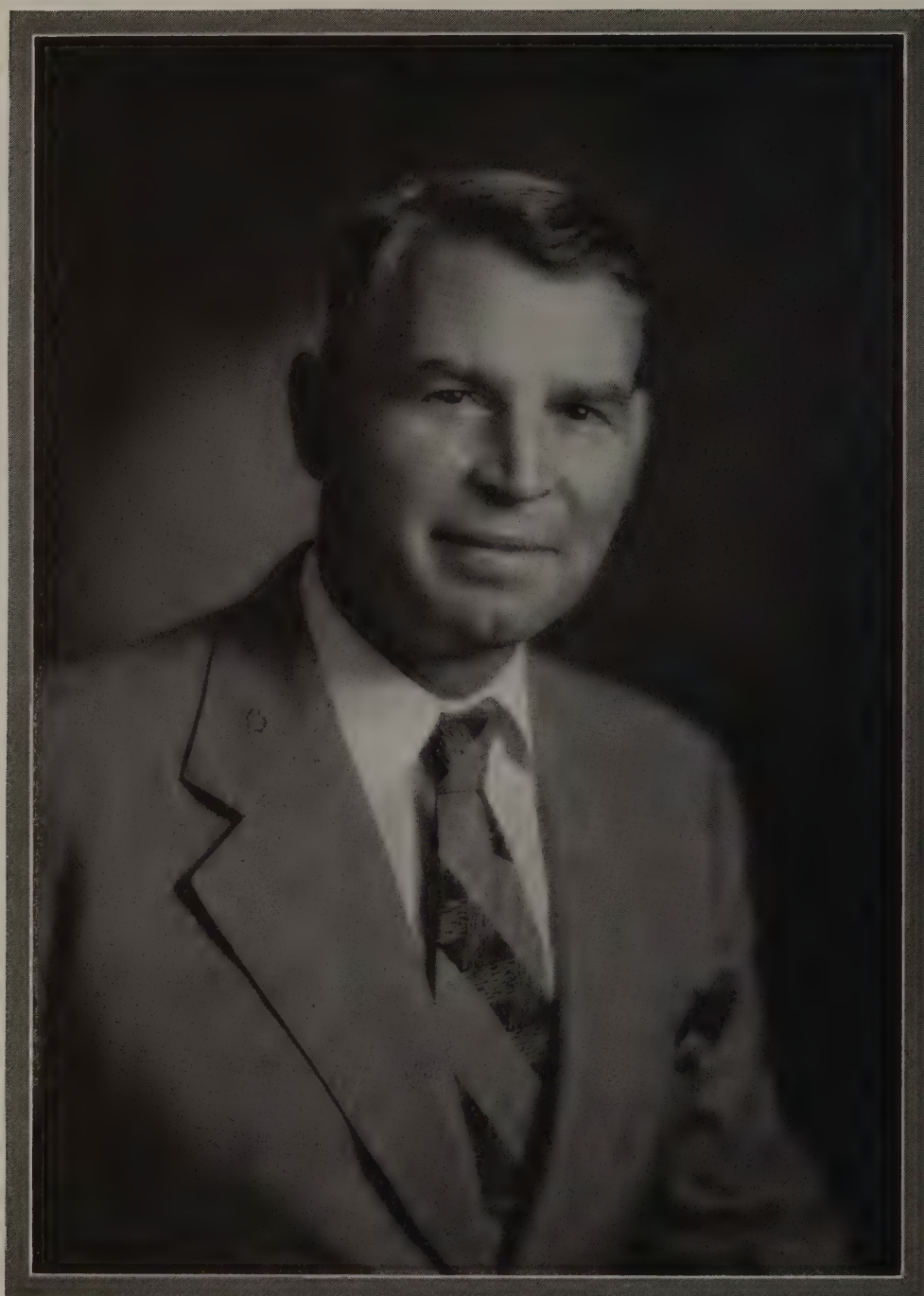
Mr. Williams was born June 18, 1890, in Vernon Township, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, son of William C. and Nancy (Williams) Williams and member of an old and honorable family. His great-grandfather, John Williams, a native of Wales, came to America, and after settling at Meadville, removed later, in 1789, to Vernon Township, where he owned a large tract of land and built a log house, cleared the land and raised a large family. His son, David Williams, born on the old homestead property and died there, was a farmer; he married Sallie Fischer, a native of Hayfield Township, Crawford County. Their son, William Cotton Williams, Emmett A. Williams' father, also a native of Vernon Township, born on the old Williams homestead in January, 1856, and died December 16, 1916, in Meadville, was a farmer and butcher by occupation, and served two terms as county auditor on the Republican ticket and held other township offices. He belonged to the First Presbyterian Church, of Meadville. He married Nancy Williams, Emmett A. Williams' mother, who was born in Summit Township, Crawford County, in 1859, and died August 1, 1901, in

Vernon Township, this county, daughter of Andrew and Sophronia (Knapp) Williams. Andrew Williams was a native of Pennsylvania, who died in Summit Township, and was a farmer throughout his active career. He fought in the Civil War as a private in the Union Army. His wife, Emmett A. Williams' maternal grandmother, was born at Conneautville and died in Summit Township.

Emmett A. Williams attended public schools in Meadville and, in 1908, graduated from the Meadville Commercial College. Years later, in 1920, he took an extension course at Pennsylvania State College. Back in 1908 Mr. Williams became associated with the Erie Railroad Company, with which he did clerical work until, in 1913, he entered upon a new kind of work. In February of that year Mr. Williams became associated with the Bronze Metal Company, remaining in the company's offices until 1927. In that year the organization was merged with the More, Jones Brass & Metal Company to form the present company, known as the National Bearing Metals Corporation. He was then made general manager of one of their units, the Eureka Brass Company, in St. Louis, Missouri. A few months later he was transferred to the main office of the parent company, also in St. Louis, assigned to special work. On January 1, 1929, he was made manager of the Meadville division of the company, with which he continues down to the time of writing.

In addition to his business activities, Mr. Williams is a member of the American Foundrymen's Association and the Central Railroad Club of Buffalo, and acts as chairman of the finance committee of the American Society for Metals. He is also a director of the Meadville Kiwanis Club and a member of the northwestern Pennsylvania division of the Chamber of Commerce. He belongs to Meadville Lodge, No. 408, Free and Accepted Masons, the Meadville Country Club and the Pennsylvania Sportsmen's Council, in which he was one of the founders and is now president and was formerly secretary of the Crawford County branch. A Republican in politics, he belongs to the Stone Methodist Church, of Meadville. In leisure time he enjoys golf and hunting.

Emmett A. Williams married, June 17, 1936, Mary Rice, a native of Trumbull County, Ohio, daughter of William H. and Vesta (Parke) Rice and a descendant of an old and honorable family. Aaron Rice, Sr., born in 1749 in Wales, died in 1835, was a sergeant in the War of the American Revolution, who served under Colonel Hayes and was commended for meritorious service; he married Annie Yale. Their son, Aaron Rice, Jr., migrated from Bristol, New York, and settled in Williamsfield, Ohio, in 1807; he married Submit Jones. Their son, William Rice, married Mary Cowden. Their son, Charles Rice, married Pauline Holman. Their son, William H. Rice, Mrs. Williams' father, is proprietor of a retail



Lewis P. Lauffenburger

gasoline station in Vernon Township, Crawford County, Pennsylvania; he married Vesta Parke. Mrs. Williams, their daughter, was graduated from Ohio State University, at Columbus, Ohio, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and taught school in Niles, Ohio, and Meadville, Pennsylvania. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Kappa Delta sorority, the Woman's Club of Meadville, and the Stone Methodist Church and holds a chair in Mead Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. Mr. Williams has two sons of a former marriage: 1. Theodore Emmett Williams, graduated from the University of Cincinnati as a Commercial Engineer, now associated with the American Viscose Company, in Meadville; he married Lucy Theuret, of this city. 2. Robert Burget Williams, graduated from the University of Cincinnati as a Commercial Engineer, now associated with Procter & Gamble, in Cincinnati, as a member of the sales and advertising department; he married Betty McGuire, of Franklin, Pennsylvania, and they have a son, Richard Edward Williams, who was born October 2, 1939.

LEWIS P. LAUFFENBURGER—The Lauffenburger Erection Company of Bradford was established by Lewis P. Lauffenburger in 1928 and has since been under his active management and control. An experienced iron and steel man, whose connection with the industry dates back to the early years of the century, he has built up a remarkable business as a construction contractor for steel structures and operates throughout a wide area.

Mr. Lauffenburger was born at Warren on October 11, 1887, son of Fred and Lena (Follett) Lauffenburger, both of whom were born in Germany and came to the United States in childhood. His father was a hotel proprietor.

Lewis P. Lauffenburger received a public school education and at the age of twelve entered the employ of the Hammond Iron Works in Warren. This connection he continued for twenty years, working in all parts of the shop and learning the business thoroughly in all its branches. At the end of that time he was sent out into the field by the same company, both in selling and in field construction work, and was so occupied for a further period of eight years. In 1928 he decided to go into business for himself and as a result established his present organization, the Lauffenburger Erection Company, at Bradford. At the beginning he met with many difficulties, complicated by the onset of the depression, but gradually the uniform excellence of his work and the fine reputation for fair dealing which he built up had their effect. Since that time his business has developed steadily. Mr. Lauffenburger employs from twelve to seventy-five people. He is agent in this territory for the Macomber Structural Steel Buildings, used for airports, warehouses and similar

structures, carries a complete line of bar joists and is equipped to go anywhere and build steel tanks of any size or description. This latter work constitutes a large part of his business throughout the oil country. All his equipment is of the finest modern type, and his high standards and prompt fulfillment of contractual obligations have contributed to the high esteem in which he and his company are held.

Mr. Lauffenburger spends much of his leisure time with his dogs, which are his principal hobby. He has, at present, eleven in his pack, which he trains himself, and has won many cups and ribbons in and about the Bradford area. He is a member of the Lake Erie Beagle Club of Jamestown, the Frontier Beagle Club of Buffalo and the McKean County Sportsmen's Association. In politics Mr. Lauffenburger is an independent Republican and in religious faith a Lutheran.

On January 11, 1910, he married Florence Alva Mathis, of Warren.

DAVID EARL VOGAN, M. D.—Born, reared and educated in Pennsylvania, it is this Commonwealth that has been the scene of the exceptional work of David Earl Vogan, M. D., in the fields of medicine and surgery. A dozen years after he had been graduated from the Medical College of the University of Pittsburgh, he entered upon an enterprise to which he had given long and careful consideration, the initiation of which brought him to Mercer, of which place he has been a citizen and outstanding physician. In the words of an earlier biographer:

Seeing the need of better conditions for the treatment of certain diseases, Dr. Vogan, through a special bill passed by the Pennsylvania Legislature of 1925, was enabled to purchase from the State of Pennsylvania the property known as the Mercer Cottage Hospital, and since coming into possession of this estate, he has spared no effort or expense in improving it, and making it into a completely modern and up-to-date sanatorium. He started out in his career as many another young doctor, content at first with an office practice. But his keen mentality constantly prodded him to effort and greater action, and when he saw the opportunity before him, he let no hindrance stand in his way. This great work that is being forwarded and performed by Dr. Vogan is not the result of spasmodic thinking. He stands where he is today because of the great power that he has developed, undoubtedly in part from his early propensities and potentialities, of concentrated thinking and of meditation, until these powers have become forces in his character that have moved him to action. All great accomplishments in the world's history have been the result of thought, for it is that that directs all action that leads to a goal and usefulness. "The mind guides," has been said, and further, "To be a power in the world a man must radiate vital energy to those with whom he comes in contact." Dr. Vogan has these mental and vital qualities, and he has indeed attained a success that serves humanity as well as himself.

Dr. Vogan was born October 19, 1888, at Mechanicsville, Pennsylvania, son of Edward F. and Josephine (Hoffman) Vogan, his father being a merchant in the town, and having the respect and affection of all who knew him. The son received his education in the public schools and high school of Sandy Lake. He was graduated, in 1908, from the Sandy Lake Institute, and then matriculated at the University of Pittsburgh, where, four years later, he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Dr. Vogan first practiced medicine in Emlenton, Pennsylvania, from 1912 to 1914. During these years he coached the local high school football team that was never defeated under his direction and was scored on but once—a record approaching the unique and a proof of his abilities in the coaching field. He practiced in Marienville, Pennsylvania, from 1914 to 1919, and was assistant surgeon at the Kane Hospital, Kane, Pennsylvania, from 1919 to 1924. Since the latter named year he has carried on his work in Mercer.

Dr. Vogan, a man of wide vision, decided to branch out from the usual practice of his profession, buying, as above stated, from the State of Pennsylvania the property known as Mercer Cottage Hospital, a special bill having been passed by the Legislature in 1925. This is one of the most beautiful sites for a hospital in America, standing on the crest of a majestic hill overlooking the city of Mercer and the surrounding country; the spacious grounds are shaded with beautiful trees and the shrubbery and lawns are well tended. Dr. Vogan has made vast improvements throughout the hospital, his belief being that modern methods of business efficiency can and should be applied to the management of institutions for the ill. From the outset the public has placed an implicit faith in him and patients come from far and near for treatment. Dr. Vogan is president, director and principal stockholder of this institution.

In addition to his work in medicine and surgery, Dr. Vogan takes an active part in the business life of the city, and is a director of the Farmers Bank of Mercer, and the Marienville Glass Company. He is a Republican by political preference, although his busy life precludes his holding public office. He is prominent, however, in the work of fraternal organizations in his community, being a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, and of the higher bodies of the order, including the Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, in which he holds the thirty-second degree; a member of the Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and he also holds membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a Rotarian. Dr. Vogan is a life member of the American College of Surgery and a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. His religious affiliations are with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In March, 1914, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, David

Earl Vogan, M. D., married Alice Jones, daughter of David E. Jones, and they are the parents of five children: 1. Mary Josephine, born November 21, 1915, a graduate of Allegheny College, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and of the University of Pittsburgh, with the degree of Master of Letters, and now a teacher of Physical Education. 2. David Earl, Jr., born September 7, 1918, a student in the Medical School of the University of Pittsburgh, class of 1942. 3. William R., born March 10, 1921, also attending the Medical School of the University of Pittsburgh. 4. Martha Jane, born March 18, 1924, attending Mercer High School. 5. Earla Virginia, born October 3, 1927, also a student in Mercer schools.

HAROLD FOSTER PORT, M. D.—Carrying forward a general practice of medicine in Titusville, where he also interests himself in hospital work and civic affairs, Dr. Harold Foster Port is widely known and respected here and throughout this area of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Port was born July 31, 1894, in Connellsville, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, son of Clarence Albert and Clara Belle (Foster) Port. His paternal grandparents were Levi Walter and Martha (Smith) Port, both native Pennsylvanians, he of Huntingdon County and she of Fayette County; both died in Connellsville. Levi Walter Port was a merchant tailor, who during the Civil War served as a first lieutenant in the Union Army. The maternal grandfather, George Barclow Foster, was a native son of Fayette County and a farmer by occupation. He died in Connellsville. Dr. Port's father, Clarence Albert Port, was born February 13, 1864, in Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania, and died November 2, 1909, in Connellsville. He was a merchant tailor, like his father before him, and a Republican and a Methodist. Dr. Port's mother was born March 20, 1866, in Fayette County, and died May 12, 1932, in Titusville, at Dr. Port's home.

Dr. Harold Foster Port attended school in Connellsville, his birthplace, and was graduated from high school there in 1912. He went next to the Penn State Forest School, at State College, Pennsylvania, and Mount Alto, this State, taking his degree of Bachelor of Science in forestry in 1916. He enlisted in the army July 25, 1917, was trained at Camp American University, Washington, District of Columbia, then served eighteen months overseas with the 10th Engineers (forestry division). Honorably discharged from the army at Camp Meade, Maryland, February 17, 1919, he was employed in the Pennsylvania Forestry Service as district forester stationed in Potter County until September, 1923. He then went to the University of Pittsburgh to study medicine, and was graduated from the Medical School there in 1928 as a Doctor of Medicine.

Serving his internship at West Penn Hospital, Pittsburgh, for a year, Dr. Port then settled in Titusville,



Meadville, Pennsylvania, highly esteemed by colleagues and a large clientele.

Luther John King was born at Fulda, Minnesota, September 10, 1896, son of Dr. Emil and the former Emma Cunningham. His mother was born at Rochester, New York, the daughter of John H. Cunningham. Her parents lived in Kimbrae, Minnesota, until 1896 when they removed to Fair Oaks, California, where they made their homes to their demise. Mrs. King died in Fulda, Minnesota, in 1903. Dr. Emil King was born in Austria, October 12, 1857, son of August and Mary (Natze) King, both natives of Austria who migrated to the United States. August King, a farmer, died at Heron Lake, Minnesota. His wife died at Fulda, same State. Dr. Emil King acquired some formal education in his native land and had completed four years of studies in the United States before matriculating at the Medical College of the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in 1893, a Doctor of Medicine. He established a general practice at Fulda, and was a prominent figure in medical and civic circles prior to the first World War. Enlisting in the United States Medical Corps, he was commissioned a first lieutenant and went overseas to France. Here, while serving with the 303d Sanitary Train, 79th Division, United States Army, he was killed during the offensive against Sedan.

Luther John King attended the grammar schools of his birthplace and was graduated from the Fulda (Minnesota) High School, in 1915. Entering the University of Pennsylvania for further academic and medical education, he was graduated from its medical school in 1922, a Doctor of Medicine. During 1922 and 1923 he was an interne at the Chestnut Hill Hospital, Philadelphia, and then for nine months was in general practice at Glenside, Pennsylvania. There followed fourteen months at Sagamore, Pennsylvania, and six years in Conneautville, Crawford County. A constantly increasing clientele and the wish to specialize probably motivated his removal to Meadville in 1931. During the past decade, Dr. King has become a well-known pediatrician, an authority on the medical management of children, one of the most important phases of modern medicine.

Dr. King is a member of the staff of Spencer Hospital, Meadville; president of the Crawford County Medical Society (1940), a member of the Pennsylvania State Medical Association, and coroner for Crawford County. He belongs to the Round Table Club, of the city, the A. M. P. O. fraternity, and attends the Presbyterian Church. During the first World War he was a member of the United States Medical Reserve.

Dr. Luther John King married, February 18, 1921, Madeline Spencer, a native of Woodbridge, New Jersey, daughter of Dr. Ira and Mrs. Anna (Ensign) Spencer,

both natives of Woodbridge, her father practicing his profession there. Mrs. King is a graduate of the Woodbridge High School and of Goucher College, Baltimore, Maryland, with the degree of Bachelor of Science, class of 1920. Dr. and Mrs. King are the parents of two children: 1. David Bryce King, born February 1, 1923, a student at Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, Pennsylvania. 2. Jane Elizabeth King, born May 25, 1928.

JAMES L. BAILEY—Not the least of the achievements of James L. Bailey is his long and continuous association with the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company, at Sharon, Pennsylvania. This connection began when he was a young man and was not broken until a few years ago when he had the honor of being elected to an important public office to which he has since given his best attention. His prominence in fraternal circles, and constructive contributions to civic affairs have won him the esteem of citizens in all walks of life.

Mr. Bailey was born in Sharon, Pennsylvania, October 7, 1887, son of John B. and Margaret (Littlejohn) Bailey. After attending the grade and high schools of his birthplace, he learned the machinist's trade, and had only a limited experience when he entered the employ of the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company, in Sharon. He was identified with this corporation in various capacities until 1939. In that year Mr. Bailey was elected one of the three commissioners of Mercer County, later being elected as the chairman of this board which is so outstanding in the promotion of public matters. He also has been a member of the city council, of Sharon, and very much to the fore in movements and organizations initiated to promote the best interests of the municipality and the welfare of its people. He is an influential Republican in politics. Fraternally Mr. Bailey is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Loyal Order of Moose, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Knights of Pythias, of the latter organization being a Past Chancellor and District Deputy. He is a member of the Baptist Church.

On May 25, 1909, at Sharon, Pennsylvania, James L. Bailey married Edith May Foulk, who is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and of the Rebekahs. Mr. and Mrs. Bailey are the parents of four children: 1. Arthur, born in 1910, who married Lucille Hagerman, and they have a daughter, Janet. He is associated with the Westinghouse company at Sharon. 2. James, born in 1913, a graduate of Westminster College, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and is now engaged as a publicity director; he married Mary E. Oakly, and they have a son, James Bailey. 3. Isobel, who married Carson Stewart; they have a gladioli farm near Sharon. 4. John, born in 1927, attending school.

EDWARD JAMES McDONALD—As a member of the law firm of McDonald and Kraffert, Edward James McDonald is one of Titusville's leading professional men.

Mr. McDonald was born July 14, 1907, son of Francis J. and Margaret C. (Lynch) McDonald. His paternal grandparents, Francis and Anna (Davitt) McDonald, were both natives of Ireland, and both died in Titusville. The grandfather was engaged in farming in Ireland, and after coming to America he retired from his active endeavors. The maternal grandparents, Patrick and Elizabeth (O'Brien) Lynch, were also both natives of Ireland, and both died in Titusville. Mr. Lynch was with the oil supply firm of Bryan and Dillingham for many years. Francis J. McDonald, Edward James McDonald's father, was also born in Ireland. He now lives in Titusville, retired after a career as merchant. A Democrat, he formerly served on the Titusville School Board. He belongs to St. Titus' Roman Catholic Church. His wife, Edward James McDonald's mother, Margaret C. (Lynch) McDonald, was born in Titusville, Pennsylvania.

Edward James McDonald attended Titusville schools and was graduated in 1925 from St. Titus' High School, then became a student at Niagara University, where he was graduated in 1929 as a Bachelor of Arts. He next became a student at Georgetown University, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1932. Admitted to the bar of the District of Columbia in that year and to the Crawford County bar in 1934, Mr. McDonald practiced independently for some years. Then, in May, 1939, he entered into partnership with Benjamin Franklin Kraffert, Jr., with whom he continues today. The two men operate the firm of McDonald and Kraffert, one of Titusville's leading law firms.

Mr. McDonald belongs to the Crawford County Bar Association, the Pennsylvania State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He is a Democrat in his political views, president of the Chamber of Commerce, vice-president of the Lions Club, a member of the Young Men's Christian Association and a leader in fraternal circles. In the Knights of Columbus he holds the third degree, and he belongs also to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is also a member of the Titusville City Club, the Titusville Country Club, the Titusville Lawyers' Club and other groups. His firm serves as counsel to the Second National Bank, the Struthersville-Titusville Corporation and the Cities Service Corporation. Mr. McDonald is a member of the Roman Catholic Church of St. Titus. In spare time he enjoys hunting, fishing and golf.

Edward James McDonald married, July 31, 1939, Treva E. Antill, a native of Titusville, daughter of Frederick W. and Emma (Carson) Antill. Her father was born in Titusville and died here. He was for years a tinsmith

and roofing contractor. Her mother was born in Pleasantville, but now lives in Titusville. Mrs. McDonald herself was graduated from Titusville High School, and is a member of St. Titus Roman Catholic Church, as well as of the Daughters of America. She is particularly active in Girl Scout work.

PAUL EMERSON HILL—As manager of the Viscose Corporation plant in Meadville, Paul Emerson Hill has substantially contributed to the life of this city and its people and institutions.

Mr. Hill was born April 2, 1896, in Emlenton, Pennsylvania, son of William B. and Mary M. (Allebach) Hill. His paternal grandparents, Timothy and Sarah (Buchanan) Hill, were both native Pennsylvanians and both died at the Hill homestead farm near Cochranton, where they were engaged in farming. On the maternal side of the house, the grandparents were Levi and Magdalena (Mehrtens) Allebach. Levi Allebach was born in Philadelphia, and died in Emlenton, this State. He was a jeweler and watchmaker. His wife was a native of New York City, who also died in Emlenton. The Mehrtens were from Alsace-Lorraine, France. William B. Hill, Paul E. Hill's father, was born near Cochranton, Pennsylvania, October 12, 1852, and died in December, 1935, in Meadville. He was a building contractor, a Republican and a member of the First Presbyterian Church. His wife, Mary M. (Allebach) Hill, Paul E. Hill's mother, was born in Emlenton and died in Meadville in December, 1929.

Schools of Emlenton provided Paul Emerson Hill's early formal education, and after graduation from high school there he became a student at Allegheny College, in Meadville, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1917 and the degree of Master of Science in 1919. He then took postgraduate studies at Yale University, in New Haven, in 1927 and 1928, after spending a decade as a teacher at Allegheny College. In August, 1929, he became associated with the American Viscose Corporation as assistant to the chief chemist of the organization. In 1938 he was made assistant plant manager, and in 1940 he became manager.

Continuing in this position down to the time of writing, Mr. Hill is intensely interested in the life of Meadville. He is a Republican in politics, and belongs to many local organizations, among them the Meadville Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, the Round Table Club and the Iroquois Fishing and Boating Club of Conneaut Lake. He is active also in the American Chemical Society. In his student days he joined the Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Alpha Chi Sigma fraternities. In the Free and Accepted Masons, Mr. Hill is active in Meadville Lodge, No. 408, Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he is also affiliated with the Royal Arch Chapter, the Knights

Templar Commandery, different Scottish Rite branches (in which he holds the thirty-second degree) and Zem Zem Temple (Erie), Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Emlenton. In spare time Mr. Hill enjoys photography as a hobby.

Paul Emerson Hill married, September 2, 1924, Mildred L. Knight, a native of Clarion County, Pennsylvania, daughter of Oliver C. and Rachel (Neely) Knight. Mr. Knight, a retired farmer, lives in Clarion County. Mrs. Knight is now deceased. Mrs. Hill herself is a graduate of Emlenton High School, class of 1913, and of the Allegheny General Hospital Training School for Nurses, in Pittsburgh, where, after her graduation, in 1915, she was associated with the institution as a registered nurse until her marriage.

VICTOR M. LEFFINGWELL, M. D.—For his work as a physician, Dr. Victor M. Leffingwell has earned the respect and confidence of the people of Sharon, his home city, and its environs. He has made a deep study of heart and lungs, and, in addition to carrying on an extensive practice in this specialty, is in charge of the Mercer County Tuberculosis Clinic.

Dr. Leffingwell was born June 23, 1897, in Hartford, Ohio, son of Wallace Cecil and Cora Irene (Randall) Leffingwell. His father, a lawyer, practiced his profession in Sharon until his death in June, 1940. He was a member of the Sharon School Board for twenty years, and was active in the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he held the thirty-second degree. Victor Leffingwell has four brothers, all of whom are graduates of Allegheny College, Meadville, as was their father. Three of the brothers hold executive positions in different Sharon business houses. The Leffingwells came originally from the Connecticut Reserve in Ohio.

After completing his preliminary education, Victor M. Leffingwell became a student at Allegheny College, in Meadville, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1921. For his medical education he went to Chicago, taking the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1931 at the Medical College of the University of Chicago. There followed two years of internship, one at Chicago and one in a Detroit hospital, and further studies of cardiology in London and Vienna. In 1933 Dr. Leffingwell began his general medical practice in Sharon, continuing as a general practitioner until 1937, when he began specializing in internal medicine.

Deeply interested in ailments of the heart and lungs, Dr. Leffingwell has made a special study of this branch of medicine, and he now has a large practice in pneumothoracic diseases. In addition to his work as head of the Mercer County Tuberculosis Clinic, he is a member of the staff of Buhl Memorial Hospital, in Sharon. He is

active in the Mercer County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, the American Medical Association and the American College of Chest Physicians, and is active on the tubercular committee of the State society. He belongs to the Meadville Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and is a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Mrs. Leffingwell belongs to the Sacred Heart Church, of the Catholic denomination, in Sharon.

On October 4, 1939, in Sharon, Pennsylvania, Dr. Victor M. Leffingwell married Marion Gibbons, a daughter of P. C. and Etta (McMahon) Gibbons. Her father is vice-president of the McDowell National Bank, of Sharon. Mrs. Leffingwell is a graduate of Seton Hill College, Greensburg, where she was president of the College Club, and she is a leader in the Sharon Girl Scout Council and is treasurer of the medical auxiliary of the county association. Dr. and Mrs. Leffingwell became the parents of a son, Thomas Wallace Leffingwell, who was born October 13, 1940.

THE REV. ANDREW J. WESCHLER—Presiding over the work of St. Agatha's Roman Catholic Church, of Meadville, the Rev. Andrew J. Weschler has made a notable contribution to the spiritual life of his city and its people and has particularly endeared himself to the members of his flock. He has been able to render a very distinctive kind of service to St. Agatha's, one of the very old churches of this district of Pennsylvania.

Father Weschler was born April 7, 1880, in Erie, Pennsylvania, son of George and Mary (Miller) Weschler. His father, born in Erie, and died there September 22, 1940, was for years a shoe merchant until his retirement. He was a Republican and a member of the Roman Catholic faith in Erie. The mother, Mrs. Mary (Miller) Weschler, also a native of Erie, and now a resident of that city, was a daughter of John and Kuny (Schwab) Miller, both natives of Germany, who came to America shortly after their marriage and resided here until their death.

The Rev. Andrew J. Weschler received his early education at the hands of the Brothers of Mary, at St. Mary's School, in Erie, and he entered St. Vincent's College, at Beatty, Pennsylvania, in September, 1893, there completing his high school and classical courses and being graduated in June, 1900. In September of that year he became a student at St. Bonaventure's Seminary, at Allegany, New York, where he took his philosophical and theological training, and on December 17, 1904, he was ordained at Niagara University, Niagara, New York, by the Right Rev. John E. Fitzmaurice, D. D. On the following day Father Weschler celebrated his first Solemn High Mass at St. John's Church, Erie, and later he was assigned to St. Agatha's Church, in Meadville, as assistant to the Very Rev. Francis Winter.



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St. Agatha's is one of northwestern Pennsylvania's oldest Catholic churches. Back in 1845 and 1850 the Catholic population increased markedly in Meadville as new families made their homes here. The city belonged, ecclesiastically, to the Pittsburgh diocese, established in 1843, covering twenty-one thousand square miles, or almost one-third of the State, and including thirty-three churches, sixteen priests and a Catholic population of fewer than twenty-five thousand. As early as 1848 and 1849 Father Nicholas Steinbacher visited Meadville frequently to say Holy Mass, first in homes, then in the old Courthouse. In February, 1849, the parish of St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr, was formally organized. It was a pioneer group who swung their axes and operated their saws, literally creating the church edifice out of rough timberlands so that it could be dedicated and its corner stone laid by Father Steinbacher on September 25, 1849. On August 10, 1850, it was solemnly dedicated to the greater honor and glory of God and became the cradle of St. Agatha's and St. Brigid's congregations. Father Steinbacher was succeeded by the Rev. Francis J. Hartman, who was the first resident pastor, beginning in 1851. The next priest was Father Peter Lechner, who came later in that year. Afterward came Father M. Schifferer, the Rev. Anthony Reck, the Rev. William Engel, and the Rev. Peter Klein. Then Father Reck returned for a while, after which the Rev. Michael J. Decker came, being followed by the Rev. George Meyer, the Rev. Melchior Appel and the Rev. Francis Winter. Father Winter came to St. Agatha's in 1883 from Corry, ten years after the dedication of the new church edifice, which had been erected at great sacrifice.

It was on December 23, 1904, that Father Weschler came to St. Agatha's and began his work in Meadville, beginning his own splendid contribution to the life of the parish, so enriched by Father Winter's work and that of the previous pastors. At Father Winter's death, in 1916, Father Weschler was appointed rector, and he so continues today. He has for years aided in parish development, promoting many church improvements, growth of the schools and enhancement of the usefulness of the different church organizations. In 1923 the Rev. Cyril J. Kronz came to St. Agatha's as assistant priest immediately following his ordination at St. Bonaventure's Seminary, Allegany, New York, where he was graduated. Father Charles Hacherl succeeded Father Kronz as assistant, who in turn was succeeded by the Rev. Raymond Meier, the present assistant.

WILLIAM JOSEPH SIRDEVAN—Engaged in the practice of law in Titusville, William Joseph Sirdevan has figured prominently in the life of his community and district. He was born March 22, 1878, near Titusville,

Pennsylvania, son of Michael John and Catherine (O'Regan) Sirdevan. His paternal grandparents were William and Anna (Gannon) Sirdevan, the former of whom spent his life in Ireland, engaged in farming activities. The grandmother was born in Ireland, but came to America and died in Titusville. The name Sirdevan was originally spelled Sirdeville or Surdival. On the maternal side of the house, William Joseph Sirdevan's grandparents were John and Margaret (De Corsey) O'Regan, the former of whom was born in Belcara, County Mayo, Ireland, as was also the grandmother. Both died in Ashton-under-Lime, Liverpool, England, after John O'Regan had spent his life in farming operations. The Sirdevans and the O'Regans left Ireland in 1849 on account of the Irish famine of that period, and went to England. Michael John Sirdevan, William Joseph Sirdevan's father, born in Belcara, County Mayo, Ireland, in October, 1840, died in Titusville, November 14, 1907, was a stonemason by trade, and later was associated with the Grasselli Chemical Company, working with their Titusville branch as an acid maker for twenty years. He was a Republican in politics, and was a member of St. Titus Roman Catholic Church, of Titusville. The mother, born July 15, 1846, at Belcara, County Mayo, Ireland, died in Titusville July 26, 1904.

Titusville schools furnished William Joseph Sirdevan's early formal education, and he was graduated from high school June 11, 1897. He then became a student at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, where he was graduated June 21, 1900, as a Bachelor of Laws. Not every person is acutely conscious of being followed all his life by a number; yet such is the case, particularly where major events of his life are concerned, with Mr. Sirdevan, who has been "dogged" by the number nine or by numbers divisible by nine. By coincidence or destiny or whatever may be, he and this number have had a remarkable affinity with each other, and, moreover, he has become sufficiently aware of it to follow the relationship with interest. The date of his entering Cornell was September 19, 1897, and he lived at No. 27 Huestis Street, in Ithaca. Because of sickness he had to leave Cornell April 19, 1899, but returned September 9 of the same year. Having made up for lost time by special studies, he was graduated June 21, 1900. At the beginning of the academic year 1899-1900 there were 180 students in his class, but only fifty-four were graduated. After graduation, he went to Buffalo, New York, where, on June 29, 1900, he became a clerk with the law firm of Lockwood, Hay and Greene, remaining there for sixteen months. On December 19, 1900, he received notice that the bar examinations were to be held January 9, 1901, at Rochester, New York, and Mr. Sirdevan was one of thirty-nine students to pass these examinations. Exactly two months later, on March 18, he was sworn in as a practicing lawyer.

Meanwhile, Mr. Sirdevan had removed from No. 190 Niagara Street to No. 153 Prospect Street. Later he went to Niagara Falls, where his address was No. 9 Frontier Mart, Fall Street. Subsequently he went into the Gluck Building, in Fall Street, taking office No. 54. His telephone number was 4940. In Detroit, Michigan, Mr. Sirdevan lived at No. 339 Cass Avenue. When he came to Titusville, where his present practice is centered, he had his first office at No. 207 Commercial Bank Building, and he is now at No. 207 Eagles' Building. His residence is at No. 117 East Main Street. Shortly after arriving in Titusville, on the nineteenth day of October, 1909, he was sworn in as a member of the bar of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, and on May 9, 1918, he became a member of the Superior Court bar. So has this number shadowed Mr. Sirdevan down the years, not in any sinister way, but yet so faithfully as to attract his attention and interest to the fact. Either nine or numbers divisible by nine appear over and over again, where he is concerned, in telephone numbers, drawings made in games of chance and the like.

Mr. Sirdevan is a member of the Crawford County Bar Association, the Warren County Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association, the Pennsylvania State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He is also connected with the New York Bar Association, and has been admitted to practice in the New York State District courts and the Federal courts of western Pennsylvania. Politically he is a Republican. He belongs to St. Titus' Roman Catholic Church and to the Knights of Columbus. During the World War (1914-18) he made speeches on behalf of Liberty Loan, Red Cross and hospital drives. Titusville is, indeed, fortunate in having Mr. Sirdevan as a resident of the community, and he is widely known, respected and honored in northwestern Pennsylvania.

CHARLES THOMAS STOCKTON—For many years active in Sharon's financial life, Charles Thomas Stockton is executive vice-president and a director of the Merchants' & Manufacturers' National Bank, of this city. He has had much to do with promoting the bank's interests, and, in his present position, is really the acting head of the institution.

Mr. Stockton was born May 22, 1883, in Mercer, Pennsylvania, son of Joseph Rea and Eleanor (Barnes) Stockton. His father, who came from Lima, Ohio, was a Presbyterian clergyman.

Charles Stockton was graduated from Sharon High School and Washington and Jefferson College. He has given his entire business attention, since that time, to the Merchants' & Manufacturers' National Bank, starting in 1906 as a messenger and later becoming successively a teller, assistant cashier and cashier. In 1927 he was

made executive vice-president. His broad knowledge of banks and banking, combined with his unfailing courtesy, have been of vast benefit to the bank, and at the same time have distinguished him as one of Mercer County's outstanding citizens.

Mr. Stockton is a Republican in politics. He helped, during the World War period, in 1917 and 1918, to promote the Liberty Loan and other wartime drives. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, serving from 1911 to 1926 as treasurer of Shenango Lodge. He is treasurer and a director of the Valley Savings and Loan Association, and a director of the Shenango Valley Water Company. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, of which denomination his father was a minister.

June 16, 1909, Charles Thomas Stockton married Martha Rea Cook, of Sharon, Pennsylvania, daughter of John and Clara (Laughhead) Cook. Mr. and Mrs. Stockton have one daughter, Mary Rea Stockton, who was graduated from Highland Hall, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania, and The King-Smith Studio School, Washington, District of Columbia.

ROWLAND B. MAHANY—Engaged in the practice of law in Titusville, Rowland B. Mahany interests himself in a wide variety of activities in his community.

Mr. Mahany was born November 2, 1904, in Jersey City, New Jersey, son of Walter R. and Annette (Baldwin) Mahany and member of an old and noted family. Both the Baldwins and the Shunks of these two family lines are related to the families of the same names in Meadville. Rowland B. Mahany's paternal grandparents, John G. and Jane Mahany, were born in Ohio and New England, respectively. The grandfather was a painter and decorator by profession until his death in Cleveland, Ohio, where the grandmother still makes her home down to the time of writing, aged ninety years. The maternal grandparents, Charles and Elizabeth (Shunk) Baldwin, are both deceased. Charles Baldwin was a writer. Walter R. Mahany, Rowland B. Mahany's father, was born in Delaware, Ohio, in the seventies of the last century, and died February 10, 1938, in Meadville. He was a mechanic, long associated with the Erie Railroad Company. A Republican in politics, he served as county mercantile appraiser in 1936, and was a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church. His wife, Mrs. Annette (Baldwin) Mahany, Rowland B. Mahany's mother, was born November 22, 1878, in Valparaiso, Indiana, and at the time of writing makes her home in Meadville.

Meadville schools provided Rowland B. Mahany's early formal education. Graduated from high school there in 1922, he began his career as a teacher, becoming head of the mathematics department of Coudersport High School and so serving in the academic year 1926-27. He was graduated from Allegheny College, in Meadville, in 1926,

as a Bachelor of Arts. Then he became a student at Dickinson Law School, in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, where he was graduated in 1931 as a Bachelor of Laws. He was admitted to the bar of Crawford County on August 3, 1931, and to the Supreme Court bar September 28, that year.

In 1931 he settled in Titusville, becoming a partner with G. Wayne Altenburg in the law firm of Mahany and Altenburg and remaining here from 1931 to 1936. He then took up the practice of law independently, so continuing down to the present. He has taken a lively interest in the affairs of his adopted community. A Republican in his political alignment, Mr. Mahany has served as city chairman of his party. At the time of writing he is city solicitor, having taken this office in 1936. He is a vestryman of the Protestant Episcopal Church. He is also active in the Titusville Chamber of Commerce, the Lions Club, the Titusville City Club and the Titusville Country Club, and belongs to the Crawford County Bar Association, the Pennsylvania State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. Fraternally he is connected with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Free and Accepted Masons, and in the Masonic Order is affiliated with Titusville Lodge, No. 754; Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, in which he holds the thirty-second degree; and Zem Zem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Erie. He is also a member of the Delta Theta Phi, Phi Kappa Phi and Acacia fraternities. In spare time he enjoys golf as a diversion.

On July 2, 1934, Rowland B. Mahany married Mabel Crouch, born January 1, 1912, in Florida, daughter of George and Clara Crouch. Her father is now deceased. Her mother lives in Titusville.

WILLIAM STUART PERRY—As vice-president and general manager of the Franklin Plastic & Die Casting Company, William S. Perry is operating head of one of Franklin's newest industries. This business was established in Franklin, Pennsylvania, in August, 1940, and brought to Franklin one of the Nation's newest and most rapidly developing businesses.

Mr. Perry was born in Oil City, Pennsylvania, on June 27, 1905, a son of Charles Stewart and Mary Dorothy (Short) Perry. His father is an Oil City merchant. After the completion of his preliminary education in the public schools of his birthplace, William S. Perry attended the University of Pittsburgh. The earlier years of his career were devoted to newspaper and advertising work, first with the "Oil City Derrick," followed by service at the "Pittsburgh Press," Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. A year was then spent in the treasury department of the Peoples Natural Gas Company. In 1929 he returned to the advertising business in the then new and

expanding industry of radio broadcasting. He started with WLBW, in Oil City, which was subsequently moved to Erie, Pennsylvania, where it operated under the same name. In 1934 Mr. Perry left the broadcasting business and associated himself with the Baldwin Laboratories of Saegertown, Pennsylvania, as director of sales and advertising. At his present business, he is associated with the direct development of this firm.

Franklin Plastic & Die Casting is engaged in the custom molding of thermoplastic materials. The company's customers include automotive, refrigerator, and radio companies; War Department work, plumbing applications, novelties, clocks, jewelry, and photographic items.

Although a newcomer to Franklin, Mr. Perry occupies an important position in its industries and has taken an active part in the city's general life. He is a member of the Rotary Club, the Chamber of Commerce, the Elk's Club, and the Franklin Club, as well as several organizations in other cities, including the Society of the Plastic Industry, the Press Club of Erie, the American Management Association, and Delta Tau Delta. He is a Republican in politics.

In 1929, at Ripley, New York, Mr. Perry married Kathryn Graham, daughter of William B. and Ellen Marie (Lawler) Graham. They are the parents of three children: Patricia Ann, born in 1930, in Oil City; Ellen Marie, born in 1931, in Oil City; and Mary Dorothy, born in 1933, in Erie, Pennsylvania.

ARTHUR LEROY THARP—Engaged in the automobile business in Oil City, Arthur Leroy Tharp is agent for the Nash motor car here.

He was born April 10, 1909, in Wheeling, West Virginia, son of Ray R. M. and Ola (Hand) Tharp and member of an old and honorable family. His grandfather on the paternal side, Wesley Tharp, was a native of Wheeling, and there died after a career in farming. The paternal grandmother, of the Thompson family, was also born and died in Wheeling, as did likewise the maternal grandparents, Samuel and Mary Hand. Samuel Hand was an oil well driller. Ray R. M. Tharp, Arthur Leroy Tharp's father, also born in Wheeling, now makes his home in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he is sales manager of the State Bond & Mortgage Company and a member of the Presbyterian Church. The mother, Mrs. Ola (Hand) Tharp, was born and died in Wheeling.

Arthur Leroy Tharp received his early education in Wheeling, his birthplace, and was graduated from Philadelphia High School there. He immediately became connected, in 1928, with the Spangs Bakery, in Cleveland, Ohio, where he remained for a year. Then, going to Warren, Ohio, he became associated with the Park Hotel Garage as an automobile washer. A year later he joined forces with the Donovan Motor Company, in Warren,

where he took charge of car storage and car washing for eighteen months. Next he was associated with the Conklin Motor Company, taking charge of selling automobiles for a year for them. Then he entered the sales department of the Armstrong Motor Company, also in Warren, continuing as a sales representative there for eighteen months. He was then with the Central Acceptance Corporation, in Cincinnati, which engaged him to come to Oil City as territory manager in northwestern Pennsylvania. After eighteen months with the Gates Sons Company, in Oil City, Mr. Tharp left them when they discontinued business operations, and became associated, instead, with the firm of McMahon & McLane, of Oil City, as sales manager, so serving until 1938. In that year Mr. Tharp went into business for himself here, establishing an agency for the Nash car.

Successful in his undertaking, Mr. Tharp has also contributed notably to political and civic advancement. A Republican in his partisan alignment, he belongs to the South Side Business Men's Association, Oil City Chamber of Commerce, and is affiliated fraternally with the Loyal Order of Moose. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church. Hunting and fishing are his favorite recreations.

Arthur Leroy Tharp married, June 10, 1933, Dorothy Pfendler, who was born in Oil City, daughter of Fred and Minnie (Perry) Pfendler, of this place. Her father, who was associated with the National Transit Company here for many years, died in 1932. Her mother, who remains in Oil City, is proprietor of the Pfendler Shop, women's ready-to-wear dealers in Oil City. Mr. and Mrs. Tharp became the parents of two children: 1. Arthur Leroy Tharp, Jr., born December 31, 1936. 2. Daniel Leroy Tharp, born March 24, 1938.

CHARLES F. STEVENSON—During his long association with the South Penn Oil Company, Charles F. Stevenson has risen from minor positions in the organization to his present responsibilities as vice-president. He has devoted his entire career to the service of this company, a period now covering more than forty years.

Mr. Stevenson was born at Cherry Tree, Venango County, on January 26, 1879, son of L. N. Stevenson, foreman for the South Penn Oil Company over a long period, and Isie Ellen (Tarr) Stevenson, both born in Venango County. His father died in 1929. His mother, who has reached her eighty-third year, now lives with her son in Bradford.

When Charles F. Stevenson was five years old, he moved with his parents to McKean County. He attended the public schools, studied at Grove City College and in 1897, as a boy of eighteen, entered the employ of the South Penn Oil Company, beginning as a roustabout. He has been actively connected with the company ever since.

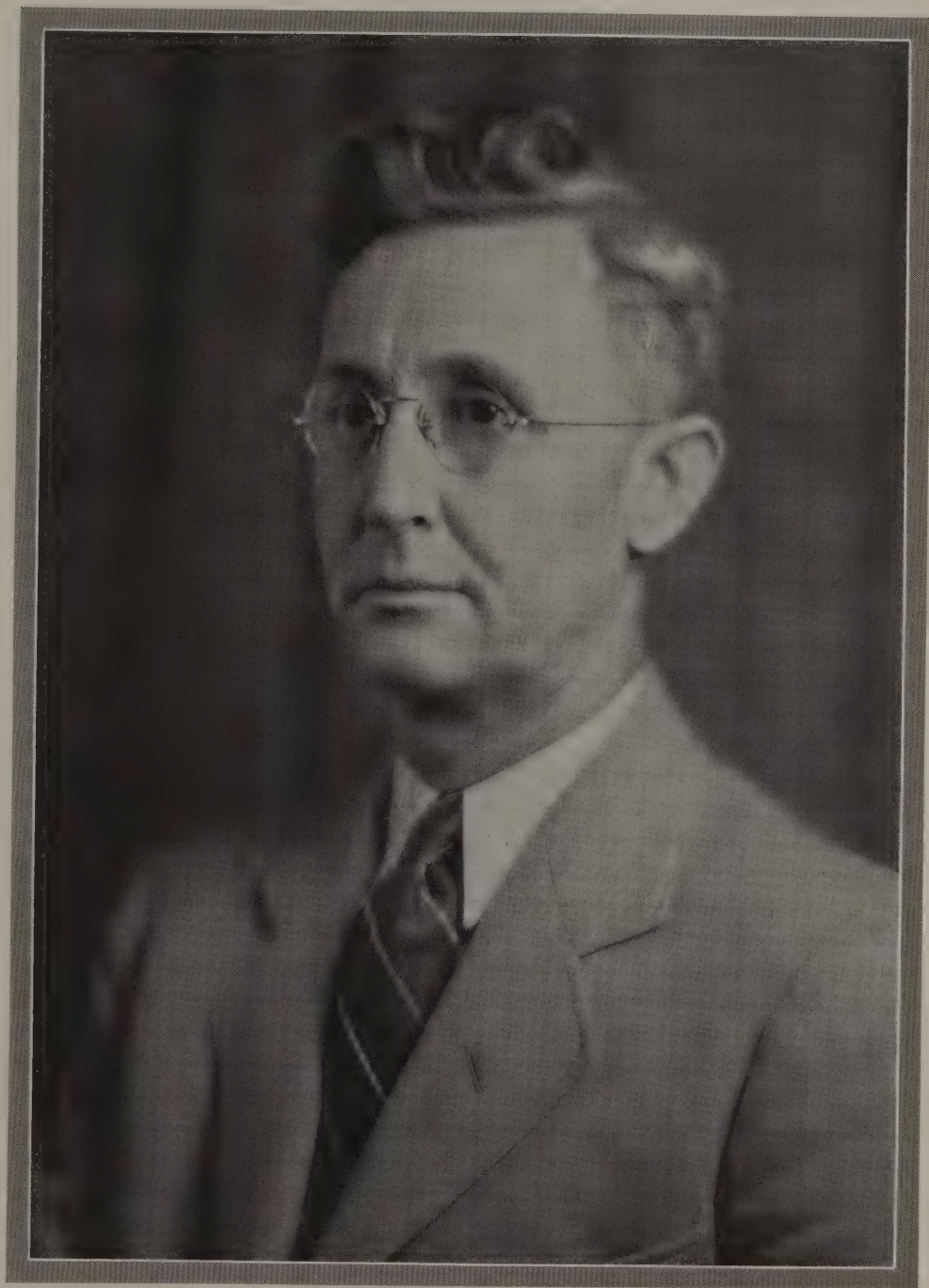
As he acquired experience he was advanced within the organization, filling many positions successfully. In recent years he has had important executive duties, covering all phases of the large business—production, refining and marketing—and in January, 1939, was elected to his present office as vice-president.

Mr. Stevenson is also vice-president of the Bradford Transit Company and a member of the board of directors of the Pennzoil Corporation. He is well known in the petroleum industry and is a member of several of its organizations, including the National Petroleum Association, the American Petroleum Institute, the Independent Petroleum Association, and the Bradford Producers Association. At Bradford he is also a member of the board of commerce. In addition to his business connections, he is affiliated fraternally with Mount Jewett Lodge, No. 627, Free and Accepted Masons, the higher Scottish Rite bodies of the order, including Coudersport Consistory, and Zem Zem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Stevenson is a Republican in politics and attends the First Methodist Church. He occupies an influential position in Bradford life and has used it to support the institutions of the community and advance its general interests. Among his leisure pursuits, music has occupied an important place since his youth, when he played the cornet and led several orchestras and bands.

On June 16, 1898, Mr. Stevenson married Bessie R. Walker, of Indiana County. They are the parents of three children: 1. Charles F., Jr., a musician, who was educated in the local public schools and at the University of Virginia. 2. Jessie Susanna, who died in March, 1926, while a sophomore at the University of Michigan. 3. Janet C., a graduate of the Bradford public schools and Indiana Normal School and for several years a teacher. She is now the wife of LeRoy R. Oakes, of Mount Jewett and has one daughter, Donna Claire, born July 18, 1940.

CLYDE SYLVESTER JOHNSON—From the placid life of a quiet valley to prospecting in the oil regions, afar and near, and to full participation in the struggles of the World War, is a story of adventure and business that has culminated in a successful career.

Clyde S. Johnson was born in Grand Valley, Pennsylvania, in 1894, son of Warren Johnson, deceased, who was an oil producer, and Eva (Coates) Johnson, still living. After completing the curricula of Grand Valley's high school, Clyde worked in the oil fields as a tool dresser and a driller and after learning a good deal about the oil industry, he organized the Burleigh-Johnson Contracting Company. His business plans and projects, however, had to wait on the World War and even before the United States joined in that conflict he was overseas in 1916 with a special unit, the 26th Engineers. He was in



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Europe until 1918 and fought in the battles of Chateau Thierry, the Meuse-Argonne and in Forbes Woods. After his honorable discharge from service he spent 1919 and 1920 drilling in the oil fields of Tennessee, but in 1921 he was offered the superintendency of the estate of R. M. Davidson in Pleasantville, Pennsylvania. The Davidson estate comprises twelve hundred acres and among other features has one hundred oil wells producing thirty barrels of oil on the average per day. The Burleigh-Johnson Contracting Company, which Mr. Johnson founded early in his career, was dissolved in 1926, but he is a partner in the Davidson & Johnson Contracting Company and is sole owner of the C. S. Johnson Contracting Company, and is in various other partnerships. He is a member of the Oil Producers Association.

Mr. Johnson is a member of Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. In religion he is a Presbyterian.

On January 10, 1924, at Garland, Pennsylvania, Clyde Sylvester Johnson married Dorothy Simmons, daughter of Laura (Quick) Simmons. Mrs. Johnson is a member of the Shamburg Bridge Club and the Women's Club of Pleasantville. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have one child, Laura Ann Johnson, born August 27, 1927, now a student in the public schools of Pleasantville.

JOHN URBAN McMANUS—Widely known in Oil City business circles, John Urban McManus is manager of the Sears, Roebuck & Company store here and a leader in the affairs of his community and district.

Mr. McManus was born December 29, 1907, in Poughkeepsie, New York, son of John E. and Kathryn (Friel) McManus. He was descended from the McManus, Madden, Carroll, Friel and Harding families. His paternal grandfather, a native of County Roscommon, Ireland, served in the British Navy as a mate aboard a ship, then went into the whaling business and was lost at sea. The paternal grandmother, Mrs. Rose (Madden) McManus, was born and died in Poughkeepsie. On the maternal side of his house, his grandparents were Cornelius and Jane (Harding) Friel, born in Dublin and Belfast, Ireland, respectively, both died in Poughkeepsie. Cornelius Friel was a stonemason. The mother of Mrs. Jane (Harding) Friel was of the family of Carroll, related to the Carrolls, of Carrollton, Maryland. John E. McManus, John Urban McManus' father, was born February 28, 1867, in Milton, New York, and is at the time of writing living in Poughkeepsie, New York, a retired machinist. He is a Democrat and a member of the Roman Catholic Church. Mrs. Kathryn (Friel) McManus, John Urban McManus' mother, was born in Poughkeepsie in 1879 and died there May 15, 1924, at the age of forty-five years.

John Urban McManus attended St. Peter's Academy, in Poughkeepsie, and was graduated from high school in

that city in 1925. He then became a student at New York University, where he was graduated in 1929 as a Bachelor of Commercial Science. Next he became associated with Sears, Roebuck & Company, in Philadelphia, though after six weeks he was transferred to Buffalo, where he opened a store and served for eighteen months as merchandise superintendent. In New Rochelle, New York, he trained for nine weeks to handle a "B" store. Then he went to Ambridge, Pennsylvania, as manager of a store. He remained there only nine months, going next to McKeesport, Pennsylvania, and becoming a store manager there for a similar period.

In was on November 2, 1932, that Mr. McManus was transferred to Oil City, coming here as manager of the Sears-Roebuck store. He went to Newark, New Jersey, on June 1, 1934, however, to be operating superintendent, and so continued until August 13, 1936, when he came again to Oil City as manager. Here he carries on his work in this connection down to the time of writing, while at the same time he takes part in civic and community affairs. He is a Republican in politics, vice-president of the Rotary Club, a member of the Wanango Club and the Young Men's Christian Association, a member and past president of the Merchants' Bureau, a director of Grand View Sanitarium in Oil City, Oil City district chairman of the Boy Scouts of America, and active in St. Stephen's Roman Catholic Church here. In his student days Mr. McManus joined the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and the Newman Club. In leisure time he mostly enjoys such outdoor recreations as golf.

John Urban McManus married, July 6, 1936, Helene Marie Taylor, a native of Oil City, daughter of James C. and Maria (Gygi) Taylor. Her father is now deceased; he was a native of Corsica, Pennsylvania. Her mother, who was born in Pesme, France, now lives in Oil City. Mrs. McManus herself was graduated from Oil City High School, and she is a member of the Belles Lettres Club of Oil City, the Wanango Country Club, the Young Woman's Christian Association and Trinity Methodist Church, as well as a member and founder of the Young Married Women's Club of Oil City.

ALVAH DALE CLARK—Through his work with the American Viscose Corporation, Alvah Dale Clark, now assistant manager of the Meadville plant of this company, has performed an important and valuable service to his community and to the modern industrial world.

Mr. Clark was born April 12, 1902, in Greenwood Township, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, son of Harvey M. and Alice C. (Seely) Clark. On the paternal side of his house he was a great-grandson of Alvah and Catherine (Snyder) Clark, both natives of New York State, who died in Crawford County, after valuable service as farmers. Their son, Joel Clark, Mr. Clark's

grandfather, was born in New York State, and died in Greenwood Township, January 26, 1904, at the age of sixty-four years. He was a volunteer from Illinois during the Civil War, where he was in the hospital service through a part of that conflict and in actual combat the balance of the time. He taught school in Illinois and later in Pennsylvania; however the latter part of his life was spent in farming. His wife, Eliza Jane (Williams) Clark, was born in Crawford County, but at the age of sixteen (1856) removed with her family to Illinois, but returned to Pennsylvania with her husband and family in 1879. She died in Shippensburg, Clarion County, in March, 1913, at the age of seventy-two years. Their son, Harvey M. Clark, Mr. Clark's father, was born April 22, 1870, in Illinois, and died July 11, 1932, in Greenwood Township. He was a farmer, a Republican and a member of the Church of the United Brethren. He came to Pennsylvania in 1879 with his family and located in Greenwood Township where his paternal grandparents had resided since moving to Pennsylvania from New York State in 1854. His wife, Alice C. (Seely) Clark, Mr. Clark's mother, was born December 11, 1873, in Venango County, and now makes her home in Meadville with her son. She was a daughter of Rufus Parker and Sally (Starling) Seely. Rufus Parker Seely was born in Pennsylvania, and died in 1919 in Chapmanville, aged eighty-one years. He was a farmer by occupation, a cavalryman in the Civil War, and fought in every battle in which the Army of the Potomac was engaged—except the Battle of the Wilderness, which took place during his only furlough period. He was a volunteer. His wife, Sally (Starling) Seely, Mr. Clark's maternal grandmother, was born in Venango County, in 1839, and died in Warren, Pennsylvania, in 1934, aged ninety-four years.

Mr. Clark attended a rural elementary school in Greenwood Township, was graduated from Meadville High School in 1919 and from Allegheny College in 1924 as a Bachelor of Science. He also did further work at Allegheny College, Thiel College and the University of Pittsburgh. After graduation he taught science in the high school at Greenville, Pennsylvania, for one year, followed by a year as supervising principal at Clintonville and two years as instructor of science and mathematics at Corry. As a part-time occupation during that period he sold life insurance. Then came his association with the American Viscose Corporation, which he began on April 3, 1930, as a chemist. After a time he became supervising chemist in charge of plant control. Then he spent time in development work, and after a period of preparation was made assistant chief chemist, then assistant plant manager.

In politics Mr. Clark is a Republican. He is a member of Meadville Lodge, No. 408, Free and Accepted Masons, the Round Table Club, the Alpha Chi Sigma and Kappa Phi Kappa fraternities, and the Stone Methodist Church.

Hunting, fishing and golf are among his favorite leisure-time activities.

Mr. Clark married, June 27, 1923, Wilda Marian Marshall, who was born September 30, 1903, in Greensburg, Westmoreland County, daughter of Dr. W. J. and Mary L. (McClain) Marshall. Her father is a practicing physician and surgeon in Geneva. Her mother died April 8, 1940. Mrs. Clark studied at Meadville High School and the State Normal School at Edinboro, and is today a member of the Order of Eastern Star, the City Hospital Junior Auxiliary and the Stone Methodist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Clark became the parents of a son, Dwane Marshall Clark, who was born February 1, 1926.

FRANK PURL MILLER—As president of the McCrosky Tool Corporation, of Meadville, and as a civic leader, Frank Purl Miller plays an important rôle in the life of northwestern Pennsylvania.

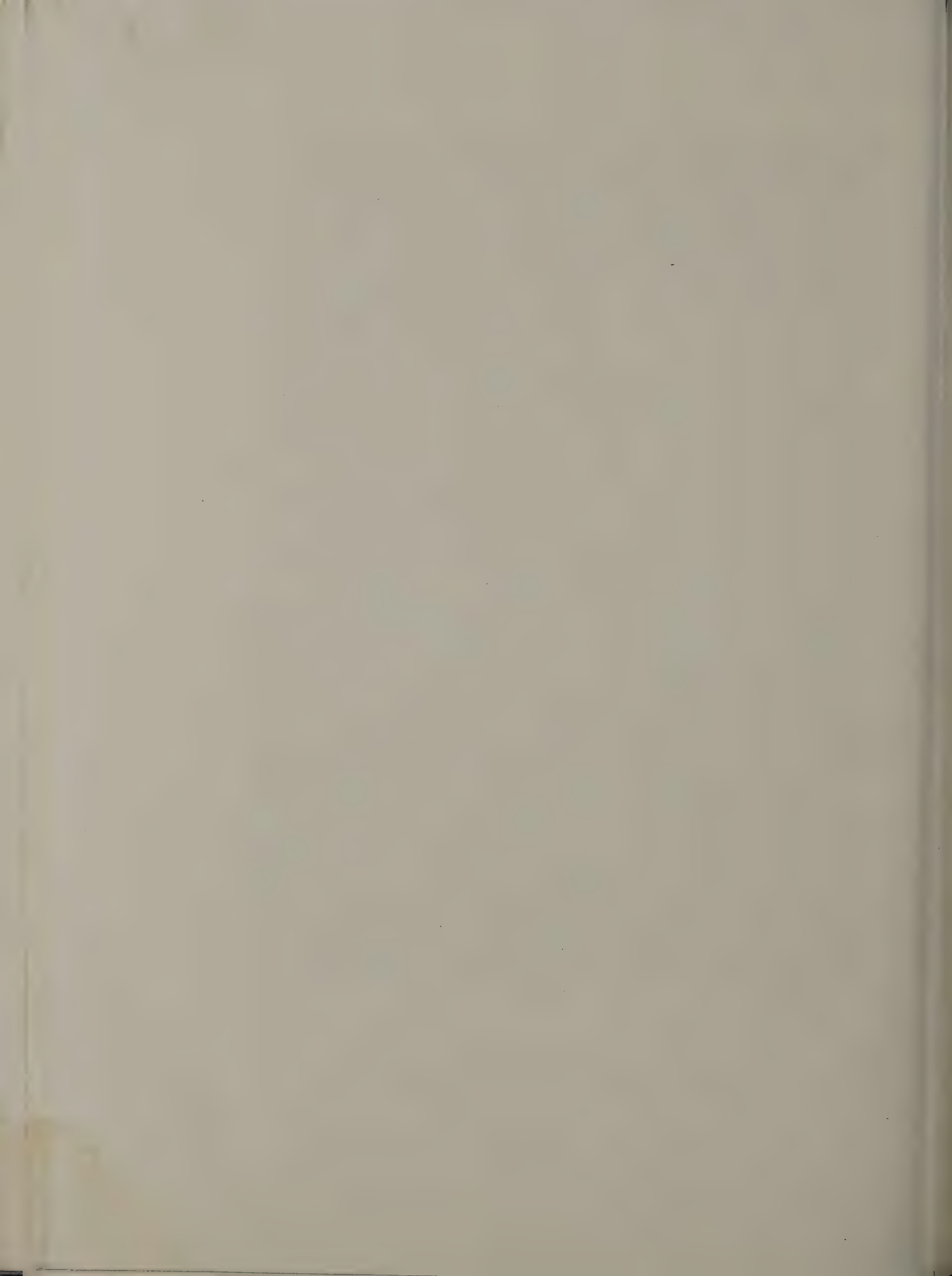
Mr. Miller was born December 20, 1883, in Sadsbury Township, near Conneaut Lake, Pennsylvania, son of Alonzo A. and Sarah Jane (Waters) Miller.

Mr. Miller received his first formal schooling in his native township of Crawford County, and in 1901 was graduated from the Meadville High School. He then became a student at Allegheny College, in Meadville, whence he graduated with high honors in 1907, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. For one term he studied at the Law School of the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, Michigan. In the fall of 1907 he became connected with the McCrosky Tool Corporation, then known as the McCrosky Reamer Company because it started operations with the manufacture of reamers only; and in the years that followed he performed such an important rôle in the company's history that his business career ought really to be observed against the background of this history.

The name of McCrosky first appeared in Meadville industry in 1904, when the F. B. McCrosky Manufacturing Company, of Cincinnati, Ohio, came here with the help of a group of Meadville business leaders. F. B. McCrosky, the founder, had had experience in the manufacture of tools in Cincinnati, whence he brought equipment and installed it in a frame building on Race Street. The major product was an adjustable, inserted-blade reamer, invented by Mr. McCrosky. A reamer is a tool for finishing holes in metal with extreme accuracy. It has always been an important tool in the metal working industries. The McCrosky reamer offered many advantages over previous types of reamers but, despite the technical advantages of its product, the company did not prosper as had been expected. It went into the hands of a receiver in 1906, and its equipment and patents were finally sold at a public sale to satisfy its creditors.



Frank P. Miller



A new group of Meadville men took hold of the situation in 1907. The head of this group was Dr. W. D. Hamaker. New capital was raised and a new company was incorporated October 1, 1907, as the McCrosky Reamer Company, with Dr. Hamaker becoming the first president of the board. When the new machinery went into operation in the company's quarters in the Reynolds Building, in 1907, Frank Purl Miller, recently graduated from college, was brought in as sales engineer.

The advent of Mr. Miller marked a new turn in company history. At first he devoted his attention almost entirely to calling on users of metal-cutting tools throughout the country with excellent results in increased volume of business. Mr. Miller not only sought increased sales but also ideas for improving the firm's products and demonstrated a natural aptitude in the field of tool design and production methods. In August, 1908, the directors, convinced that Mr. Miller was the man to carry the company forward, made him general manager and placed him in charge of all phases of the business. Years have proved the wisdom of their choice. Under Mr. Miller's guidance the company has gone steadily forward, weathering several depressions and maintaining a healthy growth. In 1912 the Meadville Industrial Committee presented this promising young company a site on lower South Main Street, where a new building was completed late in that year. Gradual additions have given the company thirty-two thousand square feet of floor space for manufacturing, as well as two stories for offices. As the plant became comparable with any of its kind in the country, property was purchased on the west side of South Main Street, opposite the factory, and the land and building of the Meadville Metallic Vault Company, at Clark Road and South Main Street, were acquired.

Mr. Miller's ability as an inventor made possible many new and important additions to the company's products. Down to the time of writing, he has patented more than fifty metal-cutting tools, machine tool accessories and processes of manufacture. Back in 1908 he secured for the company the manufacturing rights of a quick-change drill chuck, then in the experimental stage. He perfected the design of the chuck and invented other units to go with it and increase its range. In this way "Wizard" quick-change chucks and collets were added to the line. These found ready sale because they enabled a drill press operator to change tools without stopping his machine. They are still an important unit among the McCrosky tools made and sold today. Later Mr. Miller invented an automatic lathe chuck and several styles of turret tool posts, which greatly increased the producing efficiency of engine lathes. In 1916 Mr. Miller invented a new and improved design of adjustable reamer—the "McCrosky Super Adjustable" reamer—which found rapid favor and soon superseded the original McCrosky design. So

excellent was this "super reamer" that it has held its own against all sorts of competition from imitators. The making of all these new products brought a change in company name, in 1918, to the present style of the McCrosky Tool Corporation. Mr. Miller continued his inventive efforts during the post-war depression years, designing a new type of boring bar calculated to have extreme accuracy and ease of operation. Another design of that period was a method of locking blades in a cutter body, the result of which was a line of inserted-blade milling cutters. These additions gave the company five distinct groupings of metal-cutting tools and four groupings of machine tool accessories. Company engineers also design, in ever-increasing abundance, special-purpose tools of all sorts. The growth of the company through the years is indicated in the increase in number of employees from seventeen back in 1907 and 1908 to the peak of over three hundred in 1941. Sales offices have been set up in Detroit, Chicago, Cleveland, New York and Philadelphia, and representatives have quarters in Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Los Angeles, Pittsburgh, Springfield (Massachusetts), St. Louis, Syracuse, San Francisco, Toledo, Tulsa and Toronto. The tools themselves have come into worldwide use, and sales connections exist in many countries of the world.

Sales engineer in 1907, general manager and secretary-treasurer in 1908, and president since 1920, covers in a few words Mr. Miller's successful career with the McCrosky Tool Corporation. He is also a director of the Midwest Tool & Manufacturing Company, of Detroit, and of the First National Bank, of Meadville. Mr. Miller is active in many trade and industrial organizations, among them the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the Metal Cutting Tool Institute, the United States Chamber of Commerce, and the National Association of Manufacturers.

To the general public, Mr. Miller is probably even better known because of his extensive civic activities and as an effective popular public speaker, than as a successful industrialist. A Republican in politics, Mr. Miller is a member of the Pennsylvania executive committee of the Republican Men of Pennsylvania. One of his early public services was as a member of the Meadville School Board. He was a member of the State Senate from 1923 to 1927, having been elected by an overwhelming majority. In 1936 he was an alternate delegate to the Republican National Convention in Cleveland, Ohio, and in 1940 a delegate to the Republican National Convention in Philadelphia. He was chairman of the Meadville Chapter of the Red Cross and a member of the State advisory committee of the organization during the First World War period, in 1917 and 1918. His activity in cultural affairs concerns especially education and religion. Mr. Miller has been a life trustee of Allegheny College, in Meadville,

since 1920, and is now also vice-president of the board of trustees and a member of the executive and finance committees of the college. He has served as president of the General Alumni Association of Allegheny College, and in 1940, by action of the board of trustees of the college, was awarded the Distinguished Alumni Medal for "Eminent Service to Alma Mater." Only five alumni of the college had previously received this honor. He has served as president of the Meadville Commercial College and a trustee of the Pennsylvania College of Music. He was for several years a trustee of the State Teachers' College, at Edinboro, being so appointed by the Governor of Pennsylvania. He is president of the board of trustees of the Meadville Young Men's Christian Association, and vice-chairman of the Pennsylvania State executive committee of the "Y." He has served on the advisory council of the Salvation Army, as a member of the Crawford County Emergency Relief Board, and is a member of the Pennsylvania Council of the National Economic League. Mr. Miller is a member of the honorary scholastic fraternity of Phi Beta Kappa, and is also a member of the Phi Kappa Psi, Delta Sigma Rho, and Omicron Delta Kappa fraternities. He was first president of the Meadville Rotary Club, and is a member of the Round Table and the Meadville Country Club. He has been president of the trustees of Old Stone Church (Methodist), since 1918. In the Free and Accepted Masons he holds the thirty-second degree of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He is a frequent speaker throughout western Pennsylvania on civic, political and religious subjects.

Frank Purl Miller married, June 23, 1910, Florence Grauel. They became the parents of one daughter, Virginie Jane, now the wife of Dr. Robert N. Shaffer, of San Francisco, California.

WILEY GLENN HEWITT—Engaged in the retail shoe business in Oil City, Wiley Glenn Hewitt operates a store which handles exclusively the better grades of men's and women's shoes. The enterprise is making notable headway, and its business is steadily increasing—so healthily so, according to Mr. Hewitt, that he sees a splendid opportunity for realizing his ambition to make it an enduring institution in Oil City's economic life.

Mr. Hewitt was born May 12, 1892, in West Bethlehem Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania, son of Henry Wesley and Amanda (Harsh) Hewitt. His great-grandfather, Henry Hewitt, born in Washington County, was descended from French Huguenot ancestors who settled in that county in 1760, according to family records. Wiley G. Hewitt's grandfather, Isaac Hewitt, was also a native of that county, though he died in Windridge, West Virginia. He was a farmer. He married a member of the family of Bennett, and their son, Henry Wesley

Hewitt, Wiley G. Hewitt's father, was born August 30, 1851, in Washington County, and died December 13, 1936, in Washington, after a long and successful career as a farmer and carpenter. He owned a farm up to the spring of 1900. He was a Democrat in politics and a deacon of the Lutheran Church. His wife, Mrs. Amanda (Harsh) Hewitt, Wiley G. Hewitt's mother, was born May 4, 1856, in Washington County, and at the time of writing makes her home in Washington. The Harsh family was established in West Bethlehem Township, Washington County, by Jacob Hersch, a native of Germany, who became the owner of extensive lands, 125 acres of which are still in the hands of his descendants. He was Mrs. Hewitt's great-grandfather. His grandson, Jacob Harsh, who adopted the anglicized spelling of the name, was a native of the same county, where he farmed until his death.

Wiley Glenn Hewitt attended public schools in Washington County and in the town of Washington, and early became associated with the Berthel & Becker retail shoe store there. Later he was with Mr. Berthel from 1907 to 1911. Then, going to Pittsburgh, he became connected with the William M. Laird Company, with whom he remained for two years as a sales representative, and spent a year with the C. A. Verner Company. Coming once more to Washington, he was assistant to Frank H. Berthel from 1914 to 1926, when Mr. Berthel died. Thereupon Mr. Hewitt became buyer and manager of the shoe department of the Caldwell Store, Inc., also in Washington, where he remained until the autumn of 1937. It was at that time that he came to Oil City and opened his own store at No. 116 Center Street. The store opened its doors for business on October 12 of that year, and made such notable headway that, by April, 1940, it was able to move into its present quarters at No. 207 Seneca Street.

Oil City has, indeed, been fortunate in the fact that Mr. Hewitt has joined the community as a business man, as a resident and as a participant in its civic and public affairs. A Republican, he interests himself in many good causes, belongs to the Chamber of Commerce and the Lions Club, and is active in Good Hope Lutheran Church. While living in Washington, Mr. Hewitt served for twelve years as a deacon of the Lutheran congregation there. Golf and bowling are his major recreations.

Wiley Glenn Hewitt married, October 12, 1914, Gertrude Allender, who was born in Hickory, Washington County, daughter of Samuel and Hannah (Anderson) Allender, both of whom are deceased. Her father was engaged in farming and was a mill worker. Mrs. Hewitt herself attended Washington schools, and early became a member of the Lutheran Church. The Hewitts became the parents of a son, Paul Allen Hewitt, who was born October 9, 1918, in Washington, and was graduated from high school there. He is now associated with his father in the shoe business. Paul Allen Hewitt married Marion Fye, of Oil City.

THE REVEREND JAMES JOHN McNANY—

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Meadville, of which the Rev. James John McNany is now pastor, had its origin in the early years of the present century when the Rev. Salvatore Papandrea arrived in Meadville to do missionary work among the Catholic Italian-American families of the city. Although this population consisted at the time of about 150 families, numbering some eight hundred individuals, the Italian people of Meadville had no parish of their own. Under instructions from the Right Rev. John Edmundus Fitzmaurice, then bishop of the Erie diocese, Father Papandrea began his labors on November 5, 1909. Born in the Province of Reggio, Calabria, Italy, and ordained to the priesthood on April 8, 1905, Father Papandrea came to the United States in 1907 and served as assistant pastor at Shawmut, Anita and Force, Pennsylvania, until he was sent to Meadville.

Following his arrival in this city, Father Papandrea began regular services for his people in the Knights of Columbus Hall and later in the C. M. B. A. Hall, both located on Water Street. Meanwhile, the erection of the new church was begun on the selected site at the corner of Pine and Bessemer streets. On November 3, 1912, St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church was dedicated and has since served as the place of worship for the Catholic Italian-Americans of Meadville. Father Papandrea rounded out a pastorate of thirty fruitful years in Meadville, during which St. Mary's became a flourishing parish and the population to which he ministered increased to approximately 850 families with a membership of approximately four thousand.

Father McNany, present pastor of St. Mary's, came to Meadville as Father Papandrea's successor in 1939. He has devoted his entire career to the priesthood. Born at Du Bois, Clearfield County, on July 8, 1903, Father McNany is a son of James J. and Ann (Nihill) McNany and a grandson of Thomas and Margaret (Tianney) McNany, who came to this country from Ireland and settled at Union Springs, New York. His grandfather was a farmer. James J. McNany, the father, was born at Union Springs, New York, on April 6, 1877, and died at Du Bois, Pennsylvania, on July 3, 1940. He was a clothing merchant in Du Bois for thirty years, served as postmaster, headed the City Planning Commission and was long a leading figure in community affairs and local politics. Mr. McNany was an influential Democrat and a prominent Catholic layman. He was also active fraternally and held important offices in the orders with which he was affiliated, serving as State president of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, as District Deputy and Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus and as Exalted Ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His wife, Ann (Nihill) McNany, was born in Du Bois on March 20, 1878, and died there on December 11, 1935.

Father McNany received his early education in the parochial schools of Du Bois, was graduated from St. Catherine's High School there in 1921 and subsequently entered St. Bonaventure's College at Allegany, New York, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1925. During the following three years he continued his studies abroad at the North American College in Rome, Italy, and in 1928 was ordained to the priesthood at St. John Lateran Church. He was first assigned as assistant pastor of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in Sharon, Pennsylvania, where he spent ten years. His present appointment as pastor of St. Mary's Church in Meadville dates from October 28, 1939. As successor to Father Papandrea, he continues the labors of his predecessor among the Italian-American population of Meadville and ministers to the large parish which continues its development under his leadership. St. Mary's has the usual church societies—the Holy Name Society, the Holy Rosary Society and the Blessed Virgin Sodality—all of which are active under the patronage of the present pastor. Father McNany, in his two years at Meadville, has won the confidence and affection of his people and the respect of the community at large. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus.

JOHN WILLIAM MASTERSON—A half century of service to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has been the distinction of John William Masterson, of Oil City, who is at the time of writing assistant trainmaster of the railroad's Buffalo division.

Mr. Masterson was born November 2, 1872, at Eagle Rock, Pennsylvania, son of Patrick and Charity (McCrea) Masterson and member of an old family. His great-great-grandfather, Michael McCrea, who was killed in the battle on the Brandywine, held the captain's rank in the British forces. His son, Dr. Patrick McCrea, also served in the British forces under General Cornwallis. The two men were with Cornwallis' Light Horse Troops, the "Red Coats" of whom Paul Revere gave warning on his historic ride. Dr. Patrick McCrea, who was born in Ireland and died at Eagle Rock, Venango County, Pennsylvania, was educated in medicine at the University of Dublin, and was a gentleman and a scholar. After serving the British during the War of the American Revolution, he concluded that he had no special love for England, and so settled in Richmond, Virginia, at the close of hostilities. There he taught school and ran a store. As the "Red Coats" became numerous, he left Richmond and went to the banks of the Allegheny River in 1797, later coming to what was to be Eagle Rock. Here he became friendly with the Indians, headed by Chief Cornplanter, after whom Cornplanter Township is named, and assisted the chief and his followers in every way, practicing medicine among them and the white settlers. In 1802 he mar-

ried Flora McGerald, daughter of Hugh McGerald, another pioneer settler. Their son, Hugh McCrea, born at Eagle Rock, Venango County, and died in the same community, was a farmer all his life; he married Patience McGuire, a native of Erie, who died at Eagle Rock. Their daughter, Charity McCrea, born at Eagle Rock, died at Warren, Pennsylvania, became the wife of Patrick Masterson, a native of Ireland, who died in Warren, long a railroad agent with the Western New York & Pennsylvania Railroad, a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

Their son, John William Masterson, attended schools in Warren, Pennsylvania, both the high school and the parochial school there. Then he became a messenger with the Postal Telegraph Company, learning the Morse code and becoming an expert telegrapher. Subsequently he became associated with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as a telegraph operator at Thompson, Pennsylvania, remaining there for a year and going next to Warren. There he was clerk and operator with the same railway system. Then he was appointed agent at Struthers, Pennsylvania, on November 22, 1900, remaining there until January 15, 1910. He was then made supervising agent of the Allegheny Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad, at Oil City. On September 15, 1913, however, he was appointed assistant trainmaster here, so continuing thereafter until May 16, 1926, when he was named supervising agent and division operator of the Allegheny Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad. At length that office was abolished on May 1, 1930, whereupon Mr. Masterson was made assistant trainmaster of the Buffalo Division. He continues down to the time of writing in this position, rounding out fifty years of service to the Pennsylvania Railroad on June 1, of the year in which we write (1941).

Mr. Masterson is a Republican, a Rotarian, a member of the Young Men's Christian Association and the Chamber of Commerce, and a leading figure in still other Oil City organizations. He is particularly active in St. Stephen's Roman Catholic Church and in the Knights of Columbus.

John William Masterson married, June 17, 1897, Ellen Brennan, a native of Tidioute, Pennsylvania, daughter of John and Mary Brennan, both born in Ireland. Her father died in Warren, where he was long a successful shoemaker; and her mother passed away in Oil City. Mr. and Mrs. Masterson became the parents of the following children: 1. Mary Masterson. 2. Charles P. Masterson, who died at the age of fifteen years as a result of an accident. 3. Teresa Masterson, wife of Clarence Thompson, of Oil City. 4. John W. Masterson, Jr., associated with the engineering department of the North Penn Glass Company, at Port Allegheny, New York; married Helena Brennan, of Olean, New York. 5. Patricia Masterson, a student at the Pennsylvania State Teachers' College, at Edinboro.

JUDSON DAVID TRAX—For many years, Judson David Trax has been one of the leading members of the Venango County bar. Practicing at Oil City, he has been active in much of the most important legal business of this section and on the basis of his experience and record, has won an extended professional reputation. He is now senior member of the law firm of Trax and Trax, in which the junior partner is his son.

Mr. Trax was born in Oil City on December 24, 1869, son of David Lewis and Sarah Elizabeth (Hogue) Trax. His grandfather, Lewis Trax, was born at Strassburg, in Alsace, and came to America in 1796, settling in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, where he was a farmer until his death; his wife was a native of Basle, Switzerland. David Lewis Trax, the father, was born in Allegheny County on February 24, 1836, and died in Oil City on July 30, 1913. A blacksmith in early life, he came to Oil City from Pittsburgh in 1861 on the old steamboat, "Allegheny Belle," and became one of the pioneer settlers in the oil country and helped to build up this community. Back in the seventies he manufactured extensively what were then considered heavy drilling tools, on Seneca Street for the infant Pennsylvania oil industry. He himself became an oil producer in McKean County, as well as the local oil fields and built up very substantial holdings in Venango County and at Bradford, Duke Center and Tram Hollow in McKean County.

In 1890, with W. J. Kramer, he also established the Kramer Wagon Company, manufacturer of heavy farm, lumber and oil country wagons, whose business developed over an immense territory, including all the Eastern United States, Canada, Mexico and South America. David Lewis Trax became one of Oil City's most influential and substantial citizens. In the early days he suffered many losses and disappointments, not only in the chances and hazards common to the oil business, but his place of business and home on Elm Street were completely destroyed by the great fire and flood of 1865, which destroyed the greater part of the city, but he was not discouraged and, after the fire, was actually rebuilding before the ashes of his place of business were cold, and his own successful career epitomized the larger development of the Oil City community as a whole. For over forty years he was a trustee of the Trinity Methodist Church of Oil City. Sarah Elizabeth (Hogue) Trax, his wife, was born in Venango County and died at Oil City on May 22, 1921, at the age of seventy-seven. She was a daughter of Ebenezer S. Hogue, who was born in Ireland and was a farmer in Pennsylvania and afterward in Wisconsin. His wife, who was born in Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, was a member of the Kleinfelter family.

Judson David Trax received his preliminary education in the Oil City public schools. He was graduated from high school in 1887, took the degree of Bachelor of Laws at Cornell University in 1892, and in the same year be-



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came a clerk in the law office of Ash and Speer at Oil City. Here he completed his preparations for the bar and was admitted to practice in January, 1895. On the same day, William McCready Parker (*q. v.*) now judge of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, became a member of the bar and the two young lawyers, who had been boyhood companions, entered into a partnership under the firm name of Trax and Parker, an association which was continued for more than thirty years. During this period the firm's general practice became one of the most important in the Oil City area. After Judge Parker ascended the bench. Mr. Trax continued the practice alone until 1931, when his son, Judson E. Trax, was admitted to the bar. Subsequently, the firm of Trax and Trax was established and has since occupied the prominent position traditionally associated with the family name in Venango County legal circles.

Mr. Trax is also active in other connections. He was a founder and is now a director of the Peoples Building & Loan Association of Oil City; is a director of the Oil City National Bank, the Kramer Wagon Company and the Mullins Boat Company and the Oil City Tank & Boiler Company of Oil City; and is engaged extensively in the production of oil and gas. He is president of the Oil City Chamber of Commerce and has been influential as a civic leader here for many years. During the World War he was associated with Major John M. Reed in investigating disloyal citizens who might hamper the country's war effort. Mr. Trax is also a member of the Wanango Country Club, Rotary Club, the Oil City Boat Club and the Phi Sigma Kappa and Phi Delta Phi fraternities. He is a member of the bar of the Supreme and Superior courts of Pennsylvania, as well as the United States District Court, and is a member of the several bar associations, including the Venango County Bar Association, of which he is now vice-president. In addition, he serves as president of the Oil City Lawyers Club. Mr. Trax is a Republican in politics.

On May 22, 1901, Judson David Trax married Musa M. Merritt, who was born in Oil City, daughter of the late Edward and Salina (Mott) Merritt, both of whom were born in New York State. Her father was a merchant. Mr. and Mrs. Trax have two children: 1. Judson E., born November 13, 1902, who graduated from Princeton University in 1925 and studied law at the Harvard and Cornell law schools. Since his admission to the bar in 1931, he has been associated in practice with his father at Oil City as a member of the firm of Trax and Trax. He married Virginia McCalmont, of Franklin and they have two children: Judson E., Jr., and Constance McCalmont Trax. 2. Virginia M., born November 30, 1912, who was graduated from Wells College with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1931.

R. M. WEBBER—R. M. Webber has spent practically all of his life in his native district, with just enough time in the world outside to make him more content with his home community.

He was born in French Creek Township, Venango County, Pennsylvania, on July 5, 1890, son of James E. and Ada G. (Cummings) Webber. Both parents came to Venango from Butler County, Pennsylvania, where James E. Webber was an oil well driller and producer and, incidentally, traded some with workers at Pithole to whom he sold apples at as much as twenty-five cents apiece. He died in 1933. His wife, aged eighty-four years, lives with a daughter, Mrs. Hughes, of Niles, Pennsylvania.

R. M. Webber got his education in the public schools of Franklin, or rather received there the elements which served for subsequent self-education. Leaving school he learned the trade of the machinist. At the opening of the World War he was adjudged not good for active service because of defective sight but he became a toolmaker and served the government as manager of a tool and gauge plant. Released from duty in 1919, he engaged as sales manager for the E. M. Bowen Company of Franklin, but in 1922 embarked on his own account in the garage business at Lima, Ohio. After three years of this experience he returned to Franklin and became sales manager for the Jeffrey Motor Sales Company, a relation that proved so congenial that in 1938 he formed a partnership with Mr. Jeffrey under the name Jeffrey-Webber, Ford dealers. The connection has been successful; the partners now employ twelve to fifteen men. They deal in both Ford and Mercury cars.

R. M. Webber finds his business exacting and aside from membership in the Chamber of Commerce is not associated or affiliated with organizations. He is Republican in politics, a Methodist in religion.

In 1913, in Lima, Ohio, R. M. Webber married Helen Z. Hunter, daughter of Hugh H. Hunter. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Webber are Louis J., born July 11, 1918, who was educated in Franklin schools and is now associated with his father's firm; and Gayle Doris, born August 17, 1921, now in training to be a professional nurse, at Meadville City Hospital, Meadville, Pennsylvania.

JOSEPH WALTER REINSEL—Centering his work in Oil City, Joseph Walter Reinsel has performed a valuable service as an undertaker and embalmer in this region of Pennsylvania. His interest in community affairs has been a many-sided one, which has brought him wide respect and admiration and established him in the affections of his contemporaries in all walks of life.

Mr. Reinsel was born near Crates, Clarion County,

Pennsylvania, son of Daniel A. and Priscilla (Cummings) Reinsel. His grandparents, Levi and Barbara (Aaron) Reinsel, were natives of Westmoreland County, and both died in Clarion County after being long engaged in farming operations here. The father, Daniel A. Reinsel, was born September 7, 1853, in Clarion County, and died in October, 1925, at Farrell, Pennsylvania. He, too, was a farmer, though he later became a funeral director in Farrell. Politically he was a Democrat, and he was a member of the Roman Catholic Church. His wife, Mrs. Priscilla (Cummings) Reinsel, was born in August, 1854, in Indiana County, Pennsylvania, and died February 22, 1938, in Farrell.

Joseph Walter Reinsel attended public schools at Shannondale and Hawthorne, this State, and high school at Farrell for four years. He then became associated with the Carnegie Steel Company, in Farrell, with whom he remained for thirteen years, from 1912 to 1924, inclusive. In the last seven of those years he had charge of mechanical work in the blast furnace department. During his thirteen years in the steel mill, he also helped his father and his brother, Thomas L. Reinsel, in their undertaking business in Farrell. In 1924 he came to Oil City, where he became associated with his brother in undertaking work and so continued from 1924 to 1927. Subsequently he was engaged in the same kind of work in Williamsport and Pittsburgh, so continuing until 1928, when he opened his own place of business at No. 41 Spring Street, Oil City. In 1930 he removed the business to the present address, No. 13 Grove Avenue.

Oil City has been particularly fortunate in being able to list among its funeral directors such a man as Mr. Reinsel, who is a graduate of the Eckels School of Embalming, of Philadelphia, and who holds a funeral director's license in Pennsylvania and an embalmer's license in New York State. His plant is thoroughly equipped with all modern conveniences for the comfort of those whom it serves, and Mr. Reinsel's own attitude is one of attentive earnestness. He gives to the civic life of Oil City the same enthusiastic spirit that he has put into his business. He is a member of the Oil City Chamber of Commerce, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Loyal Order of Moose and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Hunting is his favorite diversion. He is a Roman Catholic in his religious views, a member of St. Joseph's parish.

Joseph Walter Reinsel married, August 1, 1917, Sarah Christine Davis, a native of Sharon, Pennsylvania, daughter of Benjamin and Margaret (Mills) Davis, both of whom are now deceased. They were residents of Sharon. Mr. and Mrs. Reinsel became the parents of the following children: 1. Janet Louise Reinsel, graduated from St. Joseph's High School, Oil City, and from the Oil City General Hospital Training School. 2. Joseph A. Reinsel, graduated from St. Joseph's High School and

the Pittsburgh School of Embalming, now associated in business with his father. 3. J. E. Reinsel, a graduate of St. Joseph's High School, now a student of the University of Pittsburgh. 4. John W. Reinsel. 5. Robert M. Reinsel. 6. Daniel A. Reinsel. 7. Margaret Jean Reinsel. 8. Patricia Ann Reinsel.

LAWRENCE HAMILTON—As deputy collector of internal revenue at Meadville, Lawrence Hamilton brings to his duties in the Federal service a broad knowledge of finance obtained during many years of practical experience in the business world. He has held his present appointment since 1937.

Mr. Hamilton was born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on September 1, 1889, son of Major Wallace and Catherine (Lawrence) Hamilton. He is a grandson of Hayes and Mary (Wallace) Hamilton, the former of whom was founder and owner of the Huntingdon Iron Furnace, at Huntingdon Furnace, Pennsylvania, where he was born. He died in Iowa. His wife, who was born at Philadelphia, died at Huntingdon Furnace. Major Wallace Hamilton, the father, was born at Huntingdon Furnace on August 2, 1847, and died in Erie on February 7, 1917. A veteran of the Civil War, he served in the regular army for a number of years, attaining the rank of major, and was subsequently a member of the Pennsylvania National Guard. In civil life, he was secretary and treasurer of the Williams Tool Company at Erie. Catherine (Lawrence) Hamilton, the mother, was born in Lewistown, Pennsylvania, on May 31, 1849, and died in Erie, Pennsylvania, on June 7, 1928. She was a daughter of the Rev. Samuel Lawrence, a Presbyterian minister, born at Milroy, Pennsylvania, died at Lewistown in 1874, and of Elizabeth (Fithian) Lawrence, born at Roodstown, New Jersey, died at Lewistown.

Lawrence Hamilton was educated in the public schools of Erie, where he was graduated from high school in 1908, and subsequently taught in the public school at Puerto Rico. During one summer he was a member of the faculty of the University of Puerto Rico. As a result of his experience in the island, he was appointed manager of the Puerto Rico office of R. G. Dun & Company of New York, with headquarters at San Juan, and held this office for eight years. Afterward he became associated with Harris Forbes & Company, investment bankers of New York City, and spent a number of years in the bond and investment business. For three years he was president of the Bond Men's Association of Pennsylvania, serving from 1925 to 1928. In 1934 Mr. Hamilton suffered a breakdown in health and as a result spent the following two years in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Upon his return to the East he became associated with the United States Department of Internal Revenue on January 21, 1937, as deputy collector under the collector of internal revenue



Judson E. Trax.

of the Twenty-third District of Pennsylvania (Pittsburgh). He has since continued in this capacity, making his headquarters in Meadville.

Mr. Hamilton is a member of the Unitarian Church in Erie.

He married, on March 2, 1928, Mrs. Hazel A. (Zimmerman) Dickson, who was born in Pittsburgh, daughter of Charles and Ada (Keith) Zimmerman. Her parents, who were born in Steubenville, Ohio, and later lived in Pittsburgh, are both deceased. Mrs. Hamilton was graduated from Adrian College in 1912, taking the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and subsequently taught at Eastminster College, Mexia, Texas. She is a member of the Methodist Church and of the Order of the Eastern Star. Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton have one son, Keith Dickson Hamilton, born on February 2, 1916. He was graduated from Allegheny College in 1938 and is now associated with the Keystone View Company of Meadville, making his headquarters in Chicago.

JUDSON E. TRAX—Engaged in the practice of law in Oil City, Judson E. Trax has interested himself in a wide variety of civic and social activities in northwestern Pennsylvania.

Mr. Trax was born November 13, 1902, in Oil City, son of Judson D. and Musa M. (Merritt) Trax. His father, Judson D. Trax (*q. v.*), who was born December 24, 1869, in Oil City, is a practicing lawyer here, associated with his son. He was for years a member of the law firm of Trax and Parker until Judge Parker was elevated to the Superior Court bench. The elder Mr. Trax is a member of the Republican party, Christ Episcopal Church and other community organizations, and is president of the Oil City Chamber of Commerce and a director of the Oil City National Bank. The mother, Mrs. Musa M. (Merritt) Trax, is widely and favorably known here.

Judson E. Trax attended Oil City schools, was graduated from high school here in 1920, and in 1925 received the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Princeton University. He then studied law in Harvard and Cornell universities, and in 1931 was admitted to the bar. Next he became associated with his father in the practice of law, so continuing down to the time of writing. He is active in community affairs, serving as a director of the Citizens Banking Company, of Oil City, and of the Oil City Tank & Boiler Company. He is a Republican, as was his father at a very early period in his life, and also belongs to the Protestant Episcopal Church, Christ parish, Oil City.

His interests have extended into the oil industry for which this region is world-famous, and Mr. Trax has engaged in business as an independent producer. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club, the Chamber of Commerce, the Wanango Country Club, the Oil City Boat Club, the

Oil City Lawyers' Club and Fort Venango Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. He also belongs to the Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity, which he joined in his student days; the Elm Club, of Princeton; and the Venango County Bar Association. In leisure time Mr. Trax is fond of the out-of-doors, particularly enjoying golf, tennis and swimming.

On December 21, 1929, Judson E. Trax married Virginia McCalmont, a native of Franklin, daughter of David B. and Lucretia (Swan) McCalmont. Her grandfather, S. P. McCalmont, was for years a lawyer and an oil producer, a prominent and useful citizen, and one of the founders of the Prohibition party; he married Harriet Osborne, and they were the parents of David B. McCalmont, a native and present resident of Franklin. David B. McCalmont has performed a particularly valuable work as an oil producer. Mrs. Lucretia (Swan) McCalmont, Mrs. Trax's mother, also was born in Franklin. Mr. and Mrs. Trax are today both widely known residents of Oil City. Mrs. Trax, a graduate of the Shipley School, at Bryn Mawr, this State, class of 1921, was president of her class there. In 1925 she received her degree of Bachelor of Arts from Smith College, at Northampton, Massachusetts, and afterward she studied music for a year in New York City, then taught music until her marriage. She is a life member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and attends Christ Episcopal Church. She was active in athletics in her college days and a leader in college activities. Mr. and Mrs. Trax have two children: 1. Constance McCalmont Trax, born August 21, 1934. 2. Judson E. Trax, born July 2, 1936.

HOWARD CHARLES WAITZ—Three successive generations of the Waitz family have been identified prominently with the petroleum industry of northwestern Pennsylvania during the past seventy-four years, or practically all of the period there has been such an industry in the United States. Each played well a part in the drama of oil production in America, as best suited to the times in which they lived. Howard Charles Waitz, by birth and activities, is wholly of the present century, during which wells in the State are no longer "gushers" and economical methods of operation and the high qualities of the Pennsylvania product make the business profitable.

Prior to the Civil War period, Grandfather John Waitz and his wife, Louise (Millitz) Waitz, came from their native Germany by sailing vessel, and settled in Albany, New York. In 1867 the family removed to Oil City, Pennsylvania, where John Waitz engaged in the making of oil barrels and tanks. Only eight years earlier had Colonel Drake drilled the first commercially profitable oil well in American history. Two sons had been born in Albany, Charles Adam (October 3, 1864), and John W.

Howard Charles, with whom this record is primarily concerned, was born October 8, 1903, on the "Coal Oil Johnny" Steele Farm, now known as the Waitz Farm, across Oil Creek from Rouseville, Venango County.

Grandfather John Waitz had pioneered the Rouseville section in 1870, and died there in 1882; his wife survived to 1902. Charles Waitz entered the oil business as a youth and continued in it actively to his death, February 1, 1936. During his early years he purchased a lease at Pithole, which he operated until about 1930. He also had other holdings and was associated with his brother, J. W. Waitz, in oil operations on the "Coal Oil Johnny" Steele Farm. He assumed charge of these properties in 1902. An expert oil man he also had a number of well patents to his credit.

Howard Charles Waitz, of the third generation, prepared to carry forward the interests and traditions of his father and grandfather by acquiring a thorough academic and technical education. After being graduated from the grade school at Rynd Farm, and attending the Rouseville High School, he went to Welch's Business College in Oil City. Later he was graduated from the Sweeney Automobile School, at Kansas City, Missouri, and also is a graduate of the School of Engineering of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Mr. Waitz began his career as an oil man in association with his father in lease work at Pithole, and in a similar capacity in connection with the John W. Waitz Trust Estate, and Waitz Oil Properties at Rouseville.

Howard Charles Waitz spent six years with the Oil Well Supply Company in store, office and field work, and served stores in Bolivar, New York; Wooster, Ohio; Horse Cave, Kentucky; and Bradford, Clintonville, Oil City and Franklin, Pennsylvania. He became identified with the Keystone Pipe & Supply Company, on March 1, 1939, as field salesman. Since September 20, 1940, he has been manager of the Rouseville store of this corporation.

Like his father, Mr. Waitz is active in civic affairs, a dependable supporter of movements and organizations that undertake to promote the advantages of the district in which he lives. Like the older man he is a popular figure in fraternal circles, being affiliated with Lodge, No. 483, Free and Accepted Masons, and the Venango Lodge of Perfection. He is a registered Republican, and a consistent voter, but he has been heard to say of himself that he is a Conservative Liberal, if such a thing is possible in these days. He was brought up in the Protestant Episcopal faith; his wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

At Salamanca, New York, December 15, 1936, Howard Charles Waitz married Mabel Irene Mong, daughter of Lyman Warren and Ida Mae Mong. Mrs. Waitz is a

registered professional nurse, a graduate of Oil City Hospital, and a member of the Nurses Alumnae Association.

HON. ORVILLE CLARE KENT—Long an honored member of bench and bar, the Hon. Orville Clare Kent, of Meadville, is judge of the Thirtieth Judicial District of Pennsylvania.

Judge Kent was born June 15, 1876, in Espyville, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, son of Dr. John O. and Mary (Free) Kent. He received his elementary education in the schools of North Shenango Township and at Linesville High School, then enrolled in Allegheny College, Meadville, where he was graduated in 1896 as a Bachelor of Laws. He read law with the Hon. Joshua Douglas and was admitted to the bar of Crawford County, May 30, 1900. Later he was admitted to practice in the Appellate courts of Pennsylvania and in the United States courts. Beginning his practice in Meadville, Mr. Kent was an individual practitioner. In 1905, he was elected district attorney of Crawford County, an office that he held for six years, being the first district attorney to succeed himself in this county. He was elected judge of the Thirtieth Judicial District in 1927 for a ten-year term, and in 1937 was reelected for an additional term of ten years.

Effectively serving in his judicial capacity, Judge Kent has distinguished himself by poise and dignified bearing, and has displayed in abundant measure all those qualities that make for success on the bench. At the same time he has shown the deepest interest in community affairs, local organizations and civic problems. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he is a Past Master of Lodge No. 408; a member of Solomon Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; a member of Northwestern Commandery, Knights Templar, in which he is a Past Eminent Commander; and a life member of Zem Zem Temple (Erie), Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. In the Masonic Order he is also connected with Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. In the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Fraternal Order of Eagles he is also active, and he is a Past Exalted Ruler of Lodge No. 219, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and a Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler of Pennsylvania, Northwest.

In his political affiliation, Judge Kent is a Republican. He is a member of several clubs and a communicant of the Methodist Church. Judge Kent and both his sons are members of Pennsylvania Omega Chapter of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. In leisure time he is fond of the out-of-doors, especially gardening.

On April 4, 1903, Judge Orville Clare Kent married Marion L. Irvin, of Meadville, Pennsylvania, who died

June 14, 1939. The Kent residence is situated at No. 709 Alden Street, Meadville, and Judge Kent has his office in the judge's chambers in the Courthouse here. Judge and Mrs. Kent became the parents of the following children: 1. John I. Kent, born in 1904, became an attorney in Meadville in 1928; he married Dorothy Hughes, and they became the parents of a son, John Hughes Kent. 2. Marion Adrian Kent, born in 1906, became the wife of R. G. Fithian and the mother of their daughter, Linda Kent Fithian. 3. Fay Elizabeth Kent, born in 1908, wife of John Chisholm, Jr., and mother of their daughter, Marion Jane Chisholm. 4. Robert Free Kent, born in 1911, now a junior member of the law firm of Kent and Kent; married Martha Fell, and they have a son, Robert Fell Kent.

SAMUEL P. GILBERT—Since 1934, Samuel P. Gilbert has been associated with his brother as a partner in the Gilbert insurance agency, which they jointly own and operate at Sharon. To this connection he brought a wide experience in general business, obtained with several leading industrial organizations of the Sharon area, and his efforts have been an important factor in the continued development of the agency, oldest establishment of its kind in the city.

Mr. Gilbert, member of a prominent Sharon family, was born here on May 23, 1896, son of Frank and Cora (Pettitt) Gilbert. His father, a business man and attorney, was first mayor of the incorporated city of Sharon and supreme guide and supreme treasurer of the Protected Home Circle, a fraternal insurance organization with home offices in Sharon. A fuller account of his career appears in the sketch of his son, John F. Gilbert (*q. v.*).

Samuel P. Gilbert was educated in the public schools of Sharon, where he completed the high school course, and at Dickinson College, from which he withdrew to enlist April, 1917, in the United States Army for World War service. As a private in the 28th Division, he was stationed at Camp Hancock for training and subsequently went to France with the American Expeditionary Forces, participating in the major engagements of the American armies at Chateau Thierry and in the Meuse Argonne, where he was wounded in action. Hospitalized until after the Armistice, he received his honorable discharge from the service following his return to America and began his career in civil life. Mr. Gilbert's first position was with the Sharon Pressed Steel Company, for whom he acted as assistant sales manager. He was subsequently purchasing agent for five years for the Sharon plant of the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company and continued this connection until 1928, resigning to become treasurer of the Flather Manufacturing Company, Nashua, New Hampshire, until 1934. He then joined his brother, John F. Gilbert, as a partner in the Gilbert In-

surance Agency. This agency traces its origins to the year 1854, when the business was established by the Mattiox brothers in Sharon. It was continued by them until 1875, was then purchased by Thomas Beil, who operated it until 1912, and after him by Ed Buchholz, who was alone until 1927, when he took John F. Gilbert into partnership. Upon the death of Mr. Buchholz in 1934, Samuel P. Gilbert joined his brother in the ownership and management of Sharon's oldest insurance agency, which they have since operated as a partnership under their own name.

Mr. Gilbert is not only prominent as an insurance man but also serves as director of appraisals and real estate for the First Federal Savings & Loan Association of Sharon. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Association of Insurance Agencies, the Protected Home Circle Club, an affiliate of the order in which his father was long a leader; the Sharon Country Club, the Youngstown Club, and the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is affiliated with the Blue Lodge, the higher Scottish Rite bodies, including New Castle Consistory, and Zem Zem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at Erie. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church at Sharon.

On June 9, 1921, in this city, Mr. Gilbert married Mary Isabel McIntyre, daughter of the late Hon. William McIntyre and Edith (Patterson) McIntyre. They are the parents of two children: Mary, born February 13, 1926, and John, born April 10, 1933, both attending the Sharon public schools.

JOHN F. GILBERT—The oldest insurance agency in Sharon, whose history dates back to 1854, is now owned and operated as a partnership by the Gilbert brothers, members of a well-known Sharon family. John F. Gilbert, senior partner of the Gilbert agency, has devoted his entire career to insurance and has been associated with the agency of which he is now co-owner since 1927.

Mr. Gilbert was born in Sharon on November 22, 1897, son of Frank and Cora (Pettitt) Gilbert. The father, Frank Gilbert, who became first mayor of the city of Sharon, was graduated from West Middlesex High School in 1888, spent two years as clerk for an insurance company and then came to Sharon, where he became associated with the Fruit-Ohl Company. Beginning as bookkeeper, he was later secretary-treasurer and purchasing agent of the company, continuing as such until 1901, when he resigned to operate his own hardware business. In 1905, at the age of thirty-six, he entered the Law School of George Washington University at Washington, District of Columbia, to prepare for the profession of law, and upon the completion of his course returned to Sharon, where he was admitted to the bar and

launched a successful practice. Mr. Gilbert's prominence in Sharon life was reflected in his election as first mayor, following the incorporation of the borough as a city. He was widely known for his fraternal affiliations, notably in the Masonic Order and in the Protected Home Circle, foremost fraternal insurance organization. In the Protected Home Circle, he was an early member of Sharon Circle, of which he served as president, and in 1905 was elected third supreme guide of the order and also a member of the board of directors of the Supreme Circle. On this board he served for more than thirty years. Meanwhile, in 1926, he succeeded Walter Whitehead as supreme treasurer, the third to hold the office in the history of the order, and continued as such until his death on October 7, 1935. In the Masonic Order, Mr. Gilbert was also very active. A member of all higher bodies of the Scottish Rite, including Pittsburgh Consistory, thirty-second degree, and Syria Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Pittsburgh, he held State Masonic office and was well known for his devotion to the ideals of the order. He also belonged to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

John F. Gilbert has spent almost all his life in Sharon. He received his preparatory education in the local public schools and went from high school to Dickinson College, where he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy in 1920. During the war years, he was a member of the Dickinson unit of the Students' Army Training Corps, in which he served as top sergeant and instructor in bayonet practice. Mr. Gilbert also attended the University of Pennsylvania for special work. He began his active career in 1920 and in 1923 he established his own general insurance agency and operated it until 1927. At this time it was merged with an agency operated by Ed Buchholz and this partnership was conducted under the name of Buchholz & Gilbert. This agency was established in 1854 by the Mattiox Brothers, who conducted it until 1875. It was then purchased by Thomas Beil, who was its owner until 1912, when Ed Buchholz took over. Mr. Buchholz headed the agency alone until he formed his partnership with John F. Gilbert in 1927. He died in 1934 and at that time Mr. Gilbert brought his brother, Samuel P. Gilbert (*q. v.*) into the business as a partner. The agency, now conducted under the name of Gilberts, has undergone a steady development from modest beginnings and is today not only the oldest but one of the best known general insurance agencies in the Sharon area.

In addition to his insurance business, John F. Gilbert serves as president of the Community Loan Company and the Consumers Discount Company, both of Sharon. He is very active in the Pennsylvania Association of Insurance Agents and is a member of many of Sharon's principal institutions, among them the local Protected Home

Circle. Mr. Gilbert has been a member of this order since he was fourteen years of age and thus continues the notable family tradition. He is also a member of the Sharon Chamber of Commerce, the Sharon Country Club, the Buhl Club, the American Legion, the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Pythias and the Masonic Order, in which he is affiliated with the Blue Lodge, New Castle Consistory and the other Scottish Rite bodies and Zem Zem Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Erie. A Republican in politics, he has never entered public life, but is actively interested in public affairs and the civic progress of the Sharon community. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church in this city.

On June 15, 1933, at Warren, Ohio, Mr. Gilbert married Ruth Roberts, daughter of Mont L. and Lois (Linder) Roberts and member of a very old Sharon family. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert are the parents of two sons: Robert and Edward Gilbert, both attending the Sharon public schools.

CHESS LAMBERTON—Service as a banker and financial leader in Franklin has brought recognition and distinction to Chess Lamberton, who is president of the Lamberton National Bank here. Three generations of his family have had much to do with banking facilities in Franklin; and the bank that he heads, which has done so much to bring new industries to the community and otherwise promote sound economic life, is the oldest in Venango County.

Mr. Lamberton was born November 1, 1877, in Franklin, Pennsylvania, eldest son of Robert G. and Luella J. (Chess) Lamberton and member of an old family. His grandfather on the paternal side of the house was the Hon. Robert Lamberton, banker and judge, who conceived the idea that eventually developed into the Lamberton National Bank. He came to Franklin in 1830, started a general store, then went into the iron business, and, to meet the needs of the growing oil industry here for a safe place for the keeping of money, bought a large safe and installed it in his store for the use of his customers. A year or two later the iron safe was clearly not adequate to carry on the financial affairs of Franklin, whereupon Robert Lamberton built a home on the site of the present Franklin Young Men's Christian Association and devoted a corner of his residence to a regular banking business, which he conducted under the name of R. Lamberton, Banker. He operated the bank as such for thirteen years, including the Civil War period and the difficult days that followed. From 1862 to 1866 he also served as associate judge for the Venango County courts. He died August 7, 1885. He married Margaret Seaton.

One of their sons, Robert G. Lamberton, Chess Lamberton's father, early became interested in his father's



Chess Lamberton



banking business, which the founder, being seized by ill health, turned over, in March, 1873, to him and two other men, C. W. Gilfillan and R. L. Cochran. Mr. Cochran had been cashier of the Franklin First National Bank. These three successors to Judge Lamberton organized together the Lamberton Savings Bank, which they operated until 1883, when they reorganized it, with W. J. and Harry Lamberton replacing Mr. Cochran. In 1887, under the guidance of Robert G. Lamberton, Venango County's finest banking room was built. In October, 1899, the savings institution was reorganized as the Lamberton National Bank, capitalized at \$100,000. Robert G. Lamberton married Luella J. Chess.

Their son, Chess Lamberton, attended Franklin public schools, then went to Kiskiminetas Springs Academy, at Saltsburg, Pennsylvania, and to Grove City College, in Grove City. After two years of college training there, he took a thorough business course at the famous Eastman Business College, in Poughkeepsie, New York, where he was graduated. His first work in the Lamberton National Bank was as messenger, and thereafter he climbed the ladder of banking service step by step, acquiring a complete and detailed knowledge of banking operations and equipping himself in the only possible sound way for the career that was to be his. At length he was made assistant cashier of the bank, then cashier in 1903, succeeding W. L. Gilfillan.

As he came to exert ever more influence in the banking organization, he was instrumental in effecting certain changes for the better. Among these was the erection of a new and finer bank building, which the bank occupied in July, 1912. This building, referred to as "the monument to the name of Lamberton," was situated at Thirteenth and Liberty streets. Chess Lamberton continued for many years as cashier of the institution, then in 1919 was advanced to vice-president and trust officer. In September, 1932, he was elected to the president's chair. Like his father and grandfather, he has kept bright the family tradition of fine banking practice, distinguishing himself by sound judgment and vision, conservative principles tempered by a progressiveness in harmony with the times, and great industry and enterprise. In addition to his work with the Franklin bank, Mr. Lamberton was a Class A director of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, Ohio, for eighteen years, retiring in 1938, and president and a director of the First National Bank of Cochranton, Crawford County, Pennsylvania.

Quite outside the realm of banking, he serves as a director and vice-president of the Joy Manufacturing Company and is affiliated with other commercial and industrial establishments. Fraternally he is connected with the Free and Accepted Masons, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and the Loyal Order of Moose. In the Masonic fraternity he

is affiliated with Myrtle Lodge, No. 316, of Franklin; Pittsburgh Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and Zem Zem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Erie. He holds the thirty-second degree. Other organizations with which he is associated include the Franklin Chamber of Commerce, of which he was for two years president; the Washington Club; the Franklin Club; and the Wanango Country Club, of Reno. Politically he is a Republican. During the World War he served as chairman of the General Liberty Loan Committee and chairman of the War Savings Stamp Committee of Venango County. Previously he was connected for some years with the National Guard of Pennsylvania, in which he rose from private to lieutenant-colonel and assistant adjutant-general of the division, finally being retired with the full colonel's rank. He is a Presbyterian in his religious affiliation.

Chess Lamberton married, August 11, 1925, at Mayville, New York, Lauretta Chadwick Lamberton, daughter of Foster M. and Mabel (Chadwick) Lamberton.

LE ROY RADDLE OAKES—Residing in Mount Jewett, Le Roy Raddle Oakes has taken his full share of responsibility in connection with the economic, civic and political life of this region. He conducts, with his brothers, the oil producing and drilling firm of P. A. Oakes & Sons, founded years ago by his father.

Mr. Oakes was born September 26, 1899, in Mount Jewett, Pennsylvania, son of Perry Alvin and Mary L. (Phillips) Oakes and member of an old and honorable family. He is of the fifth generation in direct descent from William Oakes, who came to this country from Wales and is said to have lived at Gloucester, Massachusetts. John Oakes, one of William Oakes' children, was born in May, 1769, according to W. G. Atkins' "History of Hawley, Massachusetts," went west in 1816 by covered wagon with cowhide tires, settled in Pennsylvania, bought farmland at \$2.50 an acre, and developed fine markets for apples in Pittsburgh; he married Mary Marsh, born in March, 1773, said to be of Spanish descent. Their son, John Oakes, Le Roy R. Oakes' grandfather, was born in 1804 in Massachusetts, and was about twelve years old when his parents removed to Sugar Lake, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, where he attended school and later became a farmer, so continuing until his death in August, 1882; he married (second) Margaret (Case) Daniels, born at Sugar Lake, died there in 1863, widow of John P. Daniels, a farmer.

Perry Alvin Oakes, their son, was born March 27, 1859, in Sugar Lake, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, and attended schools at Sugar Lake and Guys Mills. In earlier years he was a farmer, but in 1879 he began working on an oil lease at Duke Center and also operated an oil well for himself. In 1884 he removed to Mount Alton, where

he was a driller until he removed to Rew City and purchased a lease there. Selling it at a profit, he bought another lease at State Line. In 1892 he removed to Mount Jewett, where he was engaged in oil well drilling until 1898. In 1899 he obtained a lease on which he developed fifty-five producing wells, drilling fifteen of them himself. Mount Jewett became his home in 1892, and he early became a Republican in politics and a trustee of the Methodist Church. Perry Alvin Oakes married, September 15, 1880, Mary Louisa Phillips, born July 1, 1860, in New Richmond, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, daughter of Annanias and Julia Ann (Gale) Phillips and granddaughter of Annanias and Lydia Phillips on the paternal side of her house and of John Gale on the maternal side. Perry Alvin and Mary Louisa (Phillips) Oakes became the parents of the following children: 1. Sherman Oakes, born August 23, 1885, at Mount Alton, Pennsylvania, married Lucy Ashton, born in March, 1889, died February 8, 1911; their children were: i. Lowell Oakes, born August 13, 1908. ii. Curtis Oakes, born May 24, 1910. 2. Rollo Oakes, born February 3, 1888, in Bingham, Pennsylvania; married Martha Mock; they became the parents of five children: i. Raymond Oakes, born August 27, 1910. ii. Woodrow. iii. Jane. iv. Clyde Roland. v. Jay Perry. 3. Grace J. Oakes, born November 19, 1890, in Mount Alton, graduated in 1910 from Mount Jewett High School. 4. Clyde Oakes, associated in business with his brother, Le Roy R. Oakes. 5. Gale Oakes, born May 28, 1897, in Mount Jewett, also at Mount Jewett in business with his brothers, Clyde and Le Roy. 6. Le Roy Raddle Oakes, born September 26, 1899, of further mention.

Le Roy Raddle Oakes attended public schools in Mount Jewett, his birthplace, and Meadville Business College. Reared in the oil business, he was associated with his father for many years until his death in 1930. He then entered into an association with Clyde and Gale Oakes, his brothers, the three of them proceeding to operate the business of P. A. Oakes & Sons down to the time of writing. This firm both drills for oil on a contract basis and produces oil in its own right in the New York and Pennsylvania fields. They have five "strings of tools" and fifty producing wells.

Aside from his work with this enterprise, Mr. Oakes is a member of the Pennsylvania Oil Producers' Association and a director of its Bradford district group. He also holds charter membership in this division. A Republican in politics, Mr. Oakes served for ten years on the Mount Jewett Town Council. He is active in the Rotary Club, the Smethport Country Club, and in the Free and Accepted Masons is affiliated with Mount Jewett Lodge, No. 627 (of which he is a Past Master); Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Zem Zem Temple (Erie), Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the

Mystic Shrine. He is also a trustee and chairman of the finance committee of the Methodist Church.

Le Roy Raddle Oakes married, June 16, 1925, Janet Stevenson, of Guffey, Pennsylvania, a graduate of the State Teachers' College at Indiana, Pennsylvania, and a teacher before her marriage, daughter of Charles F. and Bessie R. (Walker) Stevenson. They became the parents of a daughter, Donna Clare Oakes, born July 18, 1929, who is a student in Mount Jewett schools.

HOBART A. STROUP—As a drilling contractor in the Pennsylvania and New York oil and gas fields, Hobart A. Stroup continues his connection with an industry in which he has been active since he was a boy. For many years his family has been associated with oil operations in this area.

Mr. Stroup was born at Lafayette, McKean County, on February 6, 1900, son of Harvey J. and Edith (Newton) Stroup. His father, who died on April 21, 1939, was born at Richardsville and came to the oil region of the State shortly after the early excitement, spending the rest of his life here. He was both a producer and a drilling contractor. He was also active in the general life of Bradford, his home for many years, and was prominent fraternally in the Odd Fellows, the Elks and the Masonic Order, in the latter of which he was affiliated with all higher bodies of both York and Scottish rites. Edith (Newton) Stroup, the mother, was born at Newton and is still living. She is a granddaughter of William F. Ormsby, who drilled the first well in the Ormsby field and for whom the town of Ormsby is named.

Hobart A. Stroup received his preliminary education in the public schools of Bradford and subsequently entered the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in 1930. Raised in the oil business, he secured considerable practical experience before he entered college and resumed his career immediately after taking his degree. Although he has had producing interests, his activities are now devoted entirely to drilling contracting. Mr. Stroup has drilled some of the finest gas wells in this region. He has been operating in the deep Oriskany sands in Steuben and Allegany counties, New York, in Potter, Tioga and McKean counties, Pennsylvania, and in West Virginia and has drilled for many of the largest concerns. These include Godfrey L. Cabot, Inc., the Belmont Quadrangle Company, Hanley-Bird, United Carbon, and others. The headquarters of his organization is in Bradford.

Mr. Stroup is an independent Republican in politics and is affiliated with the Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity. He is a member of the Valley Hunt Club, the Bradford Club and other organizations of this area. In 1918, during the World War period, he enlisted in the United States Army



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and has also served an enlistment of three years in the 108th Field Artillery, Pennsylvania National Guard.

On June 21, 1934, Mr. Stroup married Mildred Smith, who was born near Lock Haven, daughter of S. H. Smith, long an active figure in Bradford.

CORNELL NICHOLAS PFOHL, Jr.—As assistant superintendent of the production department of the Kendall Refining Company of Bradford, Cornell Nicholas Pfohl, Jr., continues a connection in which he has been active for many years. He has devoted the greater part of his career to the oil industry and has producing interests in the Bradford field.

Mr. Pfohl was born in Bradford on July 8, 1893, son of Cornell Nicholas and Mariette (Koch) Pfohl. His father, who was born in Buffalo, New York, and is now deceased, was a tailor in Bradford and later in Pittsburgh. His mother was born in Dunkirk.

Cornell Nicholas Pfohl, Jr., completed his preliminary education in the public schools of Pittsburgh, going from high school to Cornell University, where he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1916. Immediately afterward he enlisted in the United States Army, in which he served three years during the period of American participation in the World War. For part of this time he was on duty with the 49th Field Artillery, United States Army, located at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, with the rank of first lieutenant.

Following his discharge from the service in 1919, Mr. Pfohl went to Texas, where he worked as a roustabout and in other capacities in the Southwest oil fields. Upon his return to Bradford, he entered the employ of the Kendall Refining Company and has now been assistant superintendent at this plant for many years. Mr. Pfohl is one of the best known men of the area, and his several production interests have enhanced his standing in the industry. Active in its general affairs, he is past president of the Bradford District, Pennsylvania Oil Producers Association and is now a director of this association. For several years he was also vice-president and director of the Independent Producers Association of America.

Mr. Pfohl is also active in the civic life of Bradford. He is a leading Mason, being affiliated in this order with Union Lodge, No. 334, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is Past Master, and with all higher bodies of both York and Scottish rites, including Bradford Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Bradford Council, Royal and Select Masters, of which he is Past Illustrious Master; Trinity Commandery, Knights Templar and Coudersport Consistory. He is a member of Zem Zem Temple of the Mystic Shrine. In addition, Mr. Pfohl is a member of the Bradford Rotary Club and treasurer and director of the Valley Hunt Club. In politics he is a Republican.

He married, on January 21, 1922, Elizabeth Miller, daughter of Fred A. Miller (*q. v.*). Mr. and Mrs. Pfohl are the parents of four children: Barbara, now attending Connecticut College for Women at New London, Connecticut; Cornell Nicholas, 3d, a student in Hotchkiss School, Lakeville, Connecticut; Jerry, who attends the Derrick City schools; and Janaan, also a public school student here.

ALBERT HAYS TYLER—Actively engaged in the production of oil in the Bradford field, Albert Hays Tyler is one of the well-known residents of this city.

Mr. Tyler was born August 10, 1899, in Rixford, Pennsylvania, son of Albert Addison and Mary Ivy (Hays) Tyler. His father was born October 7, 1848, at Stockton, Chautauqua County, New York, and died November 26, 1926. He removed as a boy to Dunkirk, New York, with his parents, and, then twelve years of age, did his earliest work as office boy with a railway company. When he was nineteen years old, he entered the oil business at Millers-town in association with his father. In 1880 he went into the oil trade on his own account, continuing as a producer for the rest of his life, working at Baker's Trestle, near Rixford, except for the few years just preceding his death. Gradually he acquired several leases and other holdings totaling more than two hundred acres. In 1920 he disposed of all his holdings for a large sum, devoting the remaining six years of his life to his personal interests. He was fond of nature, the out-of-doors, dogs and horses, and did much to encourage healthful sports and recreations in the community where he lived. He was an enthusiastic horseman. A member of the Oil Men's Club, Albert Addison Tyler was one whose advice was much sought after in the industry. He married, in June, 1882, Mary Ivy Hays, daughter of Thomas Harding and Priscilla (McMillan) Hays, of Butler County. Mr. and Mrs. Tyler became the parents of four children: 1. Steven Marquis Tyler. 2. Sydney Addison Tyler. 3. Helen Elissa Tyler. 4. Gregory E. Tyler (*q. v.*) 5. Albert H. Tyler, of further mention. The first three of these children, named above, live with their mother in Bradford.

The last-named, Albert Hays Tyler, attended public schools in Bradford, and was reared in the atmosphere of the oil industry. As the son of an active producer, he early began to learn all the details of this great business, and has remained in the industry down to the time of writing. In 1938 he acquired his own lease, and since that time has been a producer in the Bradford field.

A Republican in his political views, he belongs to several civic and social organizations in the Bradford area. He is a member of the Bradford Club, the Pennhills Club, the Valley Hunt Club and the Free and Accepted Masons. In the Masonic Order he is affiliated with Bradford Lodge, No. 749, Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Ac-

cepted Scottish Rite; and Zem Zem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He attends the Presbyterian Church.

On June 2, 1928, Albert Hays Tyler married Clarissa Hazelton, of Bradford, Pennsylvania, daughter of Benjamin F. Hazelton. Mr. and Mrs. Tyler became the parents of two children: 1. Barbara Tyler, graduated from Bradford schools, became a student at the Ferry Hall School, in Lake Forest, Illinois, now the wife of Harold Joseph Strout. 2. William Hazelton Tyler, graduated from Bradford schools, attended the Kiskiminetas Springs School and Culver Military Academy.

WILLIAM P. HYDE—For many years William P. Hyde has figured prominently in the life of Bradford, where he is one of the leading oil producers. He has also contributed substantially of his time, energy and material resources to the betterment of his community and its people and institutions, and is respected and trusted in an ever-widening circle of acquaintance.

Mr. Hyde was born June 27, 1847, in Chautauqua, New York, son of Alvah and Orilla (Walbridge) Hyde. His father was widely known as a farmer in Chautauqua County until his death at the age of eighty years.

William P. Hyde studied in public and high schools at Forestville, New York, and at Meadville College. He then farmed until he reached the age of twenty-five years, carrying on his agricultural work in Sheridan, Chautauqua County, New York. Then he removed to Bradford, where, after one year as an oil pumper, he turned his attention to the production of oil. Since that time he has continued as an active operator, holding valuable leases in the Bradford and Tiona fields, including leases on fields in eastern Bradford and at the State Line. In the later portion of his career, he produced oil at Bells Camp, Pennsylvania, owning three hundred acres of oil land in that vicinity and continuing active there through the twenties until his retirement in 1930. At the time of his retirement he had eight producing wells, constituting some of the finest oil property in the Bradford district. Turning over most of the responsibilities connected with these properties to his son, Harry N. Hyde (*q. v.*), he retired to make his home in Derrick City.

Not only is William P. Hyde regarded as one of the pioneer venturers in the oil industry in this region, but he is known for his many services in different realms of civic life here. Even at the advanced age of ninety-five years (in 1941) he takes a lively interest in Bradford affairs and keeps in close touch with new developments. He is the only surviving member of a group of prominent men who signed the petition calling for establishment of the eastern portion of Bradford, which was then called Tarport and later became a part of Bradford itself. He was for three years Tarport's tax collector, and in numerous

ways he added to the enrichment of both Tarport and Bradford. He attends the Methodist Church.

William P. Hyde married (first) Julia Bentley, who died in 1887. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Harry N. Hyde (*q. v.*). 2. Maude Hyde, wife of Frank Miller; they live in Hornell, New York, and have a daughter, Julia Miller. 3. Edgar Hyde, who married Edna Moseley; they have three children: Virginia, Marjorie, and Jeanne, and make their home at Bells Camp, Pennsylvania. 4. Frank Hyde, of Derrick City, Pennsylvania, who married Molly Delo; they became the parents of three children: i. Frank Hyde, Jr. ii. Jane Hyde. iii. Nellie Beth Hyde, killed January 20, 1924, aged seven years, by an automobile.

William P. Hyde married (second), April 21, 1891, Florence M. Patterson, daughter of J. J. and Ella E. (Roada) Patterson. They live at Derrick City. They adopted their great-grandson, Asa A. Ashworth, born in 1920, son of Asa and Julia (Miller) Ashworth, and reared him as their own.

HARRY N. HYDE—The Hyde family have for years operated oil properties in northwestern Pennsylvania. These properties, comprising forty producing wells, all in the Bradford field, are now in charge of Harry N. Hyde, of Derrick City, and his son.

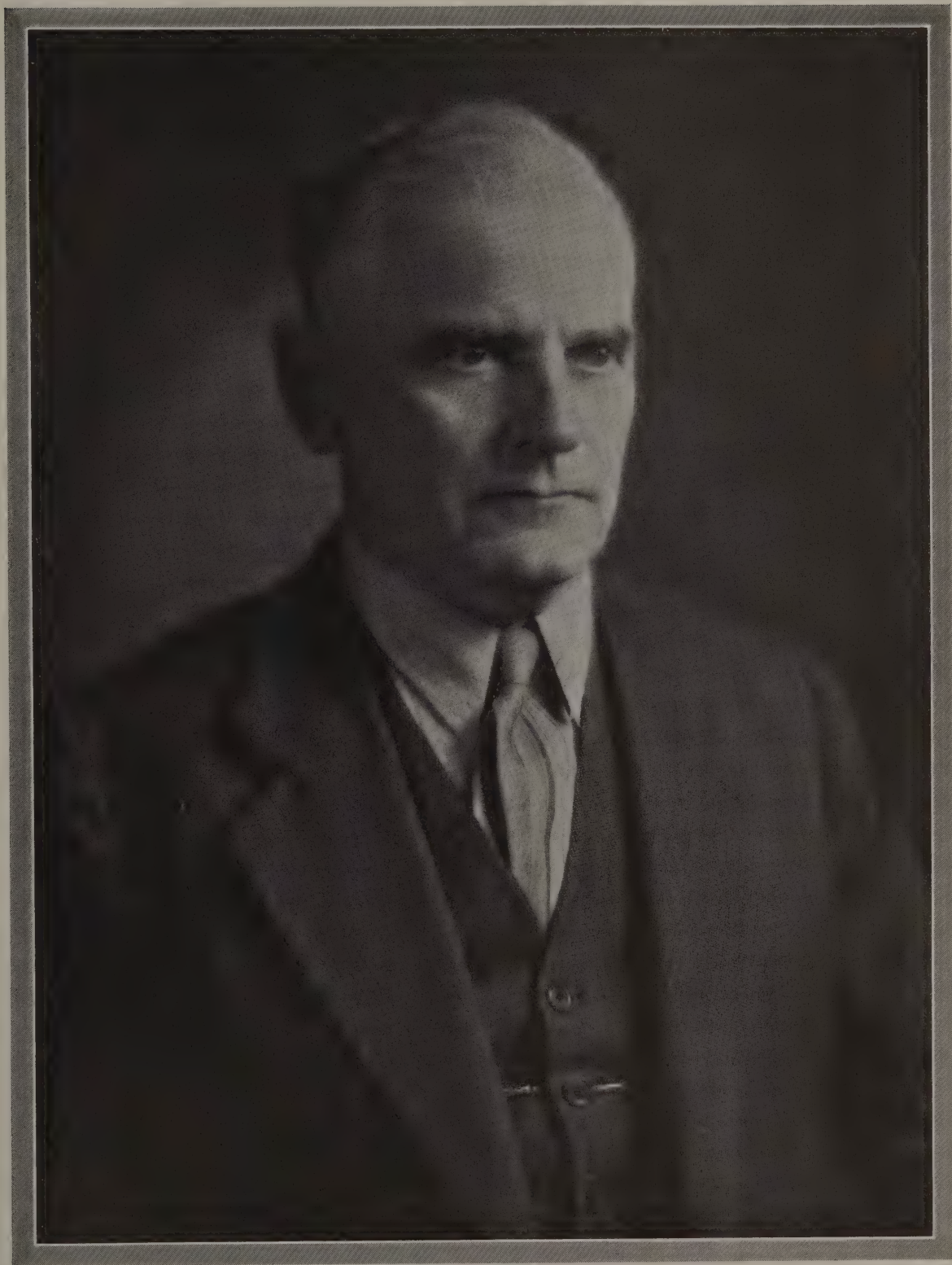
Mr. Hyde was born July 16, 1877, in Silver Creek, Chautauqua County, New York, son of William P. Hyde (*q. v.*) and Julia (Bentley) Hyde. The mother is now deceased.

Public schools of East Bradford, then called Tarport, provided Harry N. Hyde's earliest formal education, and while still a boy he went into the oil business with his father. They were partners in the production of oil until his father's retirement in 1930, whereupon the younger Mr. Hyde continued operating the family property, including forty producing wells in the Bradford field. His son is now associated with him in this work.

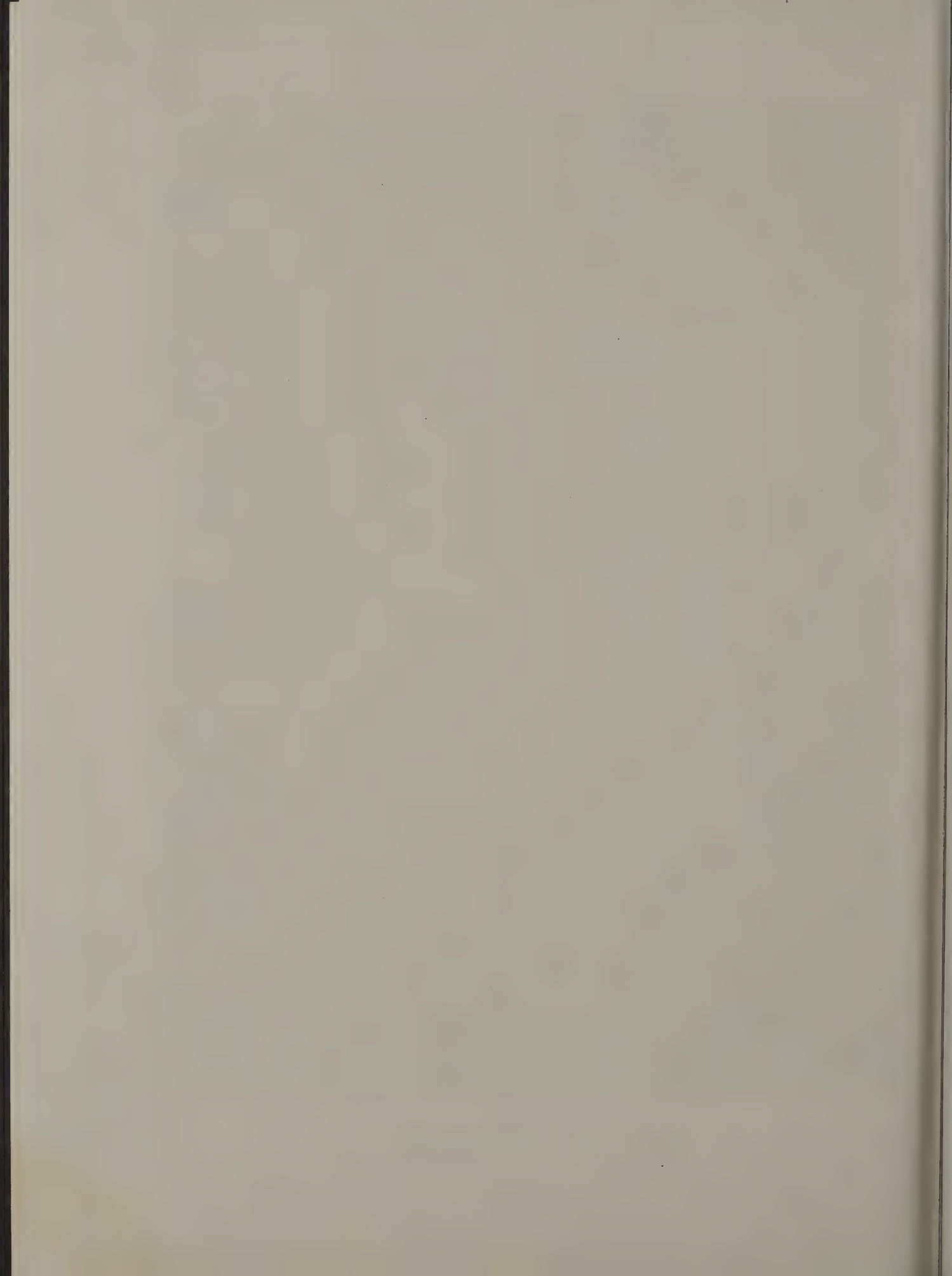
In political views Mr. Hyde is a Republican. He attends the Methodist Church.

Harry N. Hyde married, May 19, 1909, Jennie Langrich, of English birth, who died in August, 1941. They became the parents of the following children: 1. William Hyde, graduated from Derrick City schools, Bradford High School and Pratt Institute (Brooklyn), now associated in business with his father; he married Elizabeth Yerdon. 2. Gladys Hyde, graduated from Derrick City schools and Bradford High School; became the wife of John Becker and the mother of their two children, Betty and Jean Becker.

DON THORNTON ANDRUS—Following the example of his father, who was one of the pioneers of the Pennsylvania oil industry, Don Thornton Andrus



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became an oil producer at the outset of his career and has since been active in the Bradford and Allegheny fields. His interests are extensive, and his civic connections as a resident of Bradford are numerous and important.

Mr. Andrus was born in Ashland, Oregon, on February 13, 1889, son of R. L. and Kate (Thornton) Andrus, both now deceased. His father was originally a merchant, but recognized the opportunities arising from the opening up of the McKean and Allegheny fields, and became one of the early oil operators in this section. He continued in the Pennsylvania oil industry until his death.

When Don Thornton Andrus was still a small boy, his parents moved from the Pacific Northwest to Bolivar, New York, his father's original home. Here he attended the public school and the high school, later continued his education at Genesee Wesleyan Seminary, Lima, New York, and completed it at New York University, where he was a student in the School of Commerce. As the son of an oil man and a resident of Bolivar, located in the center of the Allegheny oil fields, it was natural that he should enter the oil business. In fact, he grew up in the industry and has followed it all his life as a producer in the Bradford and Allegheny fields. In addition to his individual leases, he has numerous partnerships in the oil business and serves as a director of the Kendall Refining Company.

Mr. Andrus is widely known in production circles and serves as a director, not only of the Bradford District Pennsylvania Oil Producers Association, but also as a director of the Penn Grade Crude Oil Association and the Independent Producers Association of America. He has long been considered an authority in the industry, and because of his successful business record and demonstrated public spirit, his advice is valued in all Bradford's community affairs. He has given freely of his time and means to local civic institutions and enterprises, served for many years on the school board, most of the time as its president and was recently chairman of the Bradford Community Chest drive. Mr. Andrus is also a director of the Bradford Young Men's Christian Association. He is affiliated fraternally with Northern Star Lodge, No. 555, Free and Accepted Masons, at Duke Center, and is prominent in the higher bodies of the order, including Bradford Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Bradford Council, Royal and Select Masters; Trinity Commandery, Knights Templar; and the Scottish Rite bodies, including Coudersport Consistory. In addition to these connections, he is a member of the Bradford Club and the Pennhills Country Club. Mr. Andrus is a Republican in politics and a member of the First Church of Christ at Bradford. He has made a hobby of amateur photography and has found recreation in sports since boyhood days.

On April 15, 1914, he married Ethel Button, of Canandaigua, New York, daughter of C. G. and Nettie G.

Button. Mr. and Mrs. Andrus are the parents of four children: 1. Katherine, who was educated in the Bradford public schools and Connecticut College for Women and married James M. Bird, of Brookville. 2. Rachael L., a graduate of local public schools, who afterward attended Swarthmore College for two years and then transferred to Simmons College, where she was graduated from business school. 3. June E., who was educated at the same institutions attended by her next older sister. 4. Barbara, now a student at Connecticut College for Women, New London, Connecticut.

HAROLD CHASE PUTNAM—Harold Chase Putnam was born in Russell, Pennsylvania, October 8, 1893, the son of Homer Manley and Belle Aline (Chase) Putnam. At the age of one year he removed to Warren with his parents and has ever since resided in Warren except for intervals spent at college and at the old Chase homestead in Russell.

Mr. Putnam attended the schools of Warren, graduating from Warren High School in 1913. In that year he entered the college of the University of Pennsylvania, where he received sophomore and senior honors and graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1917. The following year he attended the Graduate School of the university, receiving the degree of Master of Arts in Latin. In his senior year he was elected to the honorary scholastic fraternity of Phi Beta Kappa and he served as treasurer of the Phi Beta Kappa Club. He is a life member of Delta Chapter (Pennsylvania) of Phi Beta Kappa.

During his college years Mr. Putnam was employed during vacation by the Warren National Bank in various capacities and acquired a knowledge of the elements of banking which has served him well in later years. Less than a month after leaving the university in 1918 he was inducted into the army at Camp Lee, Virginia, and after serving for a time in the training cadre of the 155th Depot Brigade, with the rank of corporal, entered the Officers Training School at Camp Lee, from which he was honorably discharged on November 23, 1918.

On returning to Warren, Mr. Putnam served as substitute teacher of English in Warren High School and later served during the second term as teacher of mathematics. In June, 1919, he resigned his teaching position to take charge of the accounting department of New Process Company, of Warren, a now nationally famous mail order firm which had been founded in 1910 by John L. Blair, of Warren. Soon becoming one of the minor partners he became treasurer on incorporation of the company in 1924, and later secretary as well, and he now holds both of these positions, having been with the company over twenty-two years.

Mr. Putnam is a Republican but not a strict partisan, and has never aspired to public office, although he is much interested in civic and fraternal affairs. He is a Past Exalted Ruler of the Order of Elks, of which he has been a member since 1919, and a charter member of Chief Cornplanter Post, American Legion, which he has served as finance officer, commander and trustee. At the present time he is secretary and a director of the Conewango Club and secretary of the Conewango Fishing Club, both time-honored Warren institutions, as well as a member of the Conewango Valley Country Club, Warren Chamber of Commerce, Warren County Historical Society, Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, Sons and Daughters of Pioneer Rivermen, Allegheny Valley Improvement Association and several other organizations, including the Society of the Governor and Colony of Massachusetts Bay in New England, the last-named by virtue of his descent from pioneer Massachusetts families.

Probably as a result of the fact that his ancestors, both paternal and maternal, were among the early settlers of Pine Grove and Farmington Townships, Warren County, and also from the fact that his great grandfathers and his grandfathers, Theodore L. Putnam and Charles Chase were identified with the stirring days of lumbering and rafting of pine lumber on the streams of Warren County and beyond, Mr. Putnam is intensely interested in all phases of local history. He has likewise acquired a fondness for research into steamboat and river lore from hearing the absorbing stories told by his beloved grandfather, Charles Chase, about his experiences from 1849 to 1891 as pilot of huge lumber pine rafts on the rivers from the headwaters of the Conewango *via* the Allegheny and Ohio to Louisville, Kentucky. Born February 28, 1833, Mr. Chase spent an eventful life of ninety-six years in and about Russell and Warren, and being possessed of a remarkable memory and facility of expression, held his hearers spellbound with fascinating accounts of the happenings during a period which probably embraced more tremendous changes than any other period of like extent in history. Charles Chase, after living in Warren for many years after 1894, returned to his old home in Russell, where he died May 23, 1929, while still in full possession of his faculties, mourned by all as the "Grand Old Man of Warren County."

Harold C. Putnam's father, Homer Manley Putnam, was born in Pine Grove Township, Warren County, near Russell, to Theodore L. and Abigail (Akeley) Putnam, January 20, 1864, and died February 2, 1939, while visiting his younger son, Homer M. Putnam, Jr., in Port Arthur, Texas. He became a teacher even before his graduation in 1883 from the Jamestown (New York) Union School and Collegiate Institute, and subsequently taught and served as principal at Russell, Garland and in the Glade (Township) Union School, now Warren's

Jefferson Street School, until April 16, 1889, when he was appointed county superintendent of schools to fill out the unexpired term of Thomas W. Arird. Regularly elected to this position in 1890, he served three full terms with distinction and acquired a reputation for efficiency and at the same time an acquaintance throughout the county which made his election to the office of prothonotary and clerk of courts of Warren County in 1903 a foregone conclusion. He was reelected twice to this office and served a total of ten years. The court records and other records of the prothonotary's office which he kept are regarded as models and have been highly praised by his successors. After serving a short time as commissioners' clerk, Homer M. Putnam resigned to become trust officer of the Warren National Bank at the time when national banks assumed trust functions; later he became an active vice-president of the bank and served many years until poor health forced his retirement from active duty shortly before his death. From 1883 until 1939 Mr. Putnam had been in constant contact with people from all walks of life throughout Warren County, and the hundreds of sincere tributes paid his memory at the time of his death testified to the fact that probably no individual had held to a greater extent the affection and esteem of the residents of his native county. Mrs. Putnam, the daughter of Charles Chase, was born in Russell, Pennsylvania, December 4, 1868, and was married to Homer M. Putnam, November 17, 1888. They had two sons, the subject of this sketch and Homer M. Putnam, Jr., born January 26, 1895, and now residing in Port Arthur, Texas, with his family. Mrs. Homer M. Putnam still lives in the family home at 302 East Street, Warren.

The names borne by Harold C. Putnam's grandparents, Putnam, Chase, Akeley and Briggs, are all those of old American families of English descent which migrated to New England in early colonial times. The American progenitor of the Putnam family, John Putnam, came from the Bucks County region of England, where the family had a centuries-long recorded history, to settle in what is now Danvers, Massachusetts, not later than 1640. The name Putnam is a contracted form of the original name of Puttenham, borne for centuries by the family whose coat-of-arms is reproduced in the several histories of the family written by the late Eben Putnam, of Massachusetts, who served for years as Historian of the American Legion. From Nathaniel Putnam, one of the three sons of John Putnam who came from England with their father, Harold Chase Putnam traces his ancestry in a direct line. All the famous Putnams, including Generals Israel and Rufus Putnam (both of Revolutionary War fame), the New York Putnam family of publishers, the late Herbert Putnam, librarian of Congress, and a host of others distinguished in various lines of endeavor, sprang from the same ancestor, John Putnam of England and

Danvers. Jesse Putnam, great-great-grandfather of Harold C. Putnam, came with his sons to settle in the wilds of Farmington Township, Warren County, in 1830, having first moved from his birthplace, Lindeborough, New Hampshire, to Vermont, then to Erie County, New York, in 1810. Jesse Putnam served in the Revolutionary War.

On March 16, 1935, Harold Chase Putnam married Margaret Elizabeth Gibson, born April 28, 1907, in Warren, the daughter of Joseph M. and Ethelyn M. (Siggins) Gibson, of Warren. Much of her early life was spent in Kansas, where her father was identified with the Siggins Street Railway interests, whose beginnings were in Warren. Mr. and Mrs. Putnam have a son, Harold Chase Putnam, Jr., born December 6, 1936, and a daughter, Anne Margaret Putnam, born May 2, 1939, both in Warren.

CHARLES H. BROWN—An experienced operator in the Pennsylvania oil industry, Charles H. Brown has been an independent producer in the Derrick City field since 1919.

Mr. Brown was born in Derrick City on December 20, 1884, a son of Alexander and Rachael (Perry) Brown. His father, who was born at Lockport and died on September 27, 1911, was an oil field worker, who came to the Pennsylvania oil district in 1879 and after a few years in the lower field, settled in Derrick City. The mother, a native of Pennsylvania, is also deceased.

Charles H. Brown received a public school education. As a boy he went to work for T. P. Thompson, an oil operator, and remained with him for twenty years, doing all types of lease work. In 1919, with E. E. Slingerland and A. P. Kaufman, he acquired a lease in Derrick City and has been an active producer in this field, with his associates, ever since. His long experience in the industry and successful record have made him one of its well known figures.

Mr. Brown is affiliated fraternally with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. An active sportsman, he owns a hunting camp in Forest County, besides his fine home in Derrick City, and spends a good deal of his leisure there fishing and hunting. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the Methodist Church.

On March 12, 1905, Mr. Brown married Frances Peters, of Knapp Creek, daughter of George and Hannah Peters. They are the parents of two children: 1. Dorothy, a graduate of Bradford High School, who married Harry Withey on February 12, 1937. 2. Charles Leo, a graduate of the local schools, now foreman on his father's lease. He married Catherine Pearson, of Bells Camp, Pennsylvania, and has one son, Richard, born July 5, 1932.

HERMAN F. GRABE—For years a merchant and funeral director in Port Allegany, Herman F. Grabe earned the respectful admiration and confidence of all with whom he dealt, and at the same time established himself in the affections of his contemporaries by virtue of his many public-spirited acts. He supported many worthy charities and community enterprises, helped support education, and aided in the furtherance of a number of civic organizations.

Mr. Grabe was born in Coudersport, Pennsylvania, December 3, 1878, the eldest child of Gustave and Emelie Grabe. Two brothers and a sister were among Herman F. Grabe's survivors: Lawrence Grabe, of Holly Hill, Florida; G. Harold Grabe, of Camp Hill, Pennsylvania; and Mrs. Caroline Coleman, of East Lansing, Michigan.

Herman F. Grabe attended school in Coudersport, his birthplace, then went to the Rochester Business Institute and the Pittsburgh College of Embalming. In early manhood he was employed in the undertaking business in Buffalo and Tonawanda, New York, later removing to Bradford and becoming a partner in the firm of Sloane & Grabe and so continuing for six years. From there he went to Coudersport, where for a year and a half he was engaged in work in his profession. Then he established a business in Austin, where, after two years, floods swept away his place of business and his family themselves scarcely escaped with their lives. For two years Mr. Grabe operated a furniture and undertaking establishment at State College before coming to Port Allegany about 1913. In Port Allegany he bought the furniture and undertaking business of Mrs. S. S. Garthwaite and proceeded with his efforts to conduct a business along these lines. His enterprise was successful from the outset, and it so remained thereafter.

Quite aside from his business activities, Mr. Grabe accepted the full responsibilities of citizenship. He lent his support to many worthwhile activities, serving for years as a school director and being on the board when the high school building was built on Arnold Avenue. He was active in the Port Allegany Chamber of Commerce, and belonged to the Pennsylvania Funeral Directors' Association. In the Free and Accepted Masons he was affiliated with many branches of the order, including Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Zem Zem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He was also a member of the First Presbyterian Church, of Port Allegany.

Herman F. Grabe married (first), September 20, 1905, Edith Alverna Hafner, of Smethport, Pennsylvania, who died July 26, 1935. They became the parents of the following children: 1. George Grabe, of Coudersport. 2. Herman Frederick Grabe, Jr., born June 3, 1917, in Port Allegany, attended public schools and high school here, and the Bryant and Stratton Business College of Buffalo

and the Cleveland Embalming School; grew up in his father's business, operating it and the estate since the elder man's death; member of the Rotary Club, Loyal Order of Moose, the Firemen's Association and Port Allegany Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. 3. Pauline Emily Grabe, graduated from Port Allegany graded and high schools and Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, now a teacher in Port Allegany schools. Herman F. Grabe married (second), March 27, 1937, Edna B. Specht, daughter of William Frederick and Addie (Brownell) Specht, of Smethport.

The death of Herman F. Grabe, April 15, 1939, was an occasion of profound regret and sorrow. His accomplishments were many and valuable, and he will be remembered with deep warmth of affection by all whose privilege it was to know him.

FRED E. CUMMINGS—For many years, Fred E. Cummings has been associated with the Pennsylvania oil industry. He is now senior partner in the firm of Cummings & Vaughn, drilling contractors, at Eldred, continuing an interest in which he has been active since 1912.

Mr. Cummings was born at Wellsville, New York, on April 30, 1880, son of Eli and Alice (Covert) Cummings, both of New York State and both now deceased. His father, who served for three years in Company H of the 58th Pennsylvania Volunteers during the Civil War, was a rig builder and farmer in civil life.

Fred E. Cummings was educated at the Windfall School in McKean County and farmed here until he was sixteen years of age, when he began dressing tools in the oil fields. At twenty-one he went to Bradford, served an apprenticeship in the plasterer's trade and returned to Eldred, where he followed that trade for about a year and a half before resuming his connection with the oil industry as a driller. About 1912 he went into the drilling contracting business as a member of the firm of Underwood, Moody & Cummings. In 1922 he sold his interest to Mr. Underwood and organized the firm of Cummings, Vaughn & Crone, which continued as drilling contractors in the Pennsylvania fields until 1932. In the latter year, Mr. Crone sold his interest and the firm was reorganized as Cummings & Vaughn, under which name it has since operated. For several years, Mr. Cummings was also active as a producer. He brings to his work the knowledge and skill gained by long experience, and his successful record results in many calls upon his services.

As a resident of Eldred, Mr. Cummings has been active and influential in community affairs. He served on the town council, is one of the present executive officers of the Eldred Men's Club and is treasurer and trustee of the Free Methodist Church, in which both he and his wife have long been active. In politics he is a Republican.

On December 27, 1905, Fred E. Cummings married Ethel Wood, of Eldred, daughter of David C. Wood, deceased, who was born in Canada and was engaged in the lumber business in McKean County, and Hannah (Barkas) Wood, born in England and passed away in her ninetyeth year. Mr. and Mrs. Cummings are the parents of one son, Forrest Frederick, born May 17, 1910. He was graduated from the local public schools and Eldred High School, took the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Houghton College and the degree of Master of Arts at Cornell University and is now a teacher in Otto Township High School. He married Frances Esther Thomas and they have two children: Dawn, now four years old; and Thomas Elwood, born January 9, 1941.

FREDERICK BRANT JACKSON—Member of a family long associated with the history of Warren County and the city of Warren, Frederick Brant Jackson is chairman of the board of directors of the Floridin Company, Inc., producers of fuller's earth and manufacturers of absorbents. This company has long been successfully operating, and is widely known in business quarters. The Jacksons have been residents of this region since shortly after the Revolutionary War, and Frederick Brant Jackson is the fifth generation in direct line of descent from Daniel Jackson. The family line proceeds as follows:

(I) Daniel Jackson, born in Connecticut in 1751, died June 20, 1830. He came in 1797 to this region of Pennsylvania, and in 1805 he removed from Conewango Township to the borough of Warren, building what was known as "Jackson's Tavern," the first frame building, at Water and Hickory streets, with lumber sawed at his own mill. All local buildings had, until then, been constructed of hewn timber. Daniel Jackson was licensed in 1806 by the Governor to keep an "inn." He was the township's first constable, appointed in 1807, and was commissioned justice of the peace by Governor Snyder on May 31, 1817.

(II) His son, Daniel Jackson, Jr., lived in Conewango Township and vicinity in early life, but removed later to Muchmore Bottoms, Brook County, Virginia (now in West Virginia).

(III) Thomas W. Jackson, his son, was born December 16, 1804, and died May 21, 1842, in Warren, Pennsylvania, in the house built by him at Liberty Street and Third Avenue. He married Eveline Gilson King.

(IV) Gilson Adelbert Jackson, born January 26, 1836, in Warren County, Pennsylvania, in the same house in which his father lived and died, died August 21, 1907, at Youngsville, Pennsylvania, where he was serving his third term as postmaster and had for twenty years been a justice of the peace. He married Helen M. Trask.

(V) Frederick Brant Jackson, their son, was born October 3, 1859, at Honeywell, Missouri. He received



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varied schooling, mostly in the hard-fisted "school of life" that is, after all, man's most realistic teacher. In different parts of the country he served in different capacities and industries, revealing himself as the possessor of many of those sturdy qualities that characterized his pioneer forebears. The impulses that guided Daniel Jackson across Lake Erie and along the Conewango River in 1797, to become the first white settler in his western Pennsylvania district, early revealed themselves as active in the career of Frederick Brant Jackson, except that he directed them along lines of industrial and economic conquest rather than the surmounting of geographic frontiers. He became interested in oil production in Oklahoma and Texas, and, after returning to Warren, became associated with the Floridin Company, Inc., organized in 1910 to produce fuller's earth.

As president of that enterprise, Mr. Jackson was instrumental in furthering its success along many lines and in varied directions. He was active in the management and head of the company's executive organization until 1935, when he withdrew from the presidency to be chairman of the company's board of directors. He continues down to the time of writing as chairman of the board; and, though he has relinquished active headship of the business to his son, Allan Cummings Jackson, he continues to serve in an advisory capacity and is still responsible for shaping many of the policies of the business. In other enterprises Frederick Brant Jackson has also been active for many years, notably as vice-president of the Warren Bank & Trust Company. In politics he is a staunch Republican, and he is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church. Though he has always been intensely interested in public affairs and has sought to adopt, and encourage in others, constructive attitudes toward questions of the times, he has never sought nor held public office, feeling that his destiny lay along other lines. He is today one of Warren's beloved citizens.

Frederick Brant Jackson married Donna Ann Cummings, who was born November 2, 1858, at Sugar Grove, Pennsylvania, and died October 25, 1934, in Warren, daughter of Washington Parker and Sarah McKay (Weld) Cummings. Her father, born in 1826 at Sandy Lake, Pennsylvania, died in 1866 in Sugar Grove, this State. Her mother, born July 25, 1826, in Steuben County, New York, died March 4, 1905. Her grandfather, John Cummings, a native Scotchman, came early to this country, and settled in Sandy Lake, Mercer County, Pennsylvania; his wife was Abigail Cummings.

(VI) Allan Cummings Jackson, referred to above, son of Frederick Brant and Donna Ann (Cummings) Jackson, was born November 21, 1893, in Warren. He was graduated from high school here, then attended the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce, University of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia, for three years. For six

months he was employed by the Floridin Company, then for a like period was with the First National Bank of Warren. Like many young men of his day, he suffered the interruption of World War service in his business career, and for eleven months, in 1917 and 1918, was in the Engineer Corps, United States Army Air Service, in Memphis, Tennessee, then at Montgomery, Alabama, and finally at Arcadia Field, in Florida. He received the second lieutenant's commission at Memphis, and was honorably discharged in December, 1918. Returning to civilian life, Allan Cummings Jackson became again associated with the Floridin Company, in 1920, as clerk in the sales department, in charge of sales. He became treasurer in 1926, and in 1928 was elected president, an executive office that he has since filled.

The Floridin Company represents the present form of a much older business, which in its first phase was called the Owl Commercial Company and was a New York corporation, engaged principally in raising tobacco and manufacturing the "Owl" cigar. From the Owl Commercial Company there came into being the Southern Fuller's Earth Company, which subsequently became the Floridin Company. Mr. Jackson is a Republican; a member of the Warren Chamber of Commerce, the Conewango Club and the Sigma Nu college fraternity; and an ex-member of the Rotary Club, of which he was at one time president. He belongs to the First Methodist Church.

Allan Cummings Jackson married, November 18, 1938, Elizabeth Nelson, born at Warren, graduated from the local high school and in 1933 from Geisinger Memorial Hospital, Danville. Mr. Jackson has two daughters of an earlier marriage: 1. Ann Jackson, graduate of the National Cathedral School, Washington, District of Columbia, attended the Eastern School for Physicians' Aides, New York, majoring in technical laboratory work; she became the wife of Charles Blackman, of Warren. 2. Donna Barbara Jackson, attending Penn Hall, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.

ALLAN ARTHUR BOOTH, D. D. S.—Practicing dentistry in Sharon, Dr. Allan Arthur Booth is a specialist in orthodontia, with full laboratory equipment for the preparation of artificial dentures.

Dr. Booth was born August 27, 1904, in Sharon, Pennsylvania, son of Richard and Jennie (Dear) Booth, of this city. His father is associated with the Sharon Steel Corporation.

Dr. Booth attended public schools in Brookfield Township, Ohio, and after completing his studies at Sharon High School matriculated at the University of Pittsburgh, where he received the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1928. He had graduate work at that same university, mainly in orthodontia. He returned immediately to Sharon after finishing his studies, and began his gen-

eral practice, turning later to his specialty. He employs his own laboratory technician, and enjoys the confidence of his patients and his fellow-townsmen.

In addition to his other work, Dr. Booth is president, and has been so for a number of years, of the Mercer County Medical and Dental Bureau. He has done much to further this bureau's work, and also is serving at the time of writing as president and secretary of the Mercer County Dental Association. As a member of the Pennsylvania State Dental Association and the American Dental Association, he has rendered further valuable service to his profession. In Sharon he is a past president of the University Club, the Kiwanis Club and a member of the Sharon Country Club, and director of youth welfare work in the Chamber of Commerce. While a student he joined the Omicron Delta Kappa national scholastic fraternity and the Psi Omega national dental fraternity. Fraternally he is associated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and with Lodge No. 747, Free and Accepted Masons. Dr. Booth is a member of Central Christian Church, and his wife of the First Reformed Church, of Youngstown, Ohio.

In 1932, in Youngstown, Ohio, Dr. Allan Arthur Booth married Minnie Schultz, daughter of William L. and Anna (Ahrendt) Schultz, of that city. They became the parents of a son, William Allan Booth, born March 4, 1934.

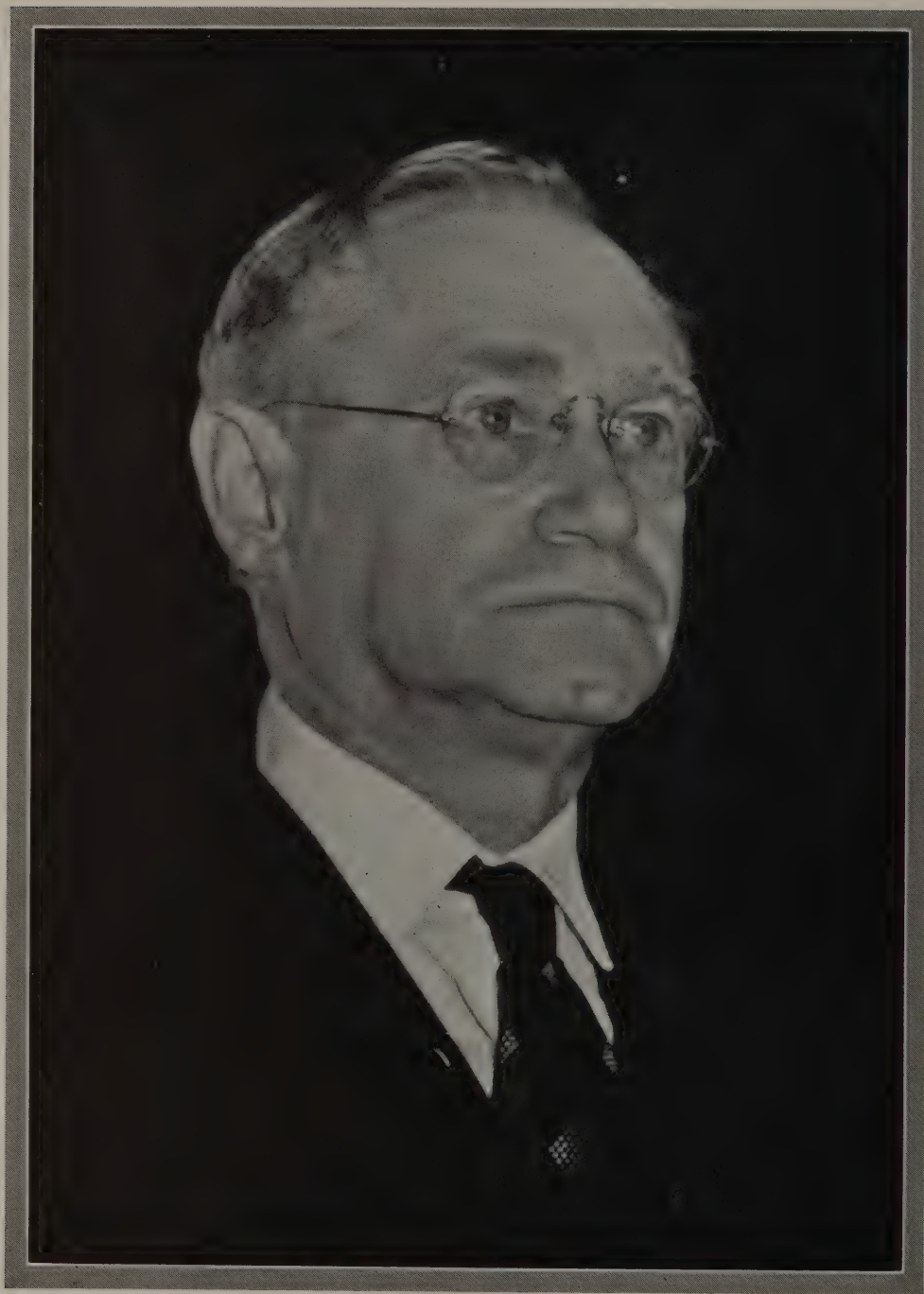
V. H. EHRHART—For most business men, accomplishment in one field of activity is a full life, particularly when united with civic and political services. V. H. Ehrhart succeeded not only with the paint business he established in Jamestown, Mercer County, northwestern Pennsylvania, and served the city in many capacities, but after retiring and settling in Miami, Florida, is now launched upon a second and even more successful career as a business man and banker in the Florida metropolis.

Born in Pittsburgh, June 14, 1860, V. H. Ehrhart began his business career in his native city as a wholesale paint salesman. Soon, turning his attention to the manufacturing aspect of the paint business, in 1885, he settled himself in Jamestown, having purchased a grinding plant and stock ore piles from Dr. Gibson, one of the pioneer business men of Mercer County. Under the name of the Jamestown Paint & Varnish Company, Mr. Ehrhart began in business as a manufacturer of dry colors but soon expanded his plant and undertook general paint and varnish manufacture in partnership with two Jamestown men, Kent E. Lyman and Lyman A. Moore. This partnership continued unbroken until 1902 when Mr. Ehrhart purchased Mr. Moore's interest and then, in 1912, taking over Mr. Lyman's shares, Mr. Ehrhart became the sole proprietor of the business. Under his able management, the business grew rapidly until, after an apprenticeship,

Mr. Ehrhart's oldest living son, John P. Ehrhart, gradually assumed the responsibility, the father retiring from active interest in 1916. John P. Ehrhart continued to direct all the activities of the establishment until 1919, when his brother, W. W. Ehrhart, entered the firm to assume his share of responsibility of the expanding plant. Under the new organization, John P. Ehrhart became president of the company, W. W. Ehrhart, vice-president, and Miss Laughrey, secretary and treasurer, positions which they have continued to occupy through the present time. Under the presidency of John P. Ehrhart, the Jamestown Paint & Varnish Company now manufactures paints for the industrial trade and dry colors for the building trade as well as house paints and interior finishes for domestic use, although the bulk of the company's business is devoted to meet the specific requirements of large industrial plants. Their business is confined principally to the United States, although they have enjoyed some foreign trade in the past, their trademark "Japco," taken from the name of the company—being well known in every State. The company employs about forty people and the plant occupies a total of sixteen acres, some six of which are given over to floor space in the various buildings.

During his career as a manufacturer in Jamestown, V. H. Ehrhart, who is a Republican in politics, devoted himself most generously to municipal affairs, serving in all city offices, including the Jamestown School Board and the mayoralty, having devoted himself to the latter office for three terms. Upon settling down to retirement in Miami, his strong personality and his marked executive ability soon won him so many friends and earned him such respect that he found it impossible to remain quiescent and so he was launched upon a second career in various business and financial activities until he is now, although eighty-one years of age, one of the leading business men of the southern city as well as widely honored and admired for his keen wit, good fellowship and sound judgment. Among his present business interests in and around Miami are directorships in the following banking houses and corporations: First National Bank of Miami, First Trust & Savings Bank of Miami, First National Company of Miami, First National Investment Company of Miami, First National Bank of Miami Beach and the Miami Ocean View Company.

A distinguished member of the Masonic fraternity, in which he holds thirty-second degree rank, V. H. Ehrhart, who is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Jamestown, has always been interested in various sports and athletic contests as demonstrated by his membership in the Pittsburgh Athletic Club, Duquesne Club and Longue Vue Country Club, Pittsburgh. He is also a life member of the Bay Shore Golf Club and La Gorce Golf Club, the Coco Lobo Cay Club, and the Biscayne Yacht Club of Miami.



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In 1884 V. H. Ehrhart married Ethel Bell Phillips, of Pittsburgh. Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Ehrhart are the parents of four children: 1. V. H. Ehrhart, Jr., who passed away in 1912. 2. Lilia M., who married F. L. Wall, president of the First National Bank of Miami, Florida. 3. John P., born June 7, 1887. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1909 with the degree of Bachelor of Science, interrupted his career as a paint manufacturer during the World War by service as a first lieutenant in the Chemical Warfare Corps of the United States Army; president of the Jamestown Paint & Varnish Company since 1919, he is also a director of the Merchants & Manufacturers Bank of Greenville, Pennsylvania. John P. Ehrhart married Frances L. Hum. Following his father as a generous public servant, he has served two terms as mayor of Jamestown and takes a deep interest in civic affairs, as he does in Masonry, being a member of New Castle Commandery. 4. W. W., born November 15, 1899. A graduate of Cornell University, during the World War, W. W. Ehrhart served as an ensign in the United States Navy Air Service, and was attached to the American Expeditionary Forces as an aviator. He is vice-president of the Jamestown Paint & Varnish Company. He married Laura Bailey.

GUERDON ELISHA LEFFINGWELL—Prominent as a banker, having been honored by election to the presidency of the Sharon Chapter of the American Institute of Banking, Guerdon Elisha Leffingwell enjoys wide local popularity as well as universal respect for his jovial personality and his professional abilities.

Born at Hartford, Ohio, April 4, 1900, Guerdon Elisha Leffingwell is the son of Wallace Cecil and Cora Irene (Randall) Leffingwell. Wallace Cecil Leffingwell was a prominent attorney of Sharon and has given himself generously for many years to civic interests, including twenty years of membership on the Sharon School Board. He is a direct descendant of Lieutenant Thomas Leffingwell, one of the original founders of the city of Norwich, Connecticut.

After attending the Lafayette Avenue Grammar School at Sharon and entering the Sharon Hill School from 1914 through 1917, Guerdon Elisha Leffingwell graduated in 1918 from the Meadville High School. Entering Allegheny College, he spent two years in the institution and, while there, was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity and the Allegheny College Students Army Training Corps of the United States Army.

Beginning his career as manager of the Grand Theatre in Sharon, in 1925, Mr. Leffingwell was made teller of the First National Bank of Sharon, a position which he has held through the present time. His deep interest in the problems of banking and bankers led to his taking membership in the American Institute of Banking, an

association in which his local prestige developed nationally until, in 1940, he was elected vice-president of the institute and president in 1941.

On February 4, 1939, at Sandy Lake, Pennsylvania, Guerdon Elisha Leffingwell married Elizabeth Louise Down, daughter of James Yannie and Grace (Brakeman) Down. Mr. and Mrs. Leffingwell are the parents of one son: Robert Down Leffingwell, who was born March 25, 1941.

MICHAEL VALENTINE BALL, M. D.—To the practice of medicine and its attendant responsibilities, Dr. Michael Valentine Ball has devoted more than half a century of his life. In point of service, he is now one of the senior physicians and surgeons of Warren, where he has long been established as a specialist in diseases of the eye, ear and throat.

Dr. Ball was born in Warren on February 14, 1868, son of George and Mary (Cohn) Ball. His father, who was born in Prussia on November 24, 1834, son of Hyman and Leah (Zork) Ball, came to Warren in 1855. He was a merchant tailor and a dealer in men's clothing and furnishings here for many years, employing at one time as many as twenty tailors. Besides his Warren establishment, he had a store for ten years in Buffalo and was a member there of the Reformed Temple. George Ball died at Warren on April 10, 1920. His wife, who was born in West Prussia, daughter of Simon and Rebecca (Salinger) Cohn, died in Warren on March 8, 1901. Her father was a produce dealer in Germany.

Michael Valentine Ball received his preliminary education in the public schools of Buffalo, followed by two years in high school at Warren. At the end of this time, he became an apprentice pharmacist in the Davis Drug Store at Warren, remaining there for another two years, until he entered Jefferson Medical School at Philadelphia in 1886, at the age of eighteen. In 1889 he was graduated from this institution with the degree of Doctor of Medicine and went abroad for postgraduate work in Germany, during which time he worked in the laboratories of the celebrated bacteriologist, Dr. Robert Koch, and the equally celebrated pathologist, Dr. Rudolf Virchow. Upon his return to the United States, he served his internship in the German Hospital, now Lankenau Hospital, at Philadelphia, under Drs. Deaver, White, Wilson and Wolf. After a year, he was appointed surgeon on the Red Star liner "Belgenland," spent three months on that vessel and then resigned to devote himself to the writing of a book on bacteriology. This volume, which attained the status of a standard treatment of the subject, was first published in 1891 by W. B. Saunders of Philadelphia and has since gone through eight editions, the last published in 1919.

Meanwhile, Dr. Ball began the private practice of his profession in Buffalo, where he also served as instructor in histology at Niagara University Medical School. In 1892 he left Buffalo to become resident physician at Eastern State Penitentiary and spent three and a half years there, having charge of 1,500 convicts. Part of his time he devoted to the study of criminology and the writing of a number of papers on the subject. During this period, Dr. Ball became a member of the Academy of Natural Science in Philadelphia. In the summer of 1895 he began the general practice of medicine in Philadelphia. His people, however, were constantly urging him to return to Warren and in 1897 he yielded to their persuasion. After taking a special course in ophthalmology and otolaryngology, he established his practice as a specialist in diseases of the eye, ear and throat at Warren and has continued it without interruption down to the present time, with the exception of one year, 1916, when he was clinical pathologist at New York Medical College for Women in New York City.

In his practice at Warren, Dr. Ball quickly established his professional reputation, and the calls upon his services have continued at a high level. He has also assumed a number of special responsibilities as a medical man in this city. In 1898 Dr. Ball was appointed president of the Warren Board of Health, which he promptly reorganized and at the same time established a system of vital statistics and the school inspection service. When the State Department of Health was founded in 1905 he was appointed county medical inspector and held this post for four years. During the same period he was also medical inspector for the Warren Borough School.

Dr. Ball's successful practice reflects his exceptional qualifications, which are widely recognized in his profession as well as by the public at large. He is a Fellow of the American Medical Association; a member of the Warren County and Pennsylvania State Medical societies; a life member of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology; and is duly accredited by the American Board of Ophthalmology. In addition to his professional connections, Dr. Ball is a member of the Warren County Historical Society and a member of Social and Natural Science sections of the Warren Academy of Science, the latter of which he organized. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Joseph Warren Lodge, No. 726, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is Past Master, and with the various higher Masonic bodies of the Scottish Rite, including Coudersport Consistory. Dr. Ball is also affiliated with Warren Lodge, No. 226, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is a member of the Warren Chamber of Commerce. In politics he is an independent voter and in religious faith a member of the Warren Hebrew Congregation. Dr. Ball is also a member of the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith.

He married, on March 14, 1906, Grace Patterson, who was born in Buffalo, daughter of John and Mary Patterson, both born in Sterling, Scotland, and later residents of Buffalo, where they died. Her father was a saddle and harness maker. Dr. and Mrs. Ball are the parents of four children: 1. John George, who was graduated in medicine from the University of Buffalo in 1936, interned at Emergency Hospital, Washington, District of Columbia, and is now a practicing physician at Bethesda, Maryland. He married Monica Snyder, of Washington, District of Columbia, and has one daughter, Susan. 2. Mary, a graduate of the kindergarten training school at Oberlin College and a former teacher for two years in Warren. She is now the wife of Thomas H. Conway, of this city. 3. Jean, now teacher of physical culture at State Normal School, Brockport, New York, and also has a private kindergarten. 4. William Lincoln, a graduate of Oberlin College and has a Master's degree from Columbia University; he took the degree of Doctor of Medicine at the University of Buffalo Medical School in 1937, served his internship at Hamot Hospital, Erie, Pennsylvania, and was resident for two years in the eye department of Meyer Memorial Hospital at Buffalo. He is now associated in practice with his father in Warren, specializing in eye, ear, nose and throat work. He married Dorothy Levey, of Buffalo, and has one son, George.

WILLIAM S. NESBITT—During his twenty years of service with the Chicago Bridge & Iron Company, one of the well-known companies in its field, William S. Nesbitt has risen within the organization to positions of large responsibility. He is now general manager of the Greenville plant, where his activities have centered since his early years with the company.

Mr. Nesbitt was born at Dayton, Indiana, on August 17, 1898, son of William S. and Sarah A. (Winston) Nesbitt. His father, a physician at Dayton, died in 1936.

William S. Nesbitt received his preliminary education in the public schools of his birthplace and after completing the high school course, entered Purdue University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science and Civil Engineer in 1921. In September of the same year, he entered the employ of the Chicago Bridge & Iron Company, working in the engineering department of the Chicago plant of the company. In 1923 he was transferred to the Greenville plant and assigned to duty in the engineering and drafting department. During the following decade and a half his responsibilities gradually increased and on January 1, 1940, he was promoted to the position of assistant manager of the Greenville plant. In July, 1940, when his predecessor, Mark S. Cady, retired, he assumed the duties of general manager and has since served in this capacity.

Mr. Nesbitt's experience and record fully qualify him for the office he now holds and the value of his services has been fully recognized by senior executives of his company. As a resident of this city he has been very active in civic affairs and is associated with a number of its principal institutions. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and also a director, a member of Greenville Presbyterian Church and former member of the board of trustees, and on the board of trustees of Greenville Hospital. Mr. Nesbitt is also a member of the Greenville Country Club. He is affiliated with the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, the Masonic Order, the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

On August 4, 1923, at Chicago, Illinois, Mr. Nesbitt married Esther Eddington, daughter of W. C. and Blanche Eddington. They are the parents of two daughters: Sylvia, born October 17, 1928, a student in Greenville High School; and Julia, born August 27, 1936.

WALTER MacDONALD APPLGATE—Accomplished musician, distinguished member of the bar and an active citizen of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, Walter MacDonald Applegate is taking a leading rôle in civic and political life of northwestern Pennsylvania.

Walter MacDonald Applegate was born at Sharon, May 4, 1906, the son of Harry Abner and Elizabeth (MacDonald) Applegate. Harry Abner Applegate, now living in retirement after an active life, is the son of William C. Applegate who, born in Sharon in 1856, has been one of the city's most prominent citizens, being a member of Sharon's first Board of Aldermen and still occupying that office.

After passing through the Sharon public schools, Walter MacDonald Applegate graduated from Morgantown High School, Morgantown, West Virginia, in 1924, and then went on to attend the University of West Virginia from which institution he received his degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1928. Being attracted to the law as a career, Mr. Applegate attended the Law School of the University of West Virginia, winning his degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1930. Admitted to the Pennsylvania bar in 1932 he opened his office in Sharon and has devoted himself to the practice of his profession ever since. Being always deeply interested in civic affairs, Mr. Applegate, who is a member of the Republican party, has given generously of his time to public business and is now serving as controller of his native city of Sharon. A student of national and international history, he is vitally interested in world politics and is actively engaged in promoting a plan for the elimination of war as a means of settling international questions.

Supporting his profession by membership in the Mercer County Bar Association and the Pennsylvania State Bar

Association, Mr. Applegate, who is a member of the Morgantown, West Virginia, Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, belongs to the Sharon University Club. He and his family worship at the Central Christian Church of Sharon.

On December 24, 1936, at Sharon, Walter MacDonald Applegate married Dorothy Keiser, daughter of Louis J. and Eva (Miller) Keiser. Mrs. Applegate is a graduate of Slippery Rock College. Mr. and Mrs. Applegate are the parents of two children: 1. Betsy Lynne, who was born October 28, 1938. 2. David Louis, who was born February 10, 1941.

Mr. Applegate finds great satisfaction in music, having been an accomplished concert pianist, an interest which, for a time, he contemplated following in preference to the legal profession.

EDWIN F. RICHARDSON—Shortly before the turn of the century, Edwin F. Richardson entered the Greenville plant of the Bessemer & Lake Erie Railroad. He has rounded out more than forty years of service with this company, during which he has risen gradually within the organization to his present position as assistant superintendent of motive power.

Mr. Richardson was born at Shenango, Pennsylvania, in 1880, son of Edward and Sarah (Powell) Richardson. His father came to this State from Vermont; as a young man he entered the service of the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Railroad and continued this connection, until his death in 1894, as master mechanic.

Edwin F. Richardson received his education in the public schools of Greenville, completing the high school course. In 1899, at the age of nineteen, he entered the Greenville plant of the Bessemer & Lake Erie Railroad as a special apprentice, spent four years in that capacity and in 1903, after finishing his apprenticeship, was appointed air brake instructor. This position he held until 1918, when he was promoted to assistant engineer of motive power. In 1939 he won further promotion, taking over his present responsibilities as assistant superintendent of motive power. He is a valued member of the Bessemer & Lake Erie organization, in which his ability as well as his loyalty has been recognized by his appointment to important positions in the system. Only one local man holds a higher rank in his department, and that is G. M. Gray, superintendent of motive power.

Mr. Richardson, who is widely known in Greenville life, is a member and past president of the Greenville Country Club and of the Greenville Kiwanis Club. He is also past president of the Air Brake Club of Pittsburgh and a member of the Pittsburgh Railway Club. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masonic Order, in which he is a member of various higher bodies, including the Commandery, Knights Templar and Shrine; and with the

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in which he is Past Exalted Ruler of Greenville Lodge. Mr. Richardson is active in civic as well as social affairs and is one of the city's prominent Presbyterian laymen, serving as president of the board of trustees of the First Presbyterian Church. In politics he is a Republican.

Mr. Richardson married at Hartstown, in 1913, Nellie B. Wilson, daughter of R. W. and Merte (Smith) Wilson. They are the parents of three children: 1. Edwin Wilson Richardson, born in 1914, now lieutenant in the United States Navy Air Corps, serving as aviation instructor at Pensacola, Florida. He is married and has one daughter, Denise, born in 1940. 2. Betty Jane, born in 1916, a registered nurse graduated from Allegheny General Hospital, now the wife of Frank G. Reynolds, lieutenant, United States Navy Air Corps, stationed at Oakland, California. They have one daughter, Sally June, born in 1939. 3. Frank Charles, born in 1919, a student of aviation engineering at Purdue University.

CHRISTIAN J. FRANTZ, M. D.—For almost half a century, Dr. Christian J. Frantz has been engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery at Warren. He is one of the leading figures of his profession in this county and plays an influential rôle in other aspects of Warren's life.

Dr. Frantz was born in Warren County on May 24, 1865, son of George and Salome (Witz) Frantz. His father, who was a farmer, was born in France in October, 1812, son of Philip Frantz. George Frantz served seven years in the French Army in his youth. Afterward both he and Philip Frantz came to the United States and settled in Warren County, Pennsylvania, where both died. The mother, Salome (Witz) Frantz, was also born in France in 1822 and died in Warren County, Pennsylvania.

In the strict sense, Dr. Christian J. Frantz is a self-made man. Being the third youngest of a family of eleven children, not much individual attention was required. At twelve years of age he started out on his career work, without much play. His education was acquired with some difficulty, walking long distances to the country schools with a liberal amount of domestic work, and when attending high school it became necessary for him to attend school one year and then to drop out for a year, to earn money to enable him to return the next year. He was graduated from Youngsville High School in 1886 and then entered Clarion Normal School, where, upon completing the course, he received a certificate to teach. During the following five years he was a teacher in the public schools of Warren County. His ambitions, however, were centered in the medical profession, and when the way was clear for him to do so he began his preparations for his chosen career. Entering Starling Medical College, now the University of Ohio Medical School, he was graduated

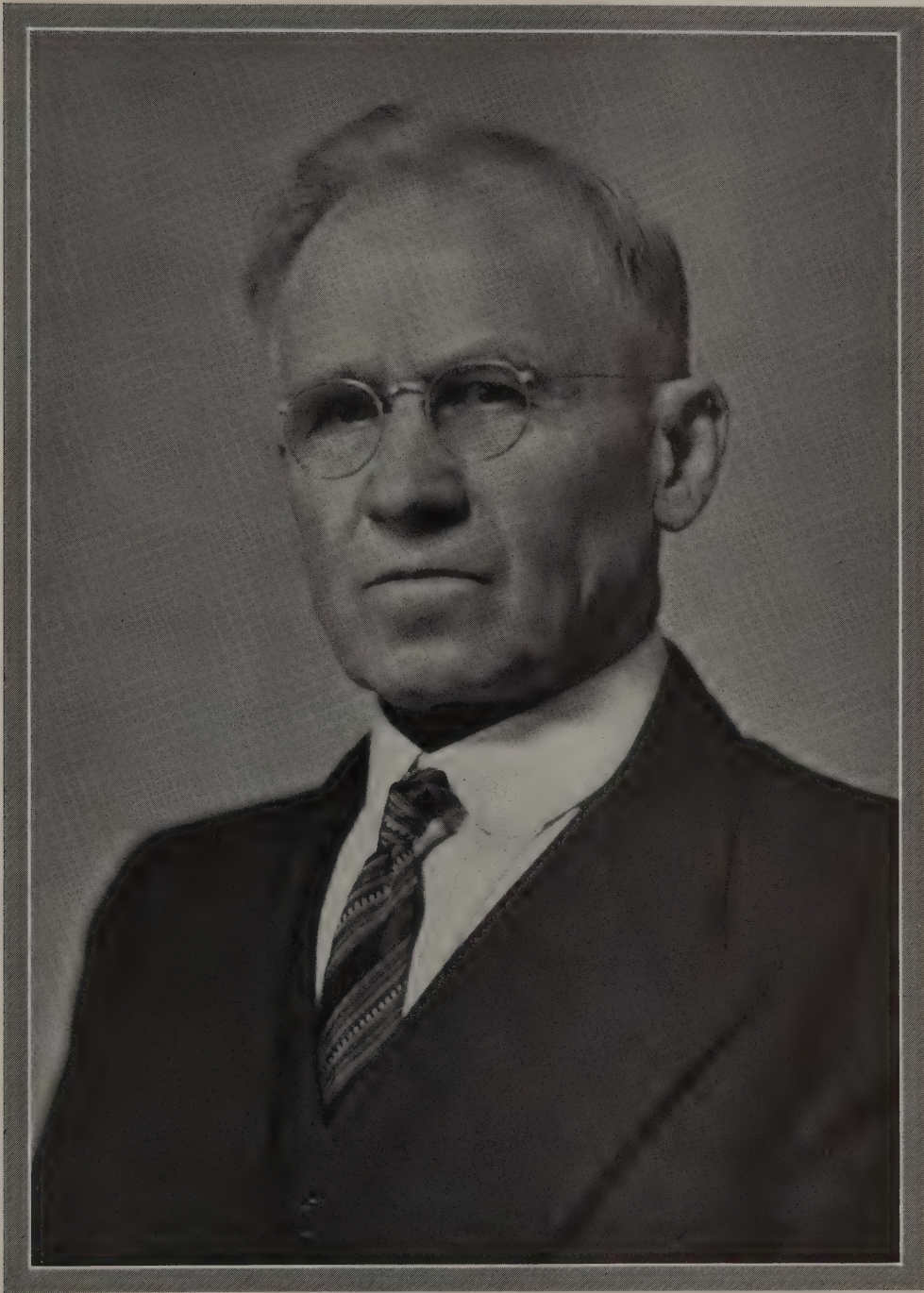
from this institution with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1893 and came to Warren as a practicing physician and surgeon in that same year. Since that time he has devoted himself without interruption to his professional responsibilities, which have been many and important.

Dr. Frantz ascribes "his limited" degree of accomplishment to three qualities—work—hard work—perseverance, and an appreciation of righteousness. He is domestic in taste and practices, not a club man, but devotes his attention to his home, family, near friends, and church. For the past six consecutive years he has been absent only one Sunday from his Sunday school class.

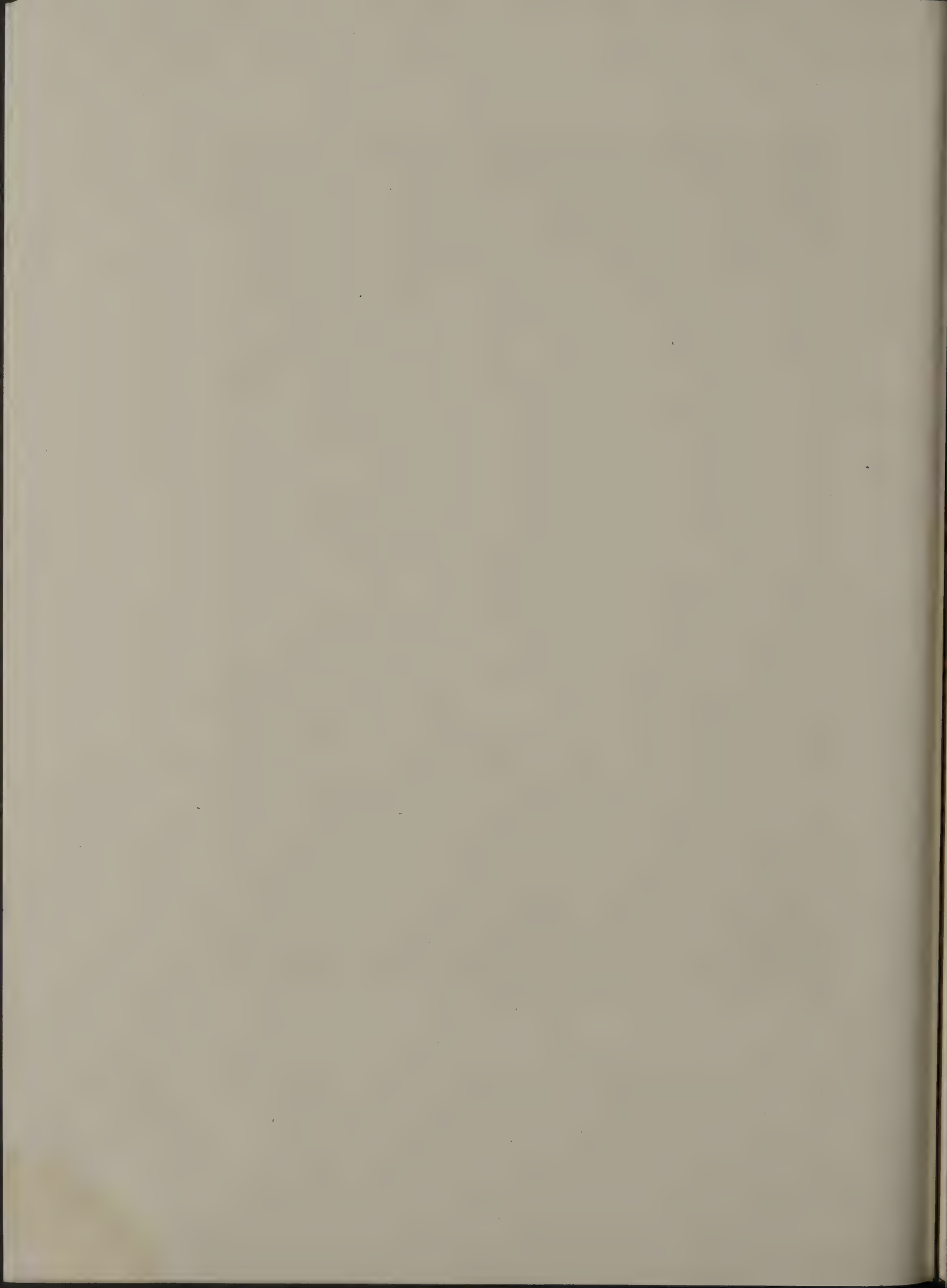
Dr. Frantz takes no credit for never having used tobacco or intoxicating beverages. He is independent in thought and conduct, and in no sense is he conventional, and as a result he frequently finds it difficult to go along with his associates. He is keenly active in all pursuits of life, has no intention of relinquishing for several years; and he also hopes to leave this world better than he found it.

In addition to his large private practice, Dr. Frantz was for twenty-two years surgeon for the Pennsylvania Railroad in this district and has been conspicuous in the development of the Warren General Hospital. He was one of the prime movers in the organization of this institution and secured its charter, which he personally paid for. From the day it was opened, he has been a member of the hospital medical staff and has been influential in matters of administration.

Dr. Frantz is a member and past president of the Warren County Medical Society, an honor which indicated his standing in the profession, and a member of the Pennsylvania State Medical Society. In addition to his professional connections, he is secretary and general manager of the Jefferson County Gas Company; president and treasurer of the Warren County Dairy Association; and owner and operator of a dairy farm of one hundred and sixty-five acres at Akely, Pennsylvania. There he maintains a herd of forty pure bred Holsteins, which has always been free of Bang's disease and tuberculosis. Throughout his career he has been consistently active in the civic life of Warren and on various occasions has served in public office, notably as borough councilman for three terms and as a member of the Warren School Board for eleven successive years, during three of which he was president. Dr. Frantz is a Republican in politics. He is a member of the Warren Library Association and the Young Men's Christian Association and is prominent in the First Lutheran Church of Warren, located at Third and East Street. The church will celebrate its hundredth anniversary in 1942. Dr. Frantz has been a member here since a youth. He was for twenty years a member of the church council, for forty years a teacher



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in the Sunday school and for eighteen consecutive years Sunday school superintendent. He also served for many years as president of Warren County Sunday School Association. The growth of the First Lutheran Church from a small struggling organization and the improvement in the building and grounds are largely due to the efforts of Dr. Frantz. Horses and riding are his favorite recreation, and for several years he has been president of the Allegheny Foot-Hills Horse Show Association, in which four counties are represented. Dr. Frantz, with his brothers, Samuel and William Frantz, are the only survivors of a family originally numbering eleven children. All live in Warren.

Dr. Frantz married, on June 10, 1903, Florence Hertz, who was born in Warren, daughter of the late Philip E. Hertz, a carpenter, and Harriett (Lesser) Hertz, who still lives in Warren. Dr. and Mrs. Frantz are the parents of two sons: James H., an attorney, for the United Refining Company of Warren, who married Katherine Reynolds, of Jamestown, New York; and Charles H., formerly assistant State bank examiner at Harrisburg, now associated with the United Refining Company; he married Jane Kinkead, of Warren.

BERNICE WEBB—Postmaster of Jamestown, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, Bernice Webb, of Jamestown is not only keenly interested in municipal affairs but as one of the outstanding women members of the Democratic party in northwestern Pennsylvania is known and admired by a host of friends and acquaintances.

Bernice Webb is the daughter of Niles E. and Linda (Moats) Webb, residents of Mercer County. Born and raised in Jamestown, Niles E. Webb began his career in life as a general merchant in association with Nelson Martin. In 1880 Mr. Webb disposed of his interests in merchandising to Mr. Martin and became postmaster of Jamestown, an office which he held until 1895. In later years, he devoted himself to farming and also became a dealer in cattle and stock. He was a member of a widely known family in northwestern Pennsylvania, the Webbs being among the pioneers who settled the region.

After graduating from the public and high schools of Jamestown, Bernice Webb devoted herself to various civic activities in her native town. Always a staunch Democrat, she took an active interest in politics and in 1927 was elected tax collector of Jamestown, an office which she held through 1933. In 1935, by special Presidential appointment, she was made postmaster of the city and has held the office through the present time. Carrying her political activities beyond municipal limits, as a member of the Democratic party organization, she has become known throughout Mercer County and beyond. Her political activities include membership in the

Women's Democratic Club. Well known socially, she is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Jamestown.

WILLIAM WHITFIELD WYANT, M. D.—At the turn of the century, as soon as he completed his medical school training, Dr. William Whitfield Wyant established himself in Farrell, then known as South Sharon, and took up his work as the community's first physician. He has done a great deal of professional work in the decades that have followed, has held public office, and is particularly proud—and justifiably so—of his record of delivering more than eight thousand babies.

Dr. Wyant was born May 20, 1873, in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, son of Christian Yerty and Elizabeth (John) Wyant, who were also born there, as was his paternal grandfather, Adam Wyant. The Wyants are of German descent; the John family, Welsh.

Member of a large family, Dr. William W. Wyant was reared on the farm of his family, and attended district schools in Armstrong County and Reid Institute. He later studied at Mount Pleasant Academy, and in 1900 was graduated from the Western Pennsylvania Medical College, now the University of Pittsburgh, as a Doctor of Medicine and Surgery. Opening an office in South Sharon, he performed a particularly valuable work in those early days as the region's first physician. His headquarters were in the town's first business building, and here he has kept his offices down to the time of writing. He is a member of the Mercer County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He serves as a member of the National Board of Medical Examiners of the Life Extension Institute for the State of Pennsylvania, and as examiner for many insurance companies.

For many years Dr. Wyant was surgical supervisor of the American Sheet & Tin Plate Company, of Farrell, so continuing until 1933. He was the first president of the Farrell Board of Health after Farrell dropped its original name of South Sharon and formed a separate borough. He has also served as president of the Mercer County Medical Society. At the time of writing he is selective service examiner for Draft Board No. 3, in Farrell. Politically he is a Republican. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, and is a thirty-second degree Mason. He and his wife are members of the First Presbyterian Church.

Dr. William Whitfield Wyant married, June 29, 1904, Rachel Saunders, of Mercer County, Pennsylvania. They became the parents of two children: 1. Christian Whitfield Wyant, born in 1910, educated in Sharon schools and at the Asheville School for Boys, attended St. Stephen's College, and was graduated from the University of North Carolina as a Bachelor of Arts; now is a

certified public accountant in Pittsburgh. 2. Martha Saunders Wyant, born in 1915 in Sharon, attended Sharon schools, the Emma Willard School for Girls, in Troy, New York, Mount Holyoke College, and was graduated from the University of North Carolina as a Bachelor of Arts and from Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, as a Master of Arts; now a teacher of English at the Penn Hall School for Girls.

WILLIAM WADDLE RICHARDSON, M. D.—

In that interchange of talented professional men between the states, Pennsylvania was fortunate in securing the services of the Ohioan, Dr. William Waddle Richardson, specialist in nervous and mental diseases. After experience farther East, he came to Mercer County and has been medical director of the Mercer Sanitarium, since 1912. His professional career has added new lustre to the reputation attained by his father, one of the pioneer psychiatrists of our country.

William Waddle Richardson was born at Athens, Ohio, October 8, 1877, son of Dr. Alonzo Blair Richardson, and his wife, Julia Dean Harris. His father, as indicated, was a pioneer psychiatrist, who for many years was medical superintendent of State hospitals in Athens, Columbus and Massillon, Ohio, and elsewhere. At one time he was superintendent of St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Washington, District of Columbia (1899-1903), when this was the only psychiatric institution owned and operated by the Federal Government. Dr. Alonzo Blair Richardson died at the age of fifty years, on June 23, 1903.

In preparation for his professional career, William W. Richardson was made ready for higher education in the Central High School of Columbus, Ohio, from which he was graduated in 1895. He received the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy from Ohio State University, with the class of 1899; and was graduated from the Medical School of the University of Pennsylvania, in 1902, a Doctor of Medicine. Later he pursued postgraduate studies in Boston, Massachusetts, and in Europe. Dr. Richardson was assistant physician at the Ohio State Hospital, at Columbus, Ohio, 1903-06; and was chief physician of the Norristown, Pennsylvania, State Hospital, from 1906 to 1912; then he became medical director of the Mercer Sanitarium, a post he has since continued to fill most ably. During the World War, he served his country as a member of the Medical Corps of the United States Army and, with the rank of major, was in France with Base Hospital, No. 11, from July, 1918, to February, 1919.

Dr. Richardson is a director of the First National Bank of Mercer. In politics he is a Republican and is popular in the Mercer Rotary Club. He is a member of a number of professional societies, and is affiliated with the Sigma Xi honorary fraternity, the Beta Theta Pi, national fraternity, and is a Phi Beta Kappa. By right of

noteworthy ancestry he is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. He attends the Presbyterian Church.

On November 13, 1906, at Columbus, Ohio, Dr. William W. Richardson married (first) Lila MacDonald, daughter of John and Hannah (Crowdis) MacDonald, both of whom were born and lived in Nova Scotia. Mrs. Lila (MacDonald) Richardson is deceased. Dr. Richardson married (second) Jessie Franklin Muncaster. Dr. Richardson is the father of five children: 1. Martha Richardson, born September 8, 1907, now engaged as a private secretary. 2. Alonzo Blair Richardson, born April 5, 1910. 3. Julia R. Corbin, born February 25, 1912. 4. William W. Richardson, Jr., born April 5, 1913. 5. Robert King Richardson, born November 30, 1919, a recent graduate of Harvard University.

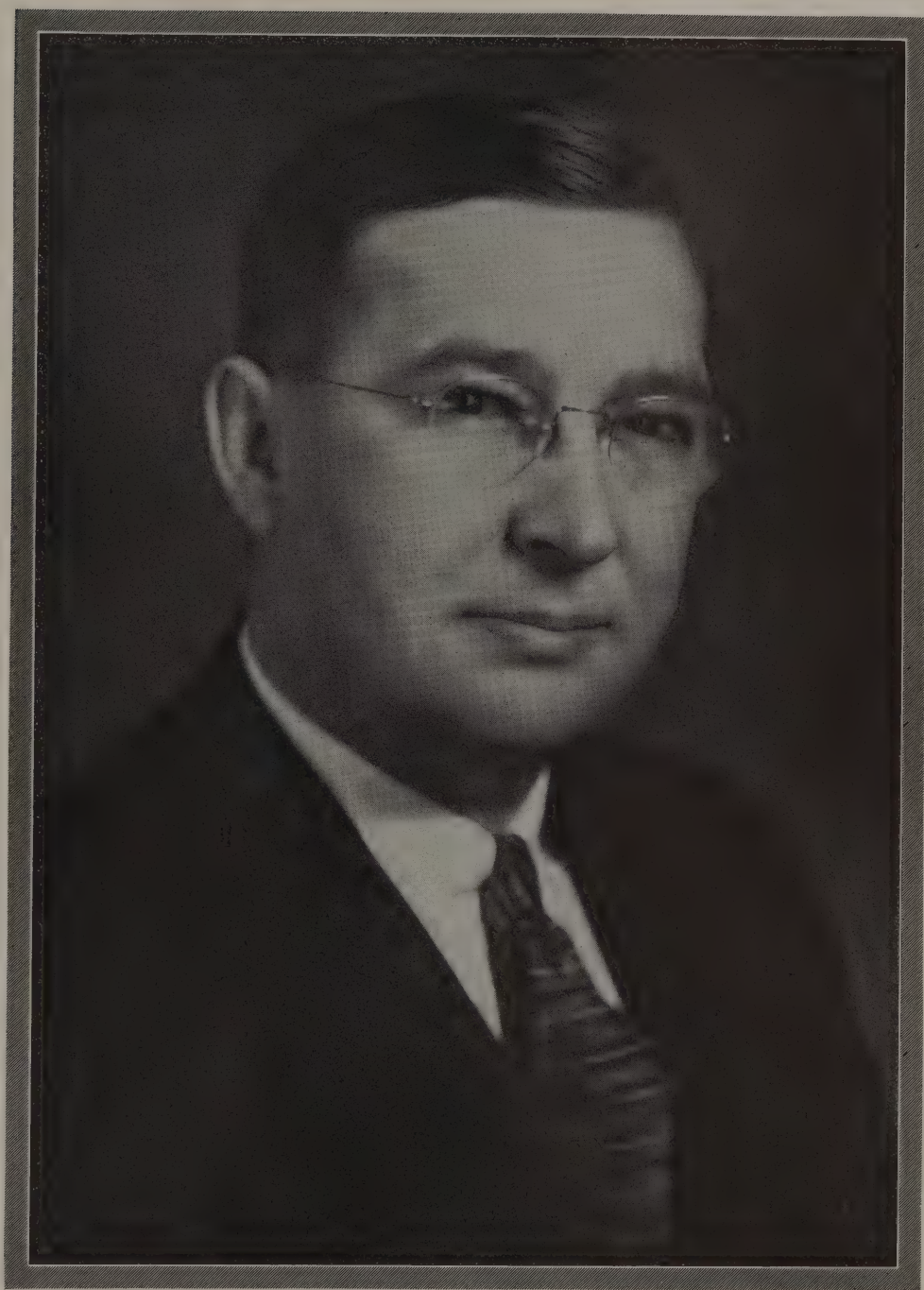
BENEDICT HERBERT MATHIS—

Widely known and honored as treasurer and general manager of the Warren Tank Car Company, Benedict Herbert Mathis is one of Warren's leading business men and public-spirited citizens.

Mr. Mathis was born February 2, 1895, in Warren, Pennsylvania, son of Joseph and Bertha (Folkman) Mathis. His paternal grandparents, Joseph and Catherine (Mark) Mathis, were both born in Alsace-Lorraine, and died in Warren, Pennsylvania, in which vicinity the grandfather was long engaged in farming pursuits. On the maternal side of his house, Benedict H. Mathis' grandparents were George and Louise (Hoffman) Folkman, born in Denmark and in Alsace, respectively, both of whom died in Warren, where George Folkman was a blacksmith and carriagemaker. Joseph Mathis, Benedict Herbert Mathis' father, was born November 5, 1864, in Warren, and died here December 19, 1916, as a result of an accident. He was superintendent of the Allegheny Steel Car Company, of Warren, and was a Republican and a member of Salem Evangelical Church, in Warren.

Benedict Herbert Mathis attended school in Warren, was graduated from high school here in 1912 and from Hoff Business College in 1914, then became associated with the International Harvester Company as a traveling representative and so continued until 1917. Until 1920 he was then with the Allegheny Steel Tank Car Company as auditor. In that year, however, he organized the Warren Tank Car Company and became its treasurer and general manager, so continuing thereafter down to the time of writing.

In this connection Mr. Mathis has made a notable contribution to the business life of his community, and at the same time he has interested himself in political, civic and social affairs. Politically he is a Republican. At one time he was a director of the grade schools of his township. He belongs to the Warren Chamber of Commerce, the



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He is active in the Masonic fraternity, his memberships including Grove City Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; New Castle Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and Erie Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, as well as being a member in Sharon Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Sharon Elks' Club.

Paul W. Glenn married, April 23, 1927, Laurie Foss, daughter of Andrew O. Foss, of Marshfield, Oregon. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn are the parents of a son, Paul W. Glenn, Jr., born November 11, 1931.

EDWIN S. HANNA—One of the leading architects of northwestern Pennsylvania, Edwin S. Hanna, of Sharon, Mercer County, is widely known for his work in designing many of his city's most beautiful buildings.

Born in Hoboken, Pennsylvania, in 1896, Edwin S. Hanna is the son of Edwin S., Sr., and Minta (Stillings) Hanna. Mr. Hanna, Sr., who died in 1923, was a railroad dispatcher and in later life held the position of supervisor for the Western Union at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

After passing through the public and high schools of Pittsburgh's suburb, Aspinwall, Edwin S. Hanna studied his profession at the night sessions of Carnegie Tech and completed his formal education as an architect with study in Paris during 1919 and 1920. During the World War he served as a second lieutenant, 1st Regiment, Engineer Corps, United States Army, on overseas duty. Upon his return from Paris, Mr. Hanna established himself in the practice of his profession in Sharon as a partner with E. E. Clepper, a prominent Sharon architect. During this partnership, which terminated in 1926, the firm designed many of Sharon's buildings. Since 1926, Mr. Hanna has maintained his own office and his work is widely and favorably known. A member of the Republican party politically, Mr. Hanna, who supports his profession through the Pennsylvania Association of Architects, interests himself in local affairs.

A thirty-second degree member of the Masonic fraternity, his memberships in the body include the New Castle Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. Belonging to the Central Christian Church of Sharon. Mr. Hanna serves his church as a member of its official board.

On October 7, 1920, Edwin S. Hanna married at Sharon, Frances Burton, daughter of Ellis and Maud (Hall) Burton. Mrs. Burton, who before her marriage was a private secretary in the Standard Tank Company of Sharon, is a graduate of the Shenango Valley Commercial Institute and is a member of the X Club. Mr. and Mrs. Hanna are the parents of two children: 1. Marjorie, born February 14, 1923, and a student at the Sharon High School. 2. Francis, born July 24, 1928.

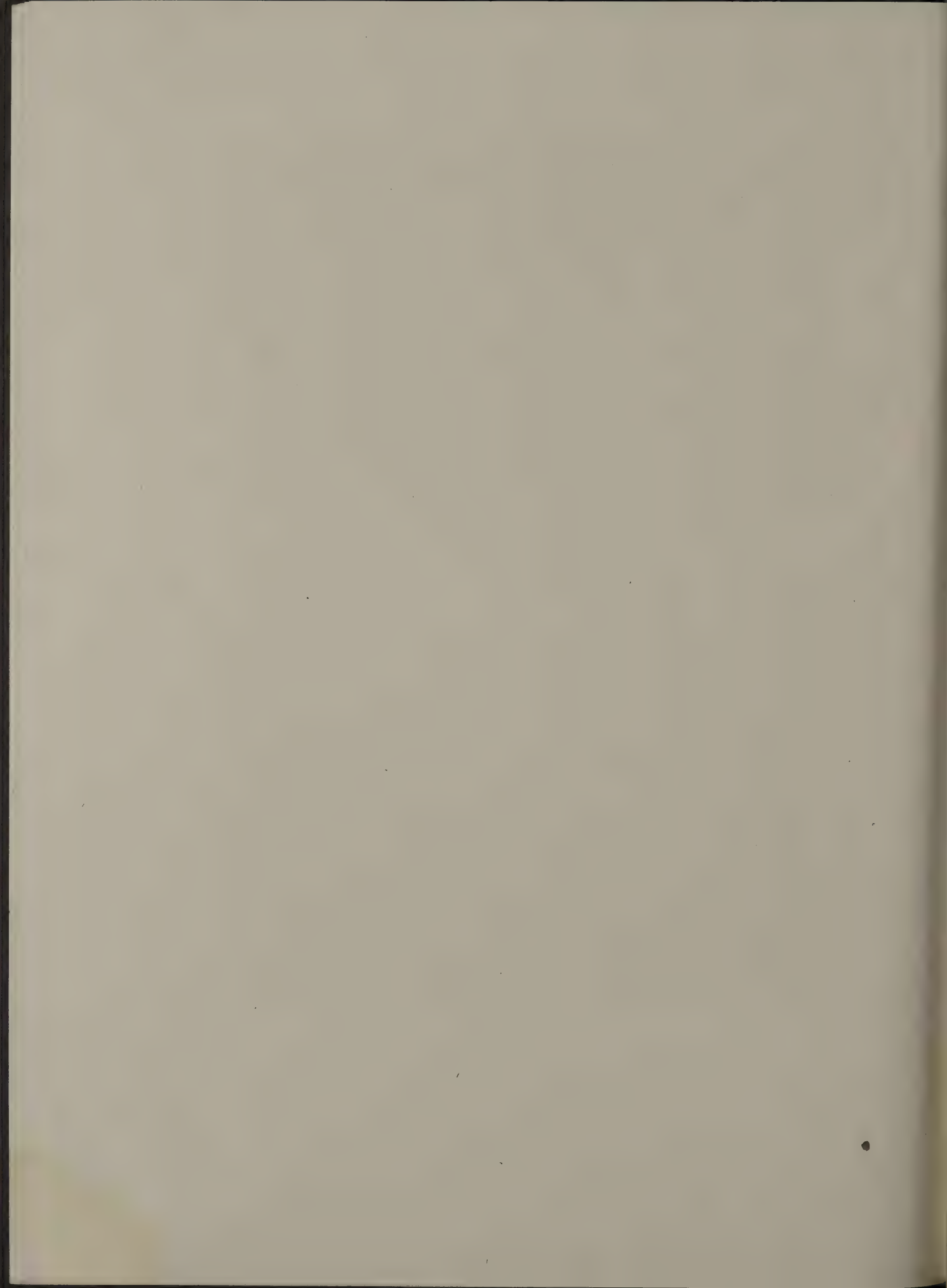
THE PIFER FAMILY—The original member of the Pifer family in northwestern Pennsylvania was a G. F. Pfeiffer, who came to the United States from Darmstadt, Germany, in 1844. He served in the German Army before coming to these shores, and after arriving here took up his residence in or near East Liberty, outside of Pittsburgh, where he was a truck farmer for eight or nine years and where his first wife died. He then moved to Armstrong County, where his children—Conrad, George, Henry, John, and Martha of his first marriage and Kate of the second marriage—were apprenticed to different trades.

Of these six children, the line with which we are concerned passes through George W. Pifer, who was born October 24, 1844, and died October 31, 1911. He was a farmer in Manor Township, Armstrong County, for a number of years, and later in Clarion County, where he operated a bakery and grocery business for some years. He then conducted a hotel in Jefferson City, Clarion County. On June 6, 1882, he came to Du Bois and opened a shingle mill in partnership with Dell Fairchild, continuing it for some years before going into the sawmill business with his brother, John Pifer. They carried on their milling business in different parts of this district of Pennsylvania—Clearfield, Clarion, Jefferson, Elk and McKean counties. While so engaged, they started a planing mill and retail lumber enterprise in Du Bois, with Squire J. A. Bowersox as a partner. In 1896 they decided to devote their attention entirely to this business, whereupon they admitted a Mr. Hess to the firm, which came to be known as Pifer & Hess. After a year, Mr. Hess sold his interests in it, however, and Mr. Pifer's sons, James H. and Charles E. Pifer, formed a new company, known as G. W. Pifer & Sons. This company was continued until George W. Pifer's death, in 1911, when the sons took over the work and changed the firm style to G. W. Pifer Sons. The firm has so continued down to the time of writing. In 1936 Charles E. Pifer gave his share in the business to his two sons, John G. and William J. Pifer, and their uncle, James H. Pifer, sold them his share after a serious illness made it imperative that he retire. These sons, John George and William James Pifer (*q. v.*), still operate the firm.

To turn from the business to the family line, George W. Pifer married, November 2, 1865, Hannah Schrum. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Anna Bertha, born July 4, 1866, died in June, 1868. 2. Sarah Lillian, born April 12, 1868, married to S. E. Lenkerd, who is now deceased; she is living at Bellingham, Washington, and is the mother of two daughters, one of whom is deceased. 3. James Herbert, born April 19, 1870, of further mention. 4. Charles Elmer Pifer, born December 13, 1871, referred to above; he married Mary



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Elizabeth Shaw on January 30, 1901, and died February 28, 1937; they had two sons and three daughters, one of the daughters now being deceased. The mother of these children, Mrs. Hannah (Schrum) Pifer, was born March 27, 1846, and died August 18, 1874. George W. Pifer married (second), March 9, 1876, at Kittanning, Pennsylvania, Hannah Melinda Wolfe, born December 12, 1848, and died November 18, 1911. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Elizabeth, called Lizzie, born July 26, 1877, died the same day. 2. Ada Belle Pifer, born June 6, 1879, died January 11, 1939, married, September 8, 1914, Felix Lamaryeux, who died in 1941; they became the parents of two daughters and a son. 3. George B. McClelland Pifer, born August 5, 1881, entered the ministry in June, 1911, now a resident of Royersford, Pennsylvania; married, September 12, 1911, Alice Stauffer, and they became the parents of six daughters and one son. 4. Warren Adolphus, born October 13, 1885, died November 10, 1904. 5. Frances F., born January 28, 1888, died April 30, 1938, married (first), December 21, 1906, Charles Williams, and (second), February 3, 1921, Victor Lamaryeux, at Shreveport, Louisiana. 6. Grace May, born May 17, 1891, married, November 27, 1911, to Donald McCreight; they have their home in Pittsburgh and are the parents of two daughters. 7. Florence Leonia, born January 4, 1893, married, December 4, 1918, to Charles Schneider; they live in Washington, District of Columbia, and are the parents of one daughter.

James Herbert Pifer, third son of the first marriage, was born in Manor Township, Armstrong County, April 19, 1870, and studied in the common schools there. Later he took a business course at Duff's Business College, in Pittsburgh, then became associated with his father and uncle in business. He remained with Pifer & Hess, and G. W. Pifer Sons, till December, 1936. Aside from his work in the lumber industry, he was also active in civic and social affairs in Du Bois. For years he has been a director of the Deposit National Bank. He was at one time president of the Young Men's Christian Association, and also served formerly as president of Maple Avenue Hospital and the Du Bois Country Club. He was a member of the hospital's board of directors for twenty-one years. Among his other activities, he was a director of the Community Loan Association and the Citizens' Mutual Building & Loan Association and vice-president of the Jackson Vitrified China Corporation. At one period he was active in Rotary Club affairs, and he was an honorary member of the Rotarians after finishing the period of his more active relationship with the organization. He belongs also to the Sons of Veterans and is a past member of the Modern Woodmen of America.

James H. Pifer married, December 25, 1892, Caroline May Robinson. They live in Du Bois, where they have

made their home for many years, and where Mr. Pifer has been established since June 6, 1882. They have the following children: 1. George Cadmus, a member of the first class to be graduated from Sandy Township High School, also attended Pennsylvania Military Academy; he married Irma Pifer, of Reynoldsville, Pennsylvania, and they became the parents of the following children: i. Hayden M. Pifer, married Betty Tiedgen. ii. Norman Bryson Pifer, married Alice Yeager. iii. Montrose N. Pifer, wife of Ralph Buhite. iv. James Alfred Pifer, unmarried. 2. Verla Winona, graduated from local schools, became the wife of Reuben De Witt Emerick, of Du Bois, who is engaged in the garage business; by her first marriage to James A. Nelson, she had the following children: i. Helen Jean Nelson, wife of John Howard Payne Miller; they have two children: Nicholas Creighton Miller and Nancy Lee Miller. ii. Sarah Margaret Nelson. iii. James Pifer Nelson. iv. Jack Arian Nelson. Mr. Emerick also has a son of a former marriage: Reuben De Witt Emerick, Jr.

James H. Pifer is, in his political views, an independent Democrat. He is a member of the Methodist Church. In spare time he enjoys baseball, having had in his younger days a team that was widely known in this region. Golf and gardening are among his favorite present recreations. His father for four years was a sergeant in the Union Army during the Civil War period.

WILLIAM ALEXANDER MAITLAND—For many years William Alexander Maitland has figured prominently in the life of Sharon. He is engaged here in the real estate and insurance business, has held different positions of leadership in the community, including that of city treasurer, and has been particularly active in his work as chairman of the board of directors of the Mercer County Crippled Children's Home.

Mr. Maitland was born August 10, 1874, in Newburg, Province of Ontario, Canada, son of William Robertson Stewart and Elizabeth (Abel) Maitland. His family is of Scottish origin, and both parents were born in Scotland, bringing with them to America those sturdy qualities of Scottish thrift and analytical judgment, combined with vision, for which their race is known, and passing something of these traits along to their son. The father, William R. S. Maitland, who was a papermaker by trade, returned to Scotland, taking his family with him, after settling in America.

So it was that William A. Maitland received his earliest formal education in public schools in Rutherglen and Glasgow, Scotland. For ten years he was a bookkeeper in Glasgow, so serving from February 10, 1887, to April, 1897. In 1897 he sailed again for the United States aboard the steamer "Furnessia," leaving on April 29 and arriving in New York on May 12. Immediately going to

Pittsburgh, Mr. Maitland worked in the mills of that city. Later he came with a friend, Nevin McConnell, in March, 1898, to Sharon, where he was employed as weighmaster at the North Works for two years.

Preparing to enter upon a more substantial work, Mr. Maitland started his own real estate business in 1900. He has continued this work down to the time of writing, long maintaining offices in the First National Bank Building, though his present quarters are at No. 15 Vine Avenue. He is recognized as one of the most successful men working along these lines in the city, and he has taken his full share of responsibility in his connection with community affairs. He is a member of the Sharon Chamber of Commerce and a past president of the Rotary Club.

It is said of him that he has been active in every drive for funds for any important purpose in Sharon since 1914. He has figured prominently in public affairs as city treasurer of Sharon, holding that office from 1932 to 1940. He continues as chairman of the trustees of the Mercer County Crippled Children's Home, and is justifiably proud of his work for this organization. He belongs to the Free and Accepted Masons and Clan McIntyre of the Order of Scottish Clans. In the Masonic Order he is affiliated with Sharon Lodge and Rutherglen Chapter, No. 116, Royal Arch Masons. He is a member of the F. H. Buhl Club, and is a trustee of the First Presbyterian Church of Sharon. Mr. Maitland is associated in the same office with Frank C. Roberts (*q. v.*), who is engaged in the life insurance business here.

William Alexander Maitland married, August 28, 1901, at No. 83 Vine Street, Sharon, Ellen Henshaw, daughter of George and Anna Henshaw, natives of London, England, and of Wales, respectively. Mrs. Maitland is active in the First Congregational Church of Sharon.

FRANK C. ROBERTS—For years Frank C. Roberts was engaged in the undertaking business in Sharon until he went into the life insurance business in 1918. He is agent for the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York at the time of writing, and is one of Sharon's best known and most active citizens.

Mr. Roberts was born February 24, 1875, in Sharon, Pennsylvania, one of eight children of Bernard and Elizabeth (Parry) Roberts, both natives of Wales, who were married there. His father was a mason by trade, and was engaged for more than twenty years in the contracting business in Sharon until his death in 1888, at the age of fifty-five years.

Frank C. Roberts was reared in Sharon, studied in the public schools and at a commercial school here, and so fitted himself for a business career. He was only twelve years old when he began doing some work in an undertaking organization in his spare time, and in 1901 he went

into that business on his own account. Learning the work in all its departments and details, he maintained close connections with all sources of information as to new developments along those lines until he finally decided to give up the business in 1918 and turned his attention to life insurance. He now has his offices, as agent for the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, at No. 15 Vine Avenue, in association with one of Sharon's leading real estate dealers, William Alexander Maitland (*q. v.*).

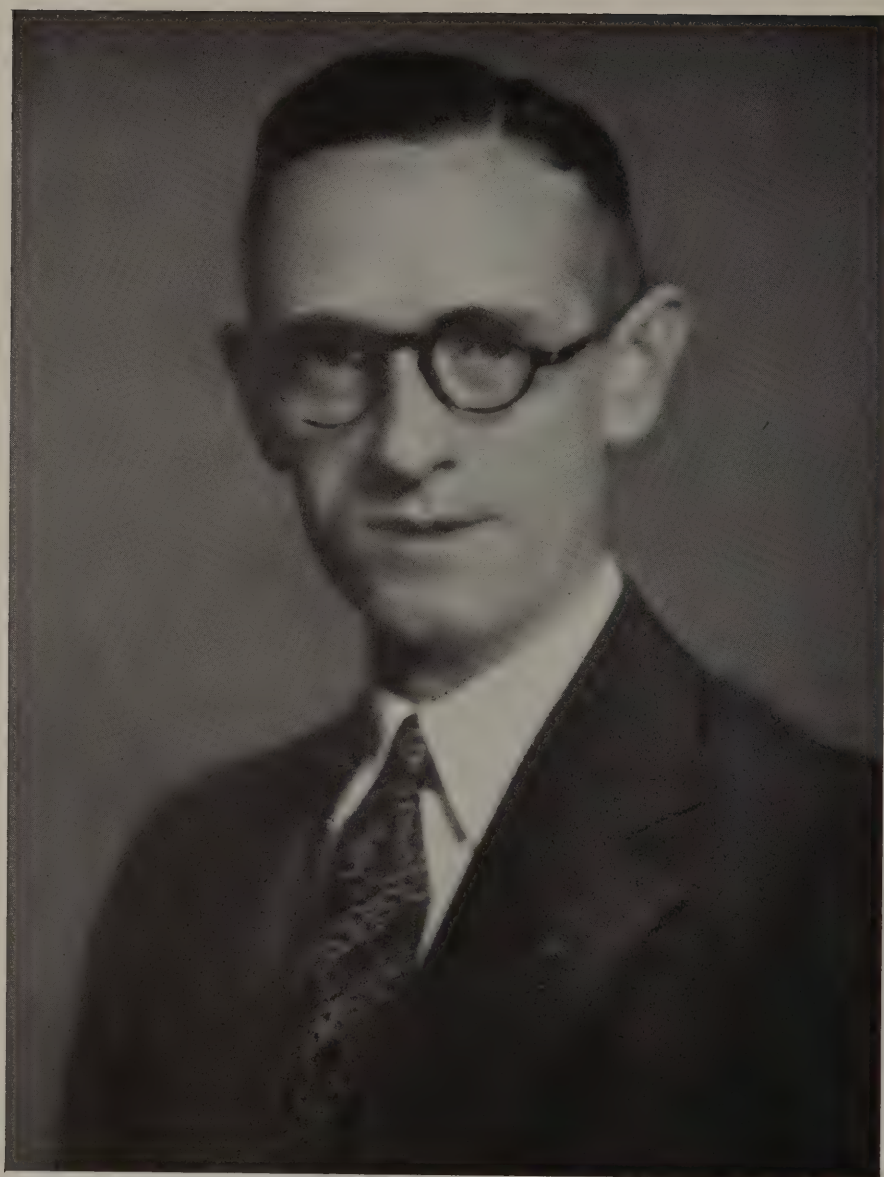
Aside from his work in life insurance, Mr. Roberts is active in many Sharon organizations. He is a past president of the Kiwanis Club, past treasurer of the Chamber of Commerce, and is a Past Exalted Ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Frank C. Roberts married, in 1901, Gertrude Bird, of Elkhart, Indiana. They became the parents of a son, Allen B. Roberts, born March 9, 1910, graduated in 1935 from Westminster College, New Wilmington, as a Bachelor of Arts, then became a student at night classes at the Youngstown College of Law. He is manager of the real estate department of the McDowell National Bank, in Sharon.

CHARLES A. SHANNON—The Shannon Hardware Company at Sharpsville, of which Charles A. Shannon is sole owner and operator, is one of the largest enterprises of its kind in this section, carrying on an extensive business in hardware, plumbing and heating supplies. Mr. Shannon has been active in the company since 1907.

He was born in Crawford County, Pennsylvania, in 1885, son of William and Nancy Jane (Ewing) Shannon, the former a railroad man and general farmer in Mercer and Crawford counties. Mr. Shannon became associated with the United States Natural Gas Company upon the completion of his education and continued this connection until 1915. Meanwhile, however, in 1907, he purchased a half interest in the Sharpsville hardware business he now conducts, which was operated under the firm name of Hittle & Shannon until 1912. In the latter year, Mr. Shannon bought out the interest of his partner, George Hittle, and has since carried on the business alone. Its development during the past thirty years reflects the high standards which have characterized the business under his management and the energy and judgment he has brought to its operation. It is sectional in scope and has been expanded steadily to keep pace with the growth and development of the community and the area of which it is a part.

Mr. Shannon is a Republican in politics and is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is a member of all higher bodies of the Scottish Rite, including the thirty-second degree of the Consistory; and with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Sharon



Harry Eugene M^cMurray

Lodge, No. 103, of which he is Past Exalted Ruler. He has always been active in the social and civic life of Sharpsville, where his influence is valued by his fellow-townsmen.

He married Martha Hawks, daughter of Al and Rebecca (Gilhausen) Hawks.

HARRY EUGENE McMURRAY—From the time he was a small boy Harry Eugene McMurray (or MacMurray) has been identified with the newspaper and printing business, at Brookville, Jefferson County, Pennsylvania. It has been said of him that "printers ink flows in his veins." Possibly the same thing might have been remarked of his father, the late Harry McMurray who throughout his years was associated with the publishing business. Both father and son have played major rôles in the making and carrying on of "The Jeffersonian Democrat," a Brookville newspaper that celebrated the centennial of its founding in 1938, and which has been owned and published by three generations of the McMurray family.

A native and lifelong resident of Brookville, Harry Eugene McMurray was born February 23, 1896, son of Harry and Jessie (Leibengood) McMurray and the grandson of Major John McMurray. His mother, the daughter of Jacob and Lucinda Catherine (McPherson) Leibengood, died on September 6, 1903. His father, who died February 19, 1921, was a newspaperman all his life, a power in the local Democratic party, a former Burgess of Brookville, a man honored and beloved in the community.

Harry Eugene McMurray attended the public schools of his birthplace, including the high school, and later, 1917, pursued courses in linotype instruction with the Mergenthaler Linotype Company. Already he had been working in the printing shop for nine years although he had only reached his majority when he improved on his ability to set type by doing it on a remarkable machine. In other words he began to learn an exacting business and profession at the age of twelve, and likes no other vocation after nearly a third of a century. During all this period, possibly the most remarkable in the development of the United States and its smallest units, Mr. McMurray has remained with just one journal, "The Jeffersonian Democrat," recording the rapidly changing progress, and is able to write of it, "All this I saw; of some of it I was a part." He is, politically, a Democrat and active in offices and councils of his party in Jefferson County. A Mason, he is fraternally affiliated with Hobah Lodge, No. 276, Free and Accepted Masons, and it is worthy of more than passing note that three generations of McMurray men have been Worshipful Master of Hobah Lodge: Grandfather Major John McMurray, in 1873; Uncle Archie J. McMurray, in 1897; and Harry Eugene Mc-

Murray, of this record, in 1936. His religious affiliations are with the First Presbyterian Church of Brookville.

On October 3, 1914, at Kittanning, Pennsylvania, Harry Eugene McMurray married Agnes Sara Black, daughter of James I. and Effie (Cross) Black. Mr. and Mrs. McMurray are the parents of the following children: 1. Harry Eugene McMurray, Jr., who died January 20, 1921. 2. James William MacMurray, born October 20, 1916, graduated from the United States Naval Academy, June 6, 1940, now an ensign aboard the U. S. S. "San Diego." 3. Jerome MacMurray, born September 1, 1918; is a graduate of Brookville High School, served a four-year enlistment with the United States Navy and was in the service of the United States Army at Fort Ord, California, for four months; he is employed in the accounting department of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, in Portland, Oregon; he married, at Portland, Patti Christine Erickson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Erickson. 4. Bruce Alexander McMurray, born May 3, 1923. 5. Martha Jean McMurray, born May 31, 1924. 6. Donald McMurray, born December 16, 1928.

JAMES ANDREW BIGGINS, M. D.—Two generations of the Biggins family are now represented in the practice of medicine at Sharpsville. Dr. James Andrew Biggins, son of one of the veteran physicians of the borough, has devoted himself to professional responsibilities here since 1937. In addition to his private practice he also serves as coroner of the county.

Dr. Biggins was born in Sharpsville on April 13, 1909, son of Dr. Patrick Edward and Frances A. (Campbell) Biggins. His father, who was born in Ceres Township, McKean County, on March 3, 1880, son of James Biggins, farmer, lumberman, Civil War veteran and county commissioner of McKean County, worked on the home farm and attended school up to 1901; taught school from 1901 to 1903, and subsequently entered the Medico-Chirurgical College in Philadelphia, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1907. Post-graduate work at the Chicago Polyclinic in 1913 and at the University of Buffalo in 1923 and the University of Michigan in 1927 enhanced his professional qualifications, already thoroughly demonstrated in the realm of practice experience. Dr. Biggins has been engaged in the practice of medicine at Sharpsville since 1908 and is one of the best known physicians of this area. He is a member of the various professional organizations, several fraternal orders, the American Legion, National Rifle Association, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Knights of Columbus, and the Roman Catholic Church. During the World War, he was commissioned first lieutenant in the Medical Corps of the United States Army, but did not see service overseas. He is past president of the Mercer County Medical Society. Dr. Biggins mar-

ried, in Smethport, June 23, 1908, Frances A. Campbell, daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth Margaret (Lynch) Campbell.

James Andrew Biggins is the eldest of eight children born of this marriage. After his public school education in Sharpsville, he entered the University of Notre Dame, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1931, and subsequently prepared for his profession at Temple University Medical School. From this institution he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1935. In 1935-36, Dr. Biggins served as interne at Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh and in 1936-37 was resident physician at Indiana Hospital, Indiana, Pennsylvania. In the latter year he began the general practice of medicine at Sharpsville, occupying offices in the same building as his father. Dr. Biggins quickly established his professional reputation and in a relatively few years has built up an extended practice. He is a member of the staff of Buhl Memorial Hospital in Sharon, member of the National, State and County Medical associations and since 1940 has served as coroner of Mercer County. Dr. Biggins is a Republican in politics. He is affiliated with the Phi Chi medical fraternity.

In 1940, at Sharon, Pennsylvania, he married Dorothy Burke, daughter of T. J. and Blanche (Chanley) Burke. Mrs. Biggins is a graduate of Sharon High School. She is a member of the Catholic Daughters of America, and the auxiliaries of the Mercer County Medical Association and Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

EUGENE MICHAEL FLECKENSTEIN—Since 1933, Eugene Michael Fleckenstein has served as district representative of the Keystone Power Supply Company and general manager of the local office of the company in Franklin. Although a comparative newcomer to the city's business life, he is a member of an old Venango County family.

Mr. Fleckenstein was born on June 26, 1908, at Oil City, where three generations of his family have made their home. He is a son of Philip Frank Fleckenstein, a garage owner in Oil City for thirty-five years, and of Ella Margaret (Dockerý) Fleckenstein. After completing his preliminary education in the public schools of his birthplace, he entered the University of Notre Dame, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Commercial Science in 1933. In 1935 he was appointed district representative of the Keystone Public Service Company in the Franklin area and has since been in charge of the Franklin office. Mr. Fleckenstein, who is well known in the city's business life, has also been active in civic and social affairs, both in Franklin and in Oil City. He is affiliated fraternally with the Knights of Columbus, is a member of the Rotary Club and of the Roman Catholic Church.

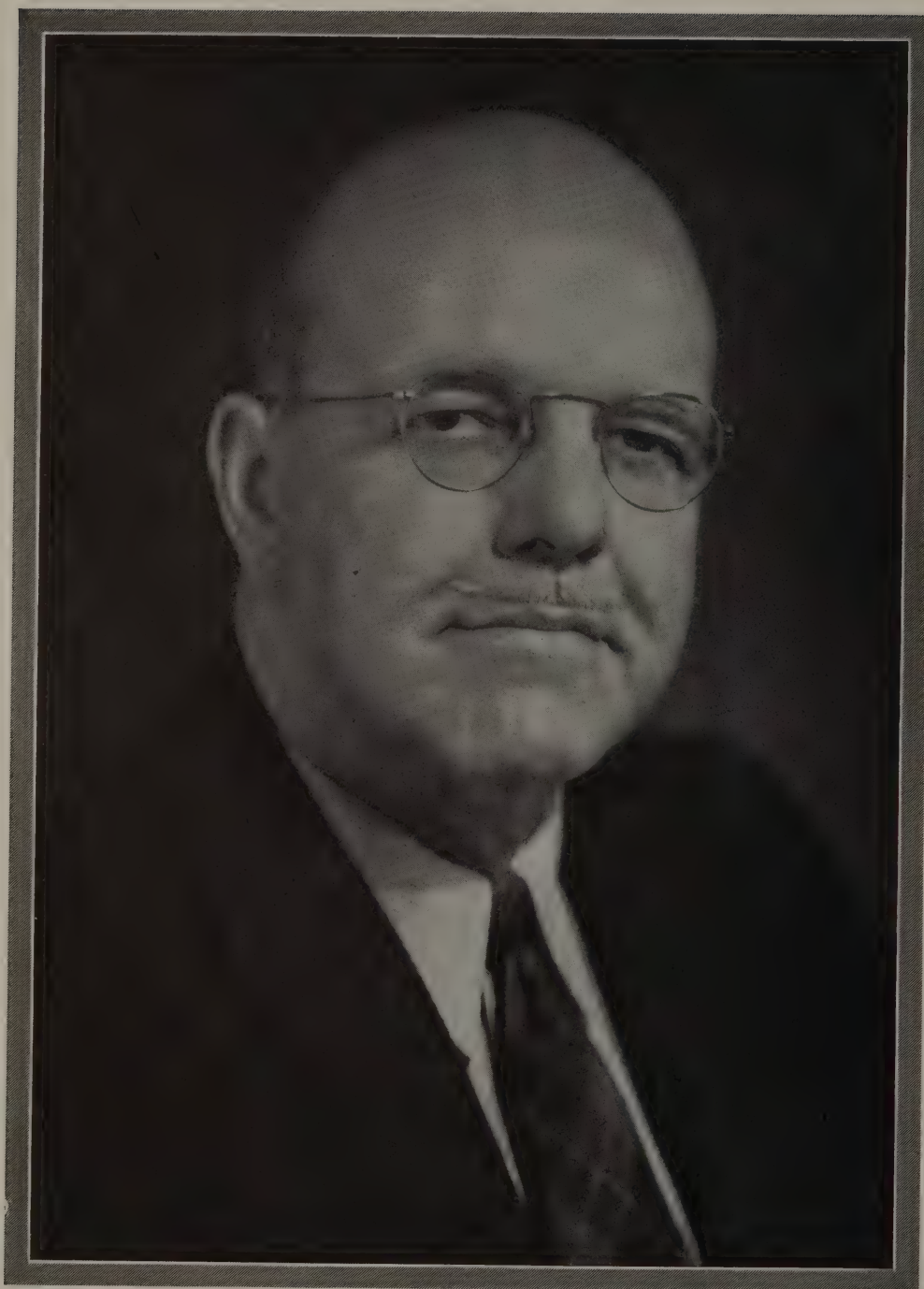
On June 16, 1934, at Morgan City, Louisiana, Mr. Fleckenstein married Vivian G. Breaux, daughter of Nicholas and Lilia Breaux. Mrs. Fleckenstein, like her husband, is active socially and in civic affairs. She is a member of the Parent-Teachers Association. Mr. and Mrs. Fleckenstein are the parents of two daughters: Carol Jean, born April 16, 1935; and Sally Ann, born October 5, 1937.

EDGAR LEWIS ELY—Upon the discharge of official duties as postmaster, Edgar Lewis Ely brings to bear the same qualities that have made him a leader in agriculture, manufacturing and merchandising. As regards his business career, it has been about equally divided between Franklin and Polk, Venango County. In both places he has been prominent in civic, social and church affairs.

Mr. Ely was born on August 2, 1891, at Franklin, Pennsylvania, son of Eben S. and Sarah C. (Hugus) Ely, both also natives of Franklin, where his father was a superintendent with the Atlantic Refining Company. Edgar Lewis Ely attended the elementary schools; was graduated from the Franklin High School, and matriculated at the Pennsylvania State College, from which he was graduated in 1913. From the summer he completed his academic education to 1925, he was engaged in agriculture on a large farm west of Oil City. As is true of most of the modern farmers in this area, Mr. Ely specialized in dairying. In 1925 he became associated with the Vengold Dairy Products Company, of Sandy Lake, a connection that was continued for about one year.

Since 1927 he has been a resident of Polk, Venango County, his removal to this place being for the purpose of setting himself up in a meat and grocery business. To this enterprise he devoted his best energies for almost a decade, achieving a substantial success. In 1936, Mr. Ely received an appointment from President Franklin Delano Roosevelt as postmaster of Polk, and with his customary consistency has since centered his attention upon the responsibilities of this office. He serves the public efficiently and there is every reason to suppose he will be the popular postmaster of the place for a long period.

In politics, Mr. Ely is an influential Democrat. During 1937 he was president of the School Directors Association of Venango County. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a member of the National Postmasters Association, the District League of Postmasters, the Western Pennsylvania Association, and is a director of the Clarion-Venango County's Boy Scouts Association. For years a communicant of the Presbyterian Church, he is an elder of the organization and serves as superintendent of its Sunday school.



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At Pleasantville, Pennsylvania, April 30, 1914, Edgar Lewis Ely married Vera Porter, daughter of Otis and Elizabeth (White) Porter, her father a native of Erie, and her mother of Grand Valley, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Ely are the parents of six children: 1. Paul Otis, born April 11, 1915, associated with the Curtiss Airplane Company, at Buffalo, New York. 2. Sarah Elizabeth, born November 4, 1916, who married Charles McNutt, of Meadville, Pennsylvania. 3. Norman Edgar, born November 23, 1919, of Langley Field, Virginia. 4. Marian Jane, born January 16, 1923. 5. Eben S., born November 7, 1925. 6. Ralph H., born July 3, 1927. The last three named children are students in the local school. Mrs. Ely was formerly president of the Parent-Teachers Association, and is a member of the Daughters of American Veterans Society.

LEWIS CRARY JAMIESON—Throughout northwestern Pennsylvania Lewis Crary Jamieson is known as an oilman because of the years spent in the refining and marketing of petroleum. Yet he is a lawyer and a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, who as early as 1914 was admitted to the Warren County bar and licensed to practice before the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. More recently, 1940, he resumed the practice of his profession, in Warren, with all the further advantages accruing from his experience in business.

Mr. Jamieson belongs to one of the older families of Warren County. The first of his name, coming from his native Scotland, was a weaver and textile worker who died in Warren County. His son, Hugh A. Jamieson, was born and died in this county, his passing occurring in 1905. He was an attorney-at-law, who, like his grandson engaged in business enterprises, his main interests being lumber, banking and oil refining. Hugh A. Jamieson's wife was born in India, daughter of a Presbyterian missionary; she died on January 18, 1917, in Grinnell, Iowa. Marcus W. Jamieson, father of Lewis Crary Jamieson, with whom this record is primarily concerned, was born in Warren, Pennsylvania, July 10, 1861, and died in this city June 28, 1928. After having been associated as treasurer with the Struthers-Wells Company, of Warren, for many years, he became an oil refiner. When the manufacture of automobiles was still in its infancy at the turn of the century, Marcus W. Jamieson started making motor cars and motors, working out a patent of a double opposed cylinder gasoline engine. After about five years he started in the oil refining business with his father, Hugh A. Jamieson. He rose to be one of the prominent citizens of Warren, a staunch Republican in politics, and a vestryman of the Trinity Episcopal Memorial Church. Marcus W. Jamieson married Emily Crary, daughter of Lewis and Mary A. (Bowman) Crary, born in Bow-

mansville, now a part of Buffalo, New York. The place was originally named after her ancestors. Her father, a native of Buffalo, New York, was a hardware dealer at Webster City, Iowa, at the time of his death. He had removed to Webster City in 1862.

Lewis Crary Jamieson, son of Marcus W. and Emily (Crary) Jamieson, was born in Warren Borough, Warren County, Pennsylvania, August 3, 1889. He was educated in Warren High School and the Mohegan Lake School, at Peekskill, New York, from which he was graduated in 1908. After being a student in Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts, for two years, he matriculated at the University of Pennsylvania Law School, from which he was graduated in 1913, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Admitted to the bar in Warren County and before the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, in 1914, he located in Warren where he practiced his profession for two years, before becoming associated with the Warren Refining Company. Two years later he joined Jay W. Colvin and K. M. Lyons in the Clarendon Refining Company at Clarendon, Pennsylvania, continuing until 1920 when that concern was merged with the White Oil Corporation. He then established his own marketing business and engaged in the marketing and refining of petroleum products until June 18, 1940, when he resumed his professional activities by forming a partnership with William Glassman, an attorney, as Jamieson and Glassman, in a general practice of the law.

Mr. Jamieson is president and director of the Warren Refining Company, treasurer and director of the Refiners Car Corporation and secretary of Warren Airways, Inc., all of Warren. He is a Republican, member and past president of the Conewango Club, member of the Conewango Valley Country Club, charter member of the Rotary Club, and member of the Warren Chamber of Commerce. His college and professional fraternities include Phi Delta Theta and Phi Delta Phi, and he is a member of Warren County Bar Association and the Pennsylvania State Bar Association. His religious affiliations are with the Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church, Warren.

On April 10, 1916, Lewis Crary Jamieson married (first) Julia Bliss Chapin, of Springfield, Massachusetts, who died February 27, 1920. They were the parents of two children: Elizabeth Chapin, who married Robert J. Lay, of New York City, and is the mother of a son, Michael Jamieson Lay; and Emily Chapin Jamieson, a staff artist associated with Lord & Taylor's department store, New York City. On March 16, 1922, Mr. Jamieson married (second) Mary A. Botchford, of Warren, and they have two children: Mary Botchford, a student at St. Margaret's School, at Waterbury, Connecticut; Lewis Crary, Jr., attending Loomis School at Windsor, Connecticut.

JOSEPH B. JUDSON—Students of biography are constantly reminded that agriculture, the basic industry of our country, has a potent attraction for men and, however they may start their working lives, draws them into this field. Joseph B. Judson learned a trade as a youth, and was still a young man when he turned his attention to the manufacturing side of agriculture, the making of milk products. For the past two decades he has had a manufacturing plant in Franklin, Venango County, and has enjoyed the association of his sons as they came to maturity.

Mr. Judson was born at Stephney, Connecticut, February 26, 1891, son of Clinton and Rebecca (Bowles) Judson, both natives of that State. His father was a farmer and stock buyer, but Mr. Judson left the farm and came to Venango County in 1912 to work as a barber, in the meanwhile having acquired an education in Connecticut and Michigan schools to learn a trade.

In 1918 he started a dairy, operating from his farm nearby. In 1920 he moved to Franklin, continuing the dairy business on a larger scale. He found it difficult to get established, but failure has never been a word in his vocabulary. The business grew, and in 1926 he built a much larger and thoroughly up-to-date dairy factory. He now employs on the average some sixteen people, all equipment is of the most modern, and distribution is of unusually wide scope. A retail outlet is also maintained in the establishment.

His sons, Joseph and Lewis are now partners in the business that is known as Judson's Dairy Products. Joseph B. Judson is a Democrat in his political allegiance. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Loyal Order of Eagles, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Loyal Order of Moose. He is a popular Kiwanian, and his humanitarian activities are indicated by the fact that he is president of the board of directors of the Community Chest, and president of the board of directors of the Young Men's Christian Association, both of Franklin.

On November 11, 1912, Joseph B. Judson married Mary Montgomery, daughter of James A. and Sarah (Myers) Montgomery, both natives of Venango County. Mr. and Mrs. Judson are the parents of two sons: 1. Joseph B., Jr., born August 11, 1914, a graduate of Pennsylvania State College, in 1936, with the degree of Bachelor of Dairy Husbandry; he married, in 1938, Mildred Kightner. He is associated in business with his father. 2. Lewis A., born May 26, 1916, graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, class of 1939, with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Economics; associated with his father in Judson's Dairy Products; he married, January 18, 1941, Martha Jane Ellis, of Franklin.

CLINTON ANDERSON HAYS, M. D.—From the beginning of his medical studies, Clinton Anderson Hays, M. D., intended to be a surgeon and so he spent

two years as an interne and three years in a clinic. The word surgeon today has a wider and deeper connotation than it did five decades ago, for it involves electrosurgery as well as surgery. "Surgeons," the "New York Times" recently observed editorially, "operate not only with the scalpel but with white-hot needles and wires which coagulate the blood as they cut."

Dr. Hays is a native of New York City, a son of Oscar Clinton and Elsie June (Anderson) Hays. His father is a civil engineer and a member of the very important Board of Water Supply of New York. The doctor was graduated a Bachelor of Science from New York University in 1931, and obtained his degree of Doctor of Medicine from Long Island College of Medicine in 1935, had his internship at St. Catherine's Hospital, Brooklyn, New York, from 1935 to 1937, and devoted the years from 1937 to 1940 at the Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, Ohio. In addition to his academic studies he took several extension courses.

He went into private practice in Oil City, Pennsylvania, where several uncles are also located. His training and skill both as surgeon and physician were at once apparent and soon won favor with both the medical fraternity and the community at large. He is a member of the staff of Oil City Hospital, of Theta Kappa Si (medical society), of the alumni associations of his colleges, the Venango County Medical Association and the American Medical Association. He is a Presbyterian, and a Republican. In 1927 he joined the Citizens' Military Training Corps at Plattsburg, and from 1927 to 1929 was one of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

Clinton Anderson Hays, M. D., married, at Cleveland, Ohio, on July 30, 1938, Lois A. Coffey, a daughter of Harry L. and Grace (Imboden) Coffey. Mrs. Hays was a graduate nurse in 1935 of Uniontown Hospital. Dr. and Mrs. Hays have one child, Marcia Eleanor Hays, born November 1, 1940.

WILL SCHANCK MOFFATT—One of the enlightening features of the life of Will Schanck Moffatt is that he was born, reared and still lives in the same house in Mercer, Mercer County, Pennsylvania. He is one of those fortunate and practical men who at the beginning of their careers enter a business, or profession, that never loses its interest—newspaper work. In years of experience, he is the dean of journalists in Mercer County, and there are few phases of publication with which he has not been connected at one time or another since boyhood. Likewise there are few forward-looking movements and organizations that have endeavored to promote the welfare and improvement of Mercer with which he has not been constructively identified.

Mr. Moffatt was born in Mercer, Pennsylvania, in 1868, son of David E. and Emmaline (Bean) Moffatt, both natives of Mercer County. His father was a civil engi-



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neer. His parents wanted to give their son all the advantages of an academic education, but the boy was too ambitious to set about earning his own livelihood to go farther than high school. At the age of fifteen years he entered the employ of the "Dispatch and Republican," of Mercer. Starting in a most humble capacity, he did nearly everything connected with the paper, from printing to editing, during the following four decades, from 1883 to 1923. Mr. Moffatt was editor from 1906 to 1923. In the latter year he resigned to organize and open a branch office of the "Sharon Herald," of Sharon, Pennsylvania, in Mercer. He was local manager of this office until 1937, when he severed his connections with the "Sharon Herald," to become editor and general manager of the "Record-Argus," in Mercer, his present position.

In politics, Mr. Moffatt is a Republican, influential in party councils and campaigns. He has been tax collector since 1929, but has never been ambitious for public office. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, and in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he has held all offices. He is a popular figure in the Rotary Club, and is secretary of the Mercer Rod and Gun Club. He attends the Methodist Episcopal Church.

CHARLES H. WILLIAMS—Numbered among those who have been successful in the oil production field is Charles H. Williams, of Bradford, who at present, after having devoted practically his entire career to the oil industry, owns and is operating a very desirable oil producing property in Otto Township.

Mr. Williams was born at Pine Flats, Indiana County, Pennsylvania, January 23, 1875, son of Philip and Mary B. (Nixon) Williams, both deceased. Philip Williams, also a native of Indiana County, was engaged for many years as a timber estimator. Charles H. Williams began his education in the common schools at Pine Flats, but when he was about fourteen years of age the family moved to Duke Center, where his schooling was completed. Early in his youth he worked in a store, but he soon became attracted to the oil industry as a source of livelihood, beginning on lease work and pumping, and when he was about nineteen years of age, he started drilling. Ten years later he formed a partnership with John E. Ward, and the drilling contracting firm of Ward & Williams soon acquired a high reputation, establishing records both for speed and accuracy, in their drilling operations. Some time in 1904 Mr. Williams decided to enter the production end of the industry, and he has been most successful in this undertaking, to the present day. Mr. Williams also operates a beautiful citrus grove in the Rio Grande Valley in Texas. In his youth he was greatly interested in baseball, both as a player and spectator. Now his main hobby is golf.

Mr. Williams is an active member of the Presbyterian Church, and a staunch Republican. He was a former member of the Duke Center School Board. He holds membership in the Bradford District, Pennsylvania Oil Producers Association, the Pennhills Club and the Chautauqua Golf Club. Fraternally, he is most prominent in Masonry, being a Past Master of Northern Star Lodge, No. 555, Free and Accepted Masons at Duke Center, and the first Master of Bradford Lodge, No. 749, Free and Accepted Masons, when it was organized. He is also a member of the Bradford Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Bradford Council, Royal and Select Masters; Past Commander of Trinity Commandery, Knights Templar; Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Zem Zem Temple, at Erie, Pennsylvania. He is also Past Division Commander of this district, and in 1931 he was Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Commandery. Mr. Williams is also one of the organizers and a most active member of the De Molay in Bradford.

On June 28, 1905, Charles H. Williams married Olive A. Shadman, of Duke Center, daughter of Jacob K. and Luta (Robinson) Shadman. Jacob K. Shadman, a direct descendant of Johann Kepler, astronomer, spent many years as a school teacher, and he was also active in the oil production field. Luta (Robinson) Shadman is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Robinson, of Titusville. Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Williams are the parents of four children: 1. Philip Arthur, born April 26, 1906, educated in the local public schools and the high school in Nyack, New York. A graduate of the Juilliard Graduate School of Music in New York, he has studied with many of the foremost teachers of the violin, and he is recognized as one of the leading American concert violinists of the present time. He is a member of the faculty of Southern Methodist University at Dallas, Texas, being head of the violin department. He married Mary Becker, of Syracuse, New York. 2. Virginia Olive, born August 22, 1908, a graduate of the local grade and high schools, the Baldwin School for Girls, Goucher College, where she earned her degree of Bachelor of Arts, and her Phi Beta Kappa honors; she also studied at Columbia University in New York City, receiving her degree of Master of Arts, and at Radcliffe College. She married Robert McDowell, of Dover, Massachusetts, and they are the parents of one child, Renza, born July 12, 1939. 3. Mary Louise, born April 3, 1910, a graduate of the local schools and Smith College, where she was a Junior Phi Beta Kappa; at present she is a concert pianist in New York City. 4. Robert Nixon, born February 8, 1913, a graduate of the local schools, Lawrenceville Preparatory School and Cornell University, where he majored in hotel administration and engineering; at present located in Springfield, Massachusetts, and there is connected with a hotel engineering firm working for a large hotel chain. He

married, June 15, 1940, Doris Valentine, of Richmond, Virginia, and they are the parents of a son, Philip Nixon, born May 26, 1941.

Mrs. Olive A. (Shadman) Williams, a graduate of Clarion State Teachers College, taught school for two years at Duke Center. An accomplished concert pianist she has always been active in musical circles, both in Bradford and at Chautauqua, New York, where she has appeared in grand opera during the summer season. She is also active in local civic affairs, being a member of the Chautauqua Women's Club, the Women's Literary Club, also the Pennhills Club and the Chautauqua Golf Club, and is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

THOMAS RAY THORNE—Many years of association with the Greenville National Bank have well equipped Thomas Ray Thorne for his activities as president of this financial institution. His participation in community affairs has been a continually valuable one, rich in its benefits to others and reflecting credit upon himself.

Mr. Thorne was born July 18, 1875, in Hempfield Township, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, son of Thomas and Helen Louise (Mandeville) Thorne, highly respected members of their community. His father was engaged in farming.

Thomas Ray Thorne attended public schools in Greenville, was graduated from Greenville High School in 1894, and completed his studies at the Corry Commercial College in the following year. In boyhood he became interested in banking and finance, and naturally he turned to this work when the time came for him to begin his own active career. He became a messenger of the First National Bank of Greenville in 1897, and for seventeen years remained with that institution. Then, in 1914, he was elected cashier of the Greenville National Bank. In 1927 he was made president of the bank, and so serves down to the time of writing. As a banker, he has aided in bringing many new and sound businesses to Greenville and this district of Pennsylvania, and has lent encouragement to existing enterprises.

He has interested himself deeply in civic problems in his city, and since 1923 has served on the Greenville Board of Education. He is a Democrat in politics, and has long been active in the work of civic, social, fraternal and financial organizations. He belongs to the American Bankers' Association, the Greenville Country Club and the Sons of the American Revolution, and is to be counted on for help in any worthy cause or in the event of any emergency. His connections with different banks throughout Pennsylvania enhance his usefulness as a member of the banking fraternity, and he has a large acquaintance among depositors, bankers and business men in all parts of the State.

Thomas Ray Thorne married, October 11, 1907, in Greenville, Pennsylvania, Areta Graham Johnston, daughter of William and Areta (Graham) Johnston. They became the parents of one daughter, Helen Areta Thorne, who was born June 16, 1912, attended grammar and high schools in Greenville, studied at Wilson College, and in 1934 received the degree of Bachelor of Arts from Thiel College here. She is now acting in a secretarial capacity on a municipal staff in New York City.

DUDLEY P. WARNER—Born, reared and educated in Franklin, Pennsylvania, Dudley P. Warner was associated with the industries of his birth city until twenty years ago when he came to Sharpsville, and since 1932 has figured prominently in its business, civic and social circles. As indicated, he was born in Franklin, October 1, 1893, son of Malcolm L. and Mary A. (Williams) Warner. His father died in 1939.

Mr. Warner started his business career in 1910 in the engineering department of the Chicago Pneumatic Tool Company in Franklin, Pennsylvania. In 1913 he became an engineer for the American Steel Foundries Company of Franklin, remaining here for one year, when he became associated with the Colburn Machine Tool Company, also in Franklin, in a similar capacity. He remained with the Colburn company until the outbreak of the First World War, and at that time returned to the American Steel Foundries Company for the duration of the war. After the war, he worked in steel plants in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh until 1921, when he went into the contracting and building business for himself in Franklin. From 1922 to 1925 he was engaged as maintenance engineer and superintendent for the Duquesne Steel Foundry in Coraopolis, Pennsylvania. In 1924 Mr. Warner returned to the Chicago Pneumatic Tool Company, in Franklin, remaining here for two years. In 1926 he came to Sharon, this State, as works maintenance engineer for the Sharon Foundry Company and, after a short time was promoted to vice-president, serving as such until the company was purchased by the Pittsburgh Steel Foundry Corporation. He was employed by them as sales engineer and remained until 1932.

In 1932 Dudley P. Warner and Walter K. Smith formed a partnership and established a motor-freight line under the firm name of Warner & Smith, Motor Freight, in Sharpsville. In 1934 Mr. Warner bought out his partner's interest in the firm and became the sole owner, but retains the firm's old name. In 1938 he built one of the most modern of freight terminals in Pennsylvania. They have inter-State operations with branch offices in the following cities: Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Oil City, Canton, Akron, Youngstown, Erie and Warren. Forty people are employed and they have thirty-two modern trucking units. Mr. Warner is a member of the Sharpsville Service Club,

the Sharon Chamber of Commerce, of which he is chairman and director of the Traffic Safety Council; director of the Shenango Valley Safety Council; member of the Board of Education of Sharpsville; member of the American Trucking Association and the Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association, of which he is State director, and past president of the Mercer County chapter for three years. He is also a member of the Ohio Highway Haulers Association and the Traffic and Transportation Association of Pittsburgh.

Dudley P. Warner is a Republican in his political allegiance, and fraternally is affiliated with the Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a Presbyterian in his religious faith.

In 1917, at Franklin, Pennsylvania, Dudley P. Warner married Margaret Shaffer, of Franklin, daughter of Abram and Emily (Stewart) Shaffer. Mrs. Warner is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the White Shrine, in both of which she takes an active interest. Mr. and Mrs. Warner are the parents of five children: 1. Margaret, born in 1918, a graduate of Allegheny College, now teaching in the Sharpsville High School. 2. Dudley P., Jr., born in 1920, a graduate of Sharon High School, now attending Temple University, at Philadelphia; his fraternity is Sigma Pi. 3. David W., born in 1922, a graduate of Sharpsville High School, now attending Penn State School of Forestry. 4. Edmund M., born in 1922, a twin of David W., is a graduate of Sharpsville High School, now attending Carnegie Institute of Technology; his fraternity is Sigma Phi Epsilon. 5. Earla Ann, born in 1934, attending public schools of Sharpsville.

NELSON J. BAILEY, M. D.—Following the example of a notable father, Dr. Nelson J. Bailey, of Sharpsville, Pennsylvania, has added to the lustre of the family tradition for service of humanity. He is a native of Jamestown, Pennsylvania, born March 24, 1892, son of Dr. Myron Asher Bailey and the former Wynona MacBroom. His father was an exceptionally busy physician of Jamestown until his retirement in 1940, because of ill health.

Nelson J. Bailey was educated in the grade and high schools, Jamestown, Grove City College, and Jefferson Medical College, from which he was graduated in 1919, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He interned at the South Side Hospital, Pittsburgh. Upon completing his preparation he returned to Jamestown and initiated a practice of medicine in association with his father, who had practiced his profession here since 1889. Dr. Nelson J. Bailey remained in Jamestown until 1923, when he removed to Sharpsville, Pennsylvania, and has since engaged in a general practice of medicine here up to the present writing. He serves on the staff of the Buhl Hos-

pital in Sharon, and has been the Mercer County Medical Director for several years, succeeding Dr. Massy of Sharon.

Dr. Bailey is a member of the American Medical Association, Pennsylvania State Medical Association, and the Mercer County Medical Society, of which he is a past president. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He attends the Presbyterian Church.

In 1918, at Jamestown, Pennsylvania, Dr. Nelson J. Bailey married Georgia McKay, daughter of Hugh and Margaret (Comin) McKay, and they are the parents of four children: 1. Nelson C. Bailey, born May 29, 1919, a graduate of the Sharpsville public schools and attended Thiel College; now associated with the Mercer Tube Company. 2. Hugh M. Bailey, born May 8, 1921, a graduate of Sharpsville public schools, now attending Fenn College, Cleveland, Ohio. 3. Jane M., born March 7, 1924, attending Sharpsville High School. 4. Margaret, born August 12, 1926, also attending high school.

JOHN RAYMOND KOOKOGEY—The progress and standing of a community are frequently indicated by the type of men who conduct its financial affairs. Pleasantville, Venango County, has been especially fortunate in its bankers, among whom John Raymond Kookogey, cashier of the Citizens Bank of Pleasantville, has won recognition for ability, foresight and judgment. He is no long-time citizen of the town, neither did his association with finance begin until after the end of the World War. Like many men he had acquired experience along a number of lines before entering his present vocation.

Mr. Kookogey was born October 26, 1891, a native of Crawford County, son of William M. and Clara Rosetta (Heppe) Kookogey. His mother, who came originally from Philadelphia, is deceased. His father, now a retired farmer, lives with a daughter in the Pennsylvania metropolis. Reared on a farm, John Raymond Kookogey attended the district and township high schools, and then went to New York City to study music. Later he pursued courses of study in the International Correspondence School, of Scranton.

After completing his academic education, Mr. Kookogey entered the employ of the General Manifold & Printing Company, in Franklin, Venango County (1910-1912). During the following year he was studying music in New York. Upon his return to Franklin, he worked in an executive position with the Chicago Pneumatic Tool Plant until 1917. Then until 1919 he was identified with the American Steel Foundry.

Since 1919 Mr. Kookogey's business activities have been associated with banking; first as paying teller in the Lamberton National Bank, at Franklin; second, since

1928 he has been cashier of the Citizens Bank of Pleasantville, in 1933 being elected a director of the institution. This is a strong bank, well managed by its officials: President, F. A. Williams; vice-presidents, Russell J. Hopkins and Wilbour Scofield; cashier, John Raymond Kookogey. The following comparison of resources of 1929 and 1940 is one of the evidences of both features, strength and management: In 1929 its resources totaled \$218,654.59; near the end of the worst period in the history of American finance, on June 30, 1940, the resources of the Citizens Bank totaled \$444,932.08, and at the end of the year had reached the half-million mark. In civic, fraternal and religious affiliations, Mr. Kookogey is a Republican in politics, belongs to the Knights of Malta, and is a member of the Presbyterian Church. His wife is the organist for this congregation.

On October 15, 1915, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, John Raymond Kookogey married Henrietta Stoddard, of Titusville, daughter of Levi and Ann (Stant) Stoddard, the latter a native of England, and both now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Kookogey are the parents of two sons: 1. John Stoddard, born May 25, 1919, a student at the Pennsylvania State College, where he is majoring in forestry. 2. Richard Roger, born September 28, 1920, studying photography and music.

WILLARD DOWLER STEWART, M. D.—When a young physician succeeds and takes over the practice of one who has been successful for over forty years, he assumes much, but Dr. Willard D. Stewart has met that responsibility to the satisfaction of patients and the general community.

Dr. Stewart was born at Coraopolis, Pennsylvania, on February 15, 1910, son of Wylie Joseph and Sarah (Henry) Stewart. His father, also, was a physician. The son received public school education, then matriculated at the University of Pittsburgh where he was graduated as Doctor of Medicine and Surgery in 1935. He practiced for a brief time in Karns City, Pennsylvania, but moved to Pleasantville, Pennsylvania, in 1936 and acquired the professional business of Dr. R. L. Redfield who had been a resident practitioner there for three years. Dr. Stewart is a member of the staff of Titusville Hospital in Titusville.

Pleasantville has but one physician and he must needs be of the type portrayed by Ian Maclaren and Sinclair Lewis, a man versed in all phases of medicine and a skilful surgeon as well as diagnostician. Although he has been in his predecessor's field for only one-tenth as long, he has won the confidence of all concerned and is an acknowledged benefactor in his territory.

Dr. Stewart is a member of the Venango County Medical Association, the Pennsylvania State Medical Association and the National American Medical Association. At

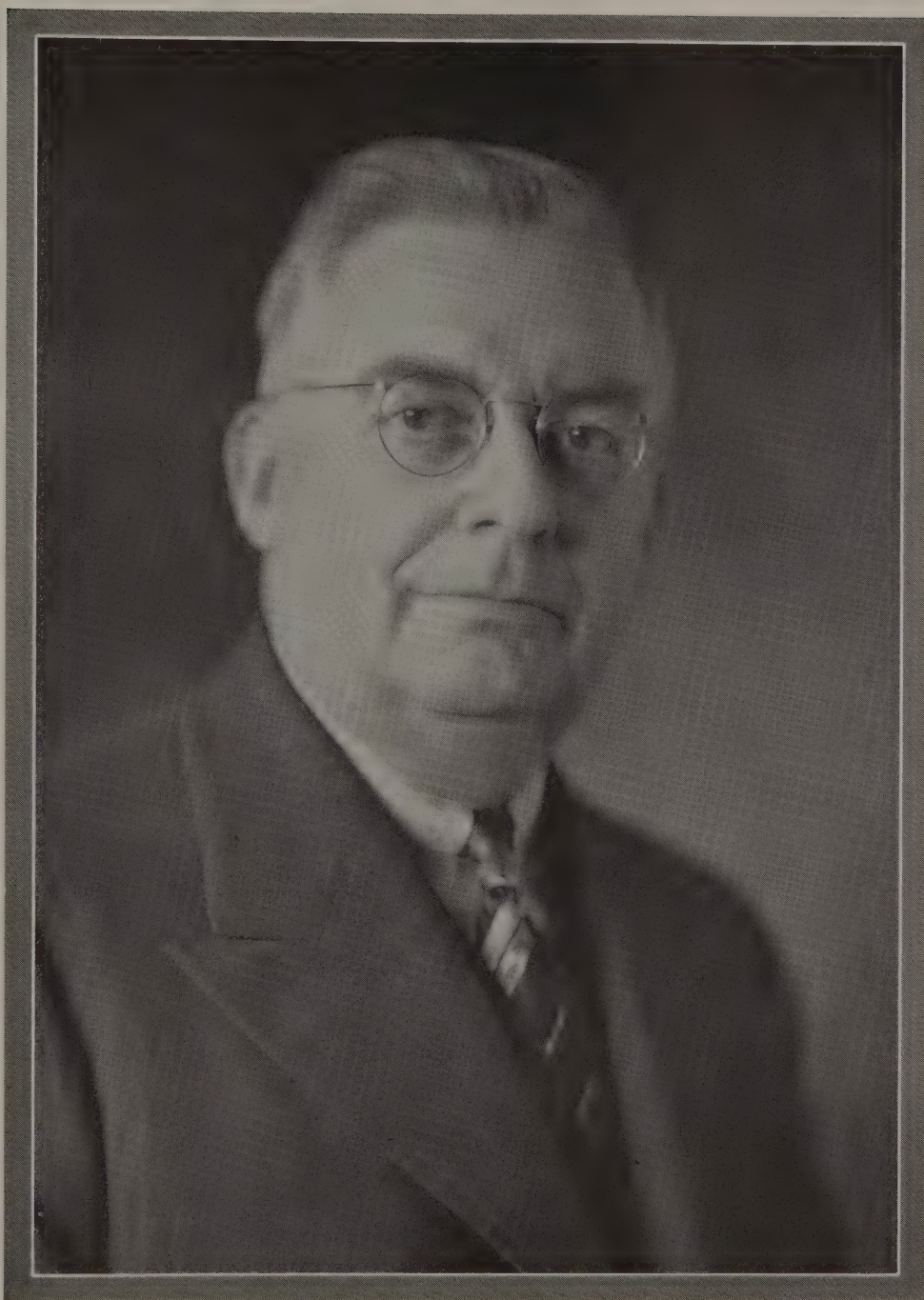
the university he became a member of Phi Beta Pi. He is a Republican and a Methodist.

In West Virginia in 1935, Dr. Willard D. Stewart married La Rue Myers, daughter of Earl K. and Sarah Myers. Dr. and Mrs. Stewart have two children, Sally K., born in 1937, and Susan E., born in 1940.

RICHARD GUNBY DAWSON—The Richard G. Dawson Company, personal loans, and the Warren Discount Company, both of Warren, were established and operated by Richard Gunby Dawson, who came to this city after a long career as a wholesale merchant at Corry and won conspicuous success in a new sphere of business enterprise. Until his death, he was one of Warren's leading business men and an influential figure in the life of the community.

Mr. Dawson was born at Corry, Erie County, on July 10, 1887, son of Richard P. and Alzina J. (Hall) Dawson and a member of a prominent Corry family. His grandfather, John Dawson, was born in the parish of Friskney, Lincolnshire, England, on June 4, 1824; came to the United States on a sailing vessel in 1845 and settled in New York State, later becoming a resident of Corry, Pennsylvania, where he died May 8, 1899. He married Catherine Pound, who was born in the Town of Eden, New York, June 22, 1829, and died in Corry on December 15, 1911. Richard P. Dawson, the father, was born on May 6, 1851, and died in Corry on October 12, 1908. With his brother, William T. Dawson, he was engaged in the wholesale grocery business at Corry. He was prominent in all civic interests there and in the Republican party, served for a time as mayor of Corry and was a vestryman of the local Episcopal Church. His wife, Alzina J. (Hall) Dawson, whom he married on April 10, 1873, died at Corry on June 6, 1913.

Richard Gunby Dawson received his education in the public schools of Corry and later attended Michigan Military Academy. As a boy he earned his first money as an apprentice in the shop of a weekly newspaper and his ambition at this time was to own a printing shop. In 1908, however, after the completion of his education, he entered the wholesale grocery business of Dawson Brothers, working under his father and uncle, and eventually became a member of this firm. In later years he took over the sole management of the company and continued active as a wholesaler of groceries and food products until 1925, when fire destroyed the building occupied by the firm on First Avenue, Corry. For a short time thereafter he was engaged in business as a candy manufacturer at Corry, but in 1926 he came to Warren and established a personal loan business under the name of the Richard G. Dawson Company, located at No. 256 Pennsylvania Avenue West, Warren. Under his able and



Richard G. Dawson



enterprising management this became one of the most successful enterprises of its kind in Warren County. In 1936 Mr. Dawson also established the Warren Discount at the same address as his other company, which he also conducted with marked success. He remained at the head of both enterprises until his death, and they are now continued under the supervision of Mrs. Dawson and a qualified force of assistants.

Mr. Dawson was a member of the National Association of Personal Finance Companies and vice-president of the Association of Personal Finance Companies. Throughout his career he took an enlightened and active interest in the affairs of his community and both at Corry and at Warren, made his influence felt as a constructive force. He was a member of the Warren Chamber of Commerce and the Warren Rotary Club; the Conewango Club and Conewango Valley Country Club; and the Masonic Order, in which he was affiliated with Corry Lodge, No. 356, Free and Accepted Masons, and many higher bodies of both York and Scottish rites, including Occidental Chapter, No. 235, Royal Arch Masons; Warren Commandery, No. 63, Knights Templar; and Coudersport Consistory. Mr. Dawson was a Republican in politics. He was an Episcopalian in religious faith and at Corry was a member of the vestry of Emmanuel Episcopal Church for many years and at Warren a member of Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church. He was fond of fishing, but his principal diversion was philately, especially the collection of air mail stamps and pioneer flight covers. For many years, as a result of this hobby, he was a member of the American Philatelic Association.

Mr. Dawson married (first), in 1909, Margaret C. Weeks, who was born in Corry and died on March 18, 1922. They became the parents of two children: 1. Richard Weeks, born December 10, 1910, now manager of the Woolworth store at Chillicothe, Ohio. He married, June 7, 1938, Martha Deardurff, of Newark, Ohio. 2. Elizabeth, born August 3, 1914, formerly children's librarian at the public library in Akron, Ohio; married, June 28, 1941, Arthur P. Lewis, Jr., of Akron, Ohio. On July 11, 1925, Mr. Dawson married (second) Edith Gale, of Erie, daughter of the late Leroy D. Gale and Martha Gale. Mrs. Dawson continues the business established by her husband.

Mr. Dawson died in Warren on February 10, 1941. His position in the business world and his acknowledged public spirit combined with his appealing personal qualities to win him the respect and regard of his community. "Dick' Dawson is gone," wrote a Warren newspaper at his death, "but he leaves a wealth of pleasant memories to a host of friends in Warren and nearby towns who will miss his cheery greetings and untiring devotion to the community and its citizens."

ROY JOHNSON McDOWELL, D. O.—The practice of osteopathy has occupied the efforts of Dr. Roy Johnson McDowell during virtually his entire active career. For more than twenty years he has been a well-known figure in the professional life of Sharon, where he first opened offices in 1919.

Dr. McDowell was born in Grove City on October 5, 1888, son of Ezra A. and Rebecca (Johnson) McDowell. His father, a farmer at Grove City, also served as supervisor of roads for Wolf Creek Township in that section. Dr. McDowell received his early education in the public schools of Grove City, was graduated from Grove City College with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1912 and during the following two years taught school, becoming principal of Volant High School in Lawrence County. At the end of this time he entered Philadelphia College of Osteopathy to prepare for his present profession and continued his studies there until 1918, when he joined the United States Army for World War service. As a first class private he was attached to the 305th Ammunition Train and subsequently was transferred to the Medical Corps for duty in the Laboratory Department at Fort McHenry General Hospital. Following his discharge from the army in 1919, Dr. McDowell returned to the Philadelphia College of Osteopathy to take the degree of Doctor of Osteopathy and in the same year came to Sharon, where he has since been engaged in practice. In 1928 he completed a special course in proctology at Birmingham, Alabama, and in 1934 took postgraduate work at Philadelphia College of Osteopathy, keeping abreast of all recent developments in osteopathic science.

Dr. McDowell enjoys a distinguished reputation in his profession, and the acknowledged qualifications which he brings to his work in Sharon have won him a flourishing practice. He is a member of the staff of Grove City Osteopathic Hospital and a member of the American Osteopathic Association, the Northwestern Osteopathic Association and the Pennsylvania State Osteopathic Association. In addition to his professional connections, Dr. McDowell is a director of the Crestview Memorial Park Association of Grove City and at Sharon is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Kiwanis Club and the Sharon Country Club. He is affiliated fraternally with Sharon Lodge, No. 668, Free and Accepted Masons, and in this order is also a member of various higher bodies in the York Rite, including the Commandery, Knights Templar. Dr. McDowell is a Republican in politics and a member of the First United Presbyterian Church of Sharon. Although his profession and his home are his principal interests he takes an active part in community affairs and is numbered among the representative citizens of Sharon.

On July 28, 1919, at Grove City, Dr. McDowell married Myrtle Davidson, daughter of William and Elizabeth

(Reddick) Davidson. Mrs. McDowell, who was graduated from Slippery Rock College in 1912 and was a teacher before her marriage, is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Prospect Heights Social Club. Dr. and Mrs. McDowell became the parents of three children: Harold, born May 20, 1920, a student in Sharon High School; William, born May 28, 1924, died December 5, 1925; and Martha, born May 21, 1925.

SAMUEL GERSON—In 1934, Samuel Gerson established the Sharon jewelry business of which he has since been sole owner and manager. Under his direction it has grown rapidly and is today one of the finest and most complete of its kind in the city.

Mr. Gerson was born in Lithuania on January 14, 1903, son of Nathan and Gertrude (Gagun) Gerson. His father, who died in 1912, was a business executive in Lithuania.

Samuel Gerson attended the public schools of his native country, completed his higher education in Europe and learned the watchmaker's trade before he came to America in 1921. Following his arrival in this country, he settled in Pittsburgh, entered the watchmaking business for himself and continued this enterprise until 1934. In that year he became associated with his brother, who was engaged in the jewelry business at Akron and New Castle. In 1936 he came to Sharon and established his present business, which he began with only one assistant and has developed so rapidly that he now employs seven. Mr. Gerson carries a complete line of watches, jewelry, diamonds and silverware and maintains an optical department, which is under the direct supervision of Dr. E. Sinwany. On March 10, 1941, as an outward indication of the position won by his business, he opened a new modern store at No. 44 East State Street, in the center of town, which he now occupies. It is considered one of the most beautiful stores ever built in Sharon.

Mr. Gerson in a few years' time has become a substantial and respected member of the Sharon business community and takes an active interest in all affairs of the city. He is a member of the Credit Jewelers Association, the Optimist Club, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith and a member of the House of Israel Temple in this city.

On December 25, 1938, at Allentown, Pennsylvania, he married Freda Kernis, daughter of Samuel Kernis, a former teacher in Sharon High School before her marriage.

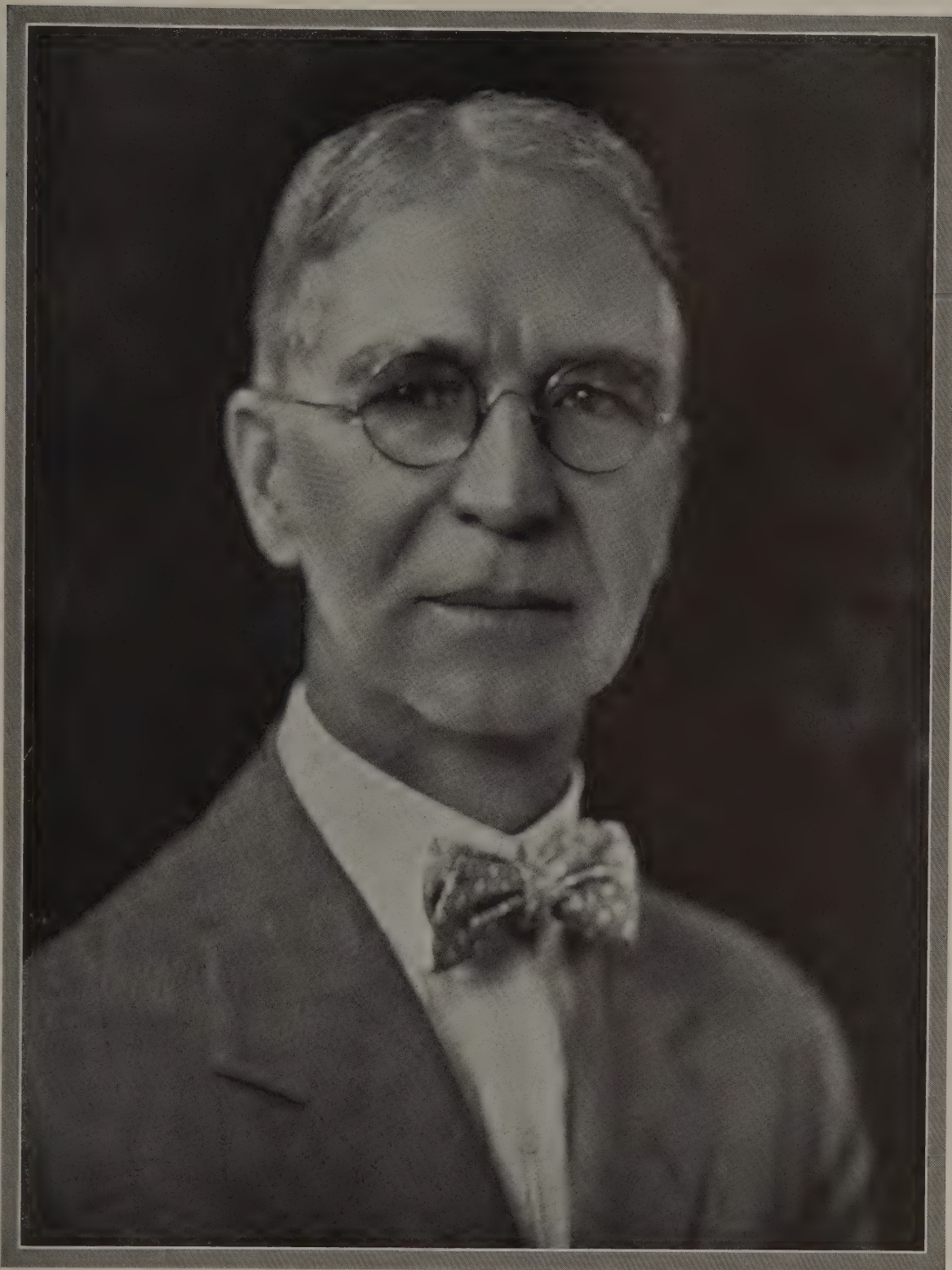
JOHN R. BOLAND, Jr.—Politics and the law have been the principal interests of John R. Boland, Jr., during the course of his active career. He has been engaged in the practice of his profession at Sharon since 1932 and has won recognition both as an attorney and as a leader in the Democratic party of this district.

Mr. Boland was born in Sharpsville on September 10, 1906, son of John and Mary (Donovan) Boland. His father, who was born in Ireland, came to this country at the age of fourteen and was engaged in the building and contracting business in Sharpsville and Sharon until his death on November 25, 1938. For many years he was one of the best loved figures in Mercer County.

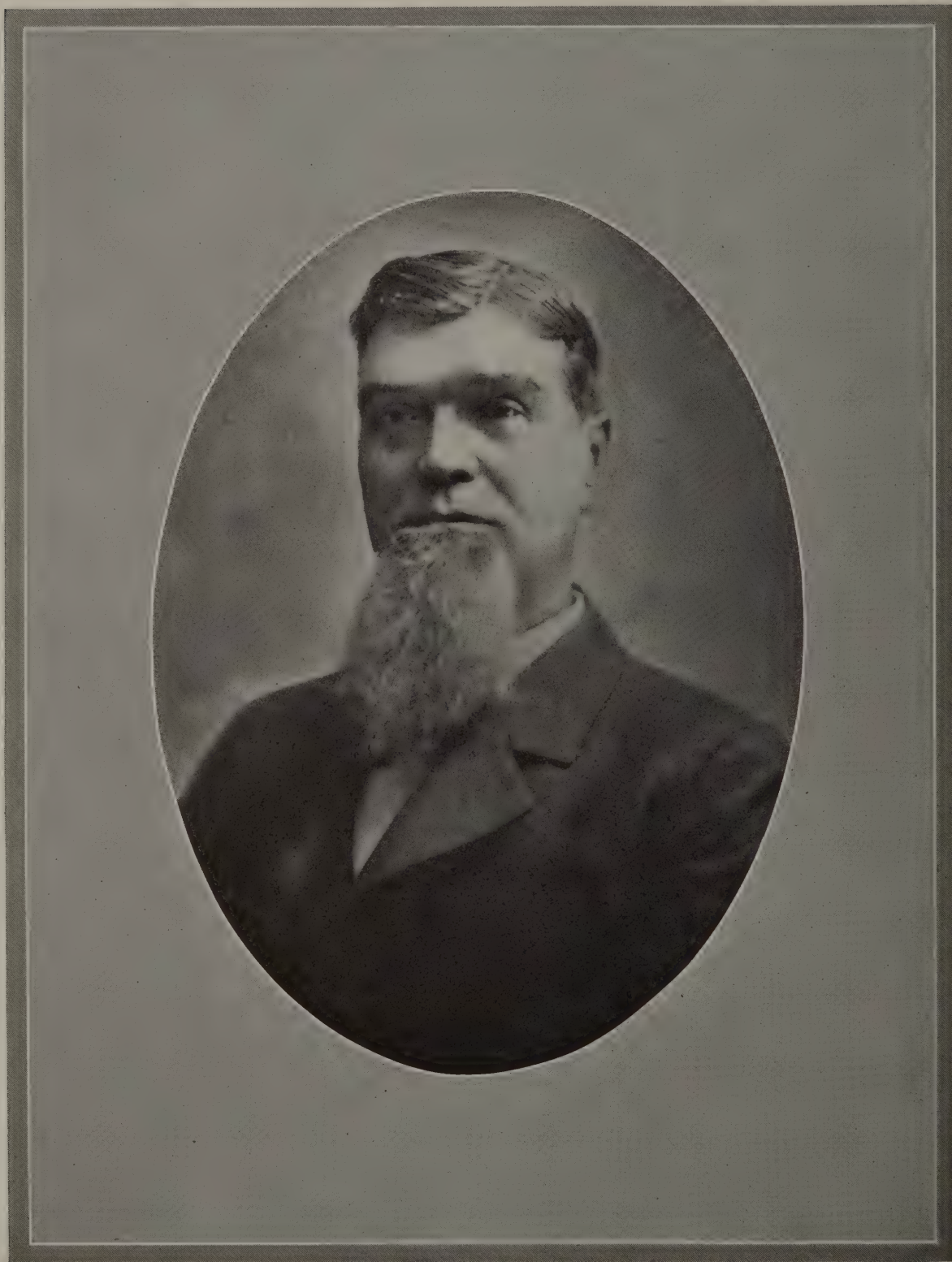
After his preparatory education, John R. Boland, Jr., attended Duquesne University and then transferred to the University of Michigan, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1927. From 1927 to 1928, he was a student at Harvard Law School and then returned to Pennsylvania to enter the University of Pittsburgh Law School, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1930. During the following two years he was associated with the Republic Steel Corporation in Youngstown and St. Louis, but in 1932 was admitted to the Pennsylvania bar and began the independent practice of his profession in Sharon. Since that time his successful record as an attorney has firmly established his professional reputation. In addition to his private practice, Mr. Boland now serves as solicitor of the city of Sharon and as county attorney for the Home Owners Loan Corporation. If the law has been his vocation, politics has been his hobby. His interest in public affairs is deep-seated, and although he has been much in the public eye during the past four years, it is safe to say that his career in public life is still in its early stages. As an influential Democrat, he received the nomination of his party for United States Congressman from the Twentieth Pennsylvania District and continues to take an active part in party affairs.

Mr. Boland is a member of the Pennsylvania State and Mercer County Bar associations, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Sharon, the Loyal Order of Moose at Farrell, the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Knights of Columbus. At Sharon he is active in the Chamber of Commerce and the Kiwanis Club, and various civic institutions. A Roman Catholic in religious faith, he is a member of Sacred Heart parish in this city. Mr. Boland finds his principal recreation in golf. He is unmarried.

JOSEPH H. BOVAIRD—No matter how frequently the history of the commercial development of the petroleum industry is written, the authors must give first place to Pennsylvania and especially the "Bradford Field," one of the earliest oil well centers in the United States. Men and machines made this development possible, and the record that follows has to do with a well-known name in the Crawford Field—Bovaird—and one more connected with the well drilling machinery than with oil leases and speculation. Joseph H. Bovaird, of the second generation to be identified with the business in



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David W. Brown

McKean County, Pennsylvania, was born a decade after Colonel E. L. Drake brought in the first commercially profitable oil well in America. He literally grew up among oil derricks and petroleum. With the passing years his business interests extended into the Southwest, and were continued until his practical retirement in 1940. Over the most of his life he has been a resident of Bradford, McKean County, and an important and constructive citizen, active in the promotion of the best interests of the community.

The first of this branch of the Bovaird family in Pennsylvania was David Bovaird, born in Scotland, July, 1834, son of William and Dorcas (Walker) Bovaird. He was the seventh born of nine children and early began earning his own livelihood. As a boy he went into a factory to learn the craft of printing calico, serving a thorough apprenticeship. The New World was an early and persistent interest of young David Bovaird, and in 1854 he set sail for America. Landing in Philadelphia, he went on to Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, where he became active in coal mining and later farmed and dealt in cattle. Ultimately he removed to Venango County, where he started a teaming business, at one time having twenty horses on the road.

When Titusville, just across the border between Venango and Crawford counties, became a booming oil center, David Bovaird with a partner, J. L. Seyfang (the partnership was initiated in Shamburg, Pennsylvania, in 1877), removed in 1879 to Bradford where the business of repairing oil driller's tools and machinery was enlarged to include the handling of all types of drilling supplies and equipment. The business increased to such an extent that in 1891 it was incorporated. During this period David Bovaird had acquired large oil properties.

In 1896 he sold all his interest in the partnership and organized his own firm with his sons, William J., Walter and Joseph H., under the trade title of Bovaird & Company. The older sons, William J. and Walter, in 1903, went to the Oklahoma and Kansas oil fields, where at Independence, Kansas, they incorporated in 1907. In 1937 this became a Delaware corporation. Joseph H. Bovaird remained in the Bradford section, and upon the death of his father assumed the direction of the company. He took into partnership a cousin, George E. Bovaird, to whom he sold out in 1940 and retired from most business connections.

David Bovaird married Mary A. McLenahan, a native of Ireland, daughter of John McLenahan, and they were the parents of six children: 1. Margarete, married A. B. Booth. 2. Máry, married John Downs. 3. William J., served in the United States Army in the Spanish-American War, 1898, with the rank of first lieutenant, and was with the troops that captured Porto Rico. He married Anna L. Davis, and died November 25, 1937. 4. Walter,

married Martha Ferguson; he died November 22, 1922. 5. Dr. David, Jr., married Louise Larkin, of England. 6. Joseph H.

Joseph H. Bovaird was born in Shamburg, Venango County, Pennsylvania, December 3, 1869, and was educated in local schools. As a youth he joined his father in the oil well supply business, in which he acted as a buyer until 1895. When his father disposed of his interests in the firm of Bovaird & Seyfang, and started Bovaird & Company, he remained with this concern until the death of the older man, as has already been indicated. Mention has also been made of his retirement from most business activities in 1940, after a half century of large responsibilities. He remains the vice-president of the Kendall Refinery Company and a director of the Bovaird Supply Company, of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Few men have so fine a reputation for integrity, courageous enterprise and helpfulness of their fellowmen, whether in organized charities or personal gifts to the needy and underprivileged. Fraternally, Joseph H. Bovaird is affiliated with Union Lodge, No. 334, Free and Accepted Masons; Bradford Chapter, No. 626, Royal Arch Masons; Bradford Council, No. 43, Royal and Select Masters; Trinity Commandery, Knights Templar; Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Bradford Club and a former president of the local Rotary Club.

In February, 1900, Joseph H. Bovaird married Emma M. Griffith, of Petroleum Center, Pennsylvania, daughter of Theodore and Alfretta (Smalley) Griffith. A biographical record of some of Mrs. Bovaird's interests and activities and achievements follows in this volume.

EMMA M. (GRIFFITH) BOVAIRD—Of the progress of Bradford from a flimsy oil boom settlement to an attractive modern city, Emma M. (Griffith) Bovaird (Mrs. Joseph H. Bovaird) has been no passive spectator during the present century. She has played a part of conspicuous importance in many phases of its life and has contributed constantly and valuably to its improvement. In intelligence, efficiency, public spirit and general qualifications, she has taken her place with the most progressive citizens of the community, and enjoys a richly merited esteem and affection.

Born Emma M. Griffith, daughter of Theodore and Alfretta (Smalley) Griffith, of Petroleum Center, Pennsylvania, she was graduated from the Bradford High School at the early age of seventeen years. Already she had assisted the superintendent of schools with his reports and letters, because of her fine Spencerian penmanship, and after graduation became school librarian. Within a few months a teacher left without warning and the superintendent asked Miss Griffith to take over grades four and five until a substitute could be obtained. So excellently

did the young lady perform her duties that when a new teacher was found the children literally "rose in arms" to have Miss Griffith retained. Thus it came about that until she became of age she had four years of imparting knowledge, and what promised to be a career was inaugurated. Intending to enter the field of education along broader lines, Miss Griffith matriculated at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, but after about a year, the serious illness of her mother required her presence at home. In February, 1900, she married Joseph H. Bovaird, of Bradford, McKean County, Pennsylvania, a record of whom can be found in this volume.

Since the turn of the century Mrs. Bovaird has seldom had idle hands or mind; there always have been conditions to be ameliorated, people to help and civic service to be rendered. She was president of the Women's Literary Club for two years, was treasurer of the State Federation of Pennsylvania Women for four years, president of Northwestern District of the Pennsylvania State Federation of Women's Clubs for four years, and a member of a number of other organizations. For twenty-five years, or until it was taken over by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, she was president of Mother's Assistance Groups of McKean County. She was a member of the Children's Commission in Mr. Pinchot's administration, for the revision and codification of all laws relating to children, and a director in Public Charities Association of Pennsylvania. She long has been active in work for hospitals, school nursing, baby clinics, dental hygiene and many other humanitarian projects.

To pass from the general to the particular, and thereby illustrate some features of the useful life of Mrs. Bovaird, let us point out that she was the first in this part of the State to introduce the giving of milk to under-nourished children in the public schools. This was financed by private subscriptions and the methods and means used by her were commended by the Federal Children's Bureau and recommended to other communities.

Mrs. Bovaird was also one of the pioneers of the safe and sane Fourth of July, but went about her purpose not by seeing that the municipal authorities forbade the sale of firecrackers and fireworks, but by organizing a grand parade with a succession of floats depicting the history of our country from the discovery by Christopher Columbus to the inauguration of General George Washington, as President of the United States. The work was developed with coöperation of schools and civic associations, floats were peopled by school children and prepared by organizations of many nationalities. On the fair grounds athletic and other events were carried on, and the Independence Day was concluded with a tremendous burst of fireworks.

Of the Bradford Hospital Mrs. Bovaird has been an outstanding benefactor. At one time it was allowed to "run down," for be it remembered, Bradford has had its

periods of booms and extreme depressions. Mrs. Bovaird came valiantly to the rescue, and as a member and president of the Women's Auxiliary, by promotion of public meetings, aroused the public to an appreciation of the institution, and of its needs. Large sums of money were collected, the hospital rehabilitated, and later came a laboratory and X-ray department, enlarged operating and emergency rooms; the nursing school was reestablished and the hospital is now one of the best equipped and serviced in the western New York and Pennsylvania region. There is a revealing story told of Mrs. Bovaird's tact, versatility and understanding that came to the rescue of the institution and its staff. It seems that criticism began to spread of the fact that the hospital made a charge for the use of the operating room, and some folk were inclined to withhold their support. Mrs. Bovaird saw at once that there was a lack of understanding that could readily be eliminated. To this end she called a meeting of the citizens of Bradford, and had a physician deliver a lecture on the enormous amount of detail work there was about an operation both before and after. A demonstration was given, including the sterilization of surgical instruments, and a thousand and one things that enter into even a simple operation. It proved so enlightening and convincing that a movement began right there that eventuated in the building of a new surgical unit, the last word in arrangement and technical equipment. In her own intelligent and common sense way, Mrs. Bovaird had turned the tide of public opinion and added one more to her noteworthy humanitarian accomplishments.

Possibly most interesting of Mrs. Bovaird's activities are those undertaken for the improvement of Bradford. Mrs. Bovaird took up the cudgels for a better Bradford, despite the opposition of those who fight any municipal improvement that costs something. In an active and aggressive campaign, combined with personal contacts with the State offices at Harrisburg, she initiated the movement for the improvement of Bradford that gathered force and its citizens became civic-minded and beauty-conscious, converted to the idea that the city must not only be made livable but a place that could be respected and admired. Today Bradford is a city where practically every home yard has a floral display in the summer, and is attractive in the winter.

Mrs. Bovaird was frequently urged to stand for the mayorship, and at almost any time she could have received nomination for the State Legislature. But she has always declined, endeavoring to make clear that she sought no public honors, but only to further the improvement of Bradford and the welfare of its citizens and all the children in the State.

Mrs. Emma (Griffith) Bovaird is less active than formerly in public affairs, but she still retains what Carrie Jacobs Bond once called "a childlike attitude that arises



Emma L. Dora



every morning to a fresh new world, filled with a multitude of interesting things . . . and makes every day a full one, and each life abundantly fruitful."

ALBERT RUSSELL GIRDWOOD—At the time he was fourteen years old, Albert Russell Girdwood embarked upon the active career whose progress has brought him steadily widening interests and responsibilities. He is now superintendent, secretary and treasurer of the Shenango Valley Water Company at Sharon, where his activities have centered during the past two decades.

Mr. Girdwood was born in Pittsburgh on January 22, 1877, son of James and Rebecca (Russell) Girdwood. His father, a retail merchant in Pittsburgh, died in 1913. Mr. Girdwood received his general education in the public schools of Pittsburgh and supplemented this training by a course at Duff's Business College. His initial business experience was obtained in his father's retail mercantile business in Pittsburgh, which he entered at the age of fourteen and with which he remained until 1899, when he left to become associated with the Civil Engineer Corporation in Pittsburgh. Four years later, in 1903, he entered the employ of Booth & Flinn, general contractors, for whom he acted as paymaster over a period of years. His appointment as superintendent of the Shenango Valley Water Company followed in 1920, when he came to make his home in this city. Mr. Girdwood was also elected secretary, treasurer and a director of the company, as well as superintendent. These offices he still holds, having the principal responsibility for the operation of the company.

Mr. Girdwood is also a director of the Valley Savings & Loan Company of Sharon. He is one of the best known and most respected citizens of the community, and his influence has been widely felt in its general life and institutions. He is past president of the Chamber of Commerce; a member of the Rotary Club, of which he has been treasurer for ten years; member of the Sharon Country Club; and although he has not entered public life since coming to this city, he has a record of service as councilman of the city of Pittsburgh during his residence there. Mr. Girdwood is also a prominent Mason, being affiliated in this order with all higher Scottish Rite bodies, including New Castle Consistory, in which he has taken the thirty-second degree, and with Zem Zem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Erie. He is a Republican in politics and a member and vestryman of St. John's Episcopal Church in Sharon.

In 1906, at Pittsburgh, Mr. Girdwood married Martha Rosser, daughter of Joseph and May Jane Rosser. They are the parents of three children: 1. Ruth, born October 13, 1907, who lives with her parents at Sharon. 2. Rebecca, born January 5, 1910, who married John Murchie,

an industrial engineer at Harvey, Illinois, and has two children: John, born in 1937; and James, born in 1939. 3. Mary Jane, born October 28, 1911, who married William Edeburn, employed in the service department of the Shenango Valley Water Company at Sharon. They have one son, Richard, born in 1934.

MEYER YANOWITZ—As secretary, treasurer and general manager of the Sharon Tube Company at Sharon, Meyer Yanowitz has played a major rôle in the development of this business during the past decade. He has acquired a wide background of industrial experience since he first came to this country in 1916 and has been associated with the Sharon Tube Company during the greater part of its history.

Mr. Yanowitz was born in Russia in 1892, son of Sholon and Sarah (Beiser) Yanowitz. His mother died in 1933, and his father resides in Sharon. He received his education abroad and began his active career in 1906 with a large sales corporation in Poland. Subsequently, from 1914 to 1916, he was official buyer for the Russian Government in China and Japan. At the end of this time, in 1916, Mr. Yanowitz came to the United States, spent two years in the dry goods business and in 1918, seeking larger opportunities, established a plumbing supply company. In 1920 he went in business with his cousin, A. Chasnoff, under the name United Pipe & Nipple Corporation, manufacturers of pipe nipples in Brooklyn, New York. Mr. Yanowitz became secretary and treasurer of this concern and served as such until 1931, when he sold his interest. Meanwhile, in 1925, he moved to Pittsburgh and became associated with the Columbia Steel & Tube Company, Inc., of New York City, as Pittsburgh representative of the company. When the Sharon Tube Company was organized at Sharon in 1929, Mr. Yanowitz participated and in 1931 was elected secretary, treasurer and general manager. These offices he has since held.

The Sharon Tube Company are manufacturers of all kinds of pipe, distributed in the national market. The Sharon plant covers five and one-half acres, of which two acres are under roof, and the organization gives full-time employment to 104 people. Mr. Yanowitz has borne much of the responsibility for the active management of the business, whose growth reflects his experience and the quality of his executive leadership.

In addition to this connection, Mr. Yanowitz is a director of the United Pipe & Nipple Company of Chicago and treasurer of the Engineering Device Corporation of New York City. Since coming to Sharon in 1929, he has taken a keen interest in all civic affairs and has strongly supported all movements designed to promote the improvement and civic progress of the community. He is a member of the Sharon Chamber of Commerce, the Sharon Country Club, the Chicago Tower Club, the Benevolent

and Protective Order of Elks and the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith, and with his family is a member of the House of Israel Temple at Sharon, on whose board he serves.

In 1923, in New York City, Mr. Yanowitz married Rose Sussman, daughter of Joseph and Clara Sussman. They are the parents of two children: Irwin, born February 10, 1926, now a student in Sharon High School; and Herbert, born June 10, 1936.

KEMP G. ACKER, D. D. S.—An outstanding member of the dental profession in Mercer County, Dr. Kemp G. Acker, of Sharon, is also widely known and respected throughout northwestern Pennsylvania for his generous support of many civic and social enterprises.

Born at Washington, District of Columbia, November 6, 1885, Kemp G. Acker is the son of William J. and Jessie (Burgess) Acker. William J. Acker, who passed away in 1914, spent a busy life as a contractor in Washington.

After passing through the public and high schools of Washington, Kemp G. Acker entered Pennsylvania State College, from which institution he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1909. Becoming interested in dentistry, he entered Northwestern University and took his degree as Doctor of Dental Surgery there in 1918. He followed his university work by enlistment in the United States Army Training Corps for Officers, being stationed in Florida. In 1919 Dr. Acker established himself in the practice of his profession at Sharon, taking an office in the Dollar Title & Trust Company Building, quarters which he has occupied through the present time, enjoying a large practice. Keenly interested in all organizations and enterprises aimed at the business and social development of Sharon, Dr. Acker has given generously of his time and talents. He is a member of the Sharon Country Club and the Sharon Post of the American Legion. Supporting his professional interests by membership in the Pennsylvania State Dental Association and the National Dental Association, Dr. Acker has also been very active in the Mercer County Dental Association, a body which has recognized his ability by electing him president. A member of the St. John's Episcopal Church of Sharon and also belonging to Sigma Chi fraternity, the doctor takes keen interest in Masonry, his memberships including Sharon Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, New Castle Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Erie Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

On June 1, 1918, at Sharon, Kemp G. Acker married Leah M. Mitchell, the daughter of Dr. A. J. and Molly (Yahries) Mitchell, of Sharon. Dr. and Mrs. Acker are the parents of two children: 1. William M., born in 1922, and a student at Dennison University. 2. Albert E., born in 1925, now attending the Sharon High School.

JAMES G. PAUL—One of Bradford's leading business men, James G. Paul was president of the Producers' Bank & Trust Company, of this city, until his death in November, 1941.

Mr. Paul was born October 11, 1864, in Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, son of Ulrich J. Paul, who came from Germany, and was for years an engineer on the Pennsylvania Railroad until killed April 12, 1866, in the course of performing his duties.

Common schools provided James G. Paul's early formal education. As a boy he worked in the oil trade, but in 1889 he went into the grocery business in Bradford. Paul's Grocery has been, since that time, one of the landmarks of the community. Meanwhile, he acquired oil properties, and he was active as a producer for many years, operating leases of his own and holding an interest in others. In 1915 he was appointed postmaster of Bradford, so serving until 1922. In 1926 he was a prime mover in the organization of the Producers' Bank & Trust Company, of which he was president to the time of his passing. He was also one of the principal organizers of McKean County Building & Loan Association, and its treasurer since 1916.

Taking a lively interest in civic affairs, Mr. Paul was a Democrat. For fourteen years he was a member of the Bradford City Council, and also served on the school board here. He was a member of the Bradford Board of Commerce and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Mr. Paul married Mary E. Goodman, of Rew City, Pennsylvania, who died in July, 1937. They became the parents of one daughter: Grace (Paul) Nunamaker, graduated from Bradford schools, who has one son, James Paul Nunamaker, born 1921, a student at Villanova College.

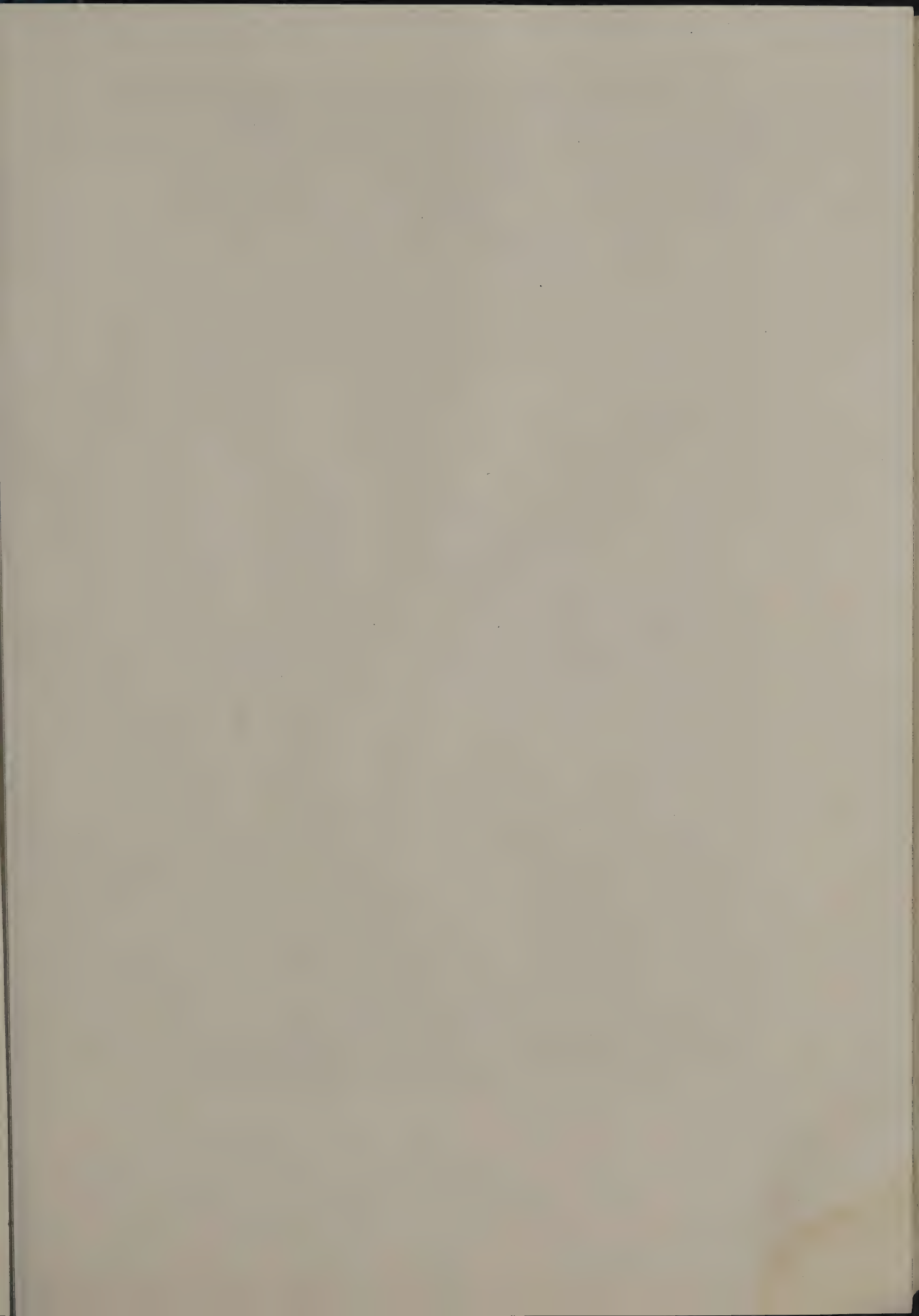
JOHN M. BROODER—One of Bradford's active civic leaders and business men, John M. Brooder is vice-president, treasurer and a director of the Producers' Bank & Trust Company, of this city.

Mr. Brooder was born in Kane, Pennsylvania, son of Edward and Ellen (McMahon) Brooder. His father, who came from Sartwell, McKean County, and is now deceased, was one of the builders of the old Thompson House, at Kane. Later he was associated with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, serving as a foreman with them for forty years. The mother, Mrs. Ellen (McMahon) Brooder, came from Olean, New York.

Public and high schools of Kane, Pennsylvania, provided John M. Brooder's early formal education, and he attended Penn State College for two years. Next he entered the employ of the First National Bank, in Kane, serving first as a clerk, then in other capacities, until, in 1926, he left the organization to come to Bradford. Here



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he accepted the treasurership of the Producers' Bank & Trust Company, with which he has continued. He is, at the time of writing, vice-president, treasurer and a director of this Bradford institution.

More than ordinarily active in civic affairs, Mr. Brooder is a Republican and a member of several local organizations. He is a member of the Rotary Club and vice-president of the Bradford Chamber of Commerce, and also belongs to the Bradford Club, the Pennhills Club and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member, too, of St. Bernard's Roman Catholic Church. He enjoys golf as a hobby.

On October 1, 1913, John M. Brooder married Clara M. Smith, of Cleveland, Ohio.

PAUL STOLZ—One of the more recent welcome additions to the younger group of active citizens of Sharon, Pennsylvania, Paul Stolz came to this place as a Boy Scout executive. With this fine organization he has been identified for eighteen years and to its development has given his best abilities and energy. He is equally devoted to civic service of the community.

Mr. Stolz was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, June 5, 1899, son of John C. and Mary Victoria (Bitler) Stolz, his father being a retired business man. Paul Stolz completed his formal education in Bucknell University, in 1920, being graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. In the meanwhile, from 1917 to 1920, he was associated with the Pennsylvania Railroad System, as a draftsman, and after leaving college joined the Taylor Stoker Company, Philadelphia. He was with this concern until 1922 when he became connected with the American Telephone Company, in Philadelphia, as engineer, remaining here until 1933. In that year he became inspector for the Sears Roebuck Company, also in Philadelphia. In 1935 the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America appointed Mr. Stolz an associate Scout executive for this organization at Reading, Pennsylvania. He already had two years' experience as part-time Boy Scout field executive in Philadelphia (1922 to 1935).

In 1937 Mr. Stolz was transferred to Sharon, Pennsylvania, and assumed the post of Scout executive for Mercer County, and is still serving in this capacity. In conjunction with his work, Mr. Stolz has taken special courses at the Mortimer Schiff National Training School for Scout Executives.

While in Bucknell University, during the First World War period, Mr. Stolz served with the Student Army Training Corps. He is a member of the F. H. Buhl Club, and his religious affiliations are with the Presbyterian Church, where he is much to the fore in religious and welfare activities.

At Sharon, Pennsylvania, on September 14, 1940, Paul Stolz married Louise H. Fitz, director of the Shenango Valley Girl Scouts Council.

WILLIAM MARSHALL ARMSTRONG—One of the oldest wholesale grocery establishments in western Pennsylvania and one of the oldest business enterprises of any kind in Sharon is the Armstrong Grocery Company, of which William Marshall Armstrong is president. The Armstrong family has long been established in this region, and its different members have taken a lively part in social and civic affairs.

The Armstrong Grocery Company was incorporated in 1903 by Mr. Armstrong's grandfather, W. B. Marshall, and his father, W. J. Armstrong. The mother was Etta (Marshall) Armstrong. The business has continued constantly in the hands of the family, being maintained as one of Sharon's substantial and reliable institutions.

William Marshall Armstrong, present head of the company, was born in 1901 in Sharon, Pennsylvania, and attended school there. Later he attended Mercersburg Academy, in Mercersburg, Pennsylvania, and was graduated in 1923 from Yale College, in New Haven, Connecticut. Upon leaving Yale, Mr. Armstrong succeeded his father in the grocery business and is still serving in this capacity, the other officers being, C. C. Marshall, son of W. B. Marshall, vice-president; W. L. Woodford, treasurer; and C. C. Miller, secretary.

The firm markets its products to retail stores and institutions within a one-hundred-mile radius from Sharon. They handle all staple groceries, fresh and frosted foods and institutional supplies. They have a fleet of six trucks and employ about thirty people. The company warehouse and office of the business are situated in Sharon.

In addition to his business activities, William Marshall Armstrong interests himself extensively in community affairs. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the Sharon Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club and the Sharon Country Club. He serves as a director of the Mercer County Home for Crippled Children, belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is a trustee of the First Presbyterian Church of Sharon. He also is affiliated with the United Commercial Travelers.

William Marshall Armstrong married, June 20, 1931, in Fayette, Ohio, Amy L. Crane, daughter of George H. and Eve (Rorick) Crane, of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong became the parents of three children: 1. Amy Armstrong, born in 1933. 2. William Armstrong, born in 1936. 3. Alice Armstrong, born in 1938.

HENRY GEORGE SCHALL—Much of Henry George Schall's business activity has gone into the enrichment of the Sharon-Farrell region of western Pennsylvania. A resident of Sharon, he has for some years

been connected with the Sharon Coal & Ice Company, of which he is secretary-treasurer and general manager, and he is also active in other business and community enterprises.

Mr. Schall was born May 2, 1892, in Warren, Ohio, son of John George and Lizzie (Wuertz) Schall. His father was a mill worker in Warren, Ohio.

Henry George Schall attended grammar and high school at Warren, Ohio, and Duff's College of Business Training, in Pittsburgh, and afterward had courses with the La Salle Extension University, mainly in higher accountancy. He began his career in the auditors' department of Carnegie Steel Corporation, in Pittsburgh, where he remained in 1911 and 1912. Then he became associated with the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company, serving in their time department. He also spent eight months with the Studebaker Corporation, in Detroit, and then in 1914 became manager of a furniture store in Farrell. In 1917 Mr. Schall was made secretary-treasurer and part-owner of the Farrell Furniture Store, so continuing until 1923. From that year until 1927 he acted as accountant to different local companies, and in 1928 he became treasurer of the People's Coal & Supply Company, of Sharon.

In 1929 Mr. Schall became connected with the Sharon Coal & Ice Company, of Sharon, as auditor and assistant manager. In 1938 this company made him secretary-treasurer and general manager, and he has remained in these positions down to the time of writing. In addition to this work, Mr. Schall is president of the Shenango Valley Retail Company, vice-president of the Rotary Club, a member and director of the Chamber of Commerce, and auditor of the Sharon Country Club, of which he is an active member.

A Republican in politics, he has also acted as auditor of the town of West Middlesex. Formerly he was president of the West Middlesex Council. He also served at one time as a director of the Sharon Rotary Club. Among his other activities, he is a member of the National Association of Public Accountants, the Loyal Order of Moose, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Free and Accepted Masons. In the Masonic Order he is affiliated with New Castle Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Zem Zem Temple (Erie), Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is treasurer and a trustee of the Methodist Church.

Henry George Schall married, July 1, 1913, in West Middlesex, Pennsylvania, Tillie Mackey, daughter of Andrew and Sarah (Reed) Mackey.

CLINTON DARROW SHANER—Widely known for his contribution to Sharpsville's business life, Clinton Darrow Shaner is one of the Shenango Valley's leading professional jewelers. He conducts the Shaner Jewelry Store at No. 12 Walnut Street, Sharpsville, and owns the

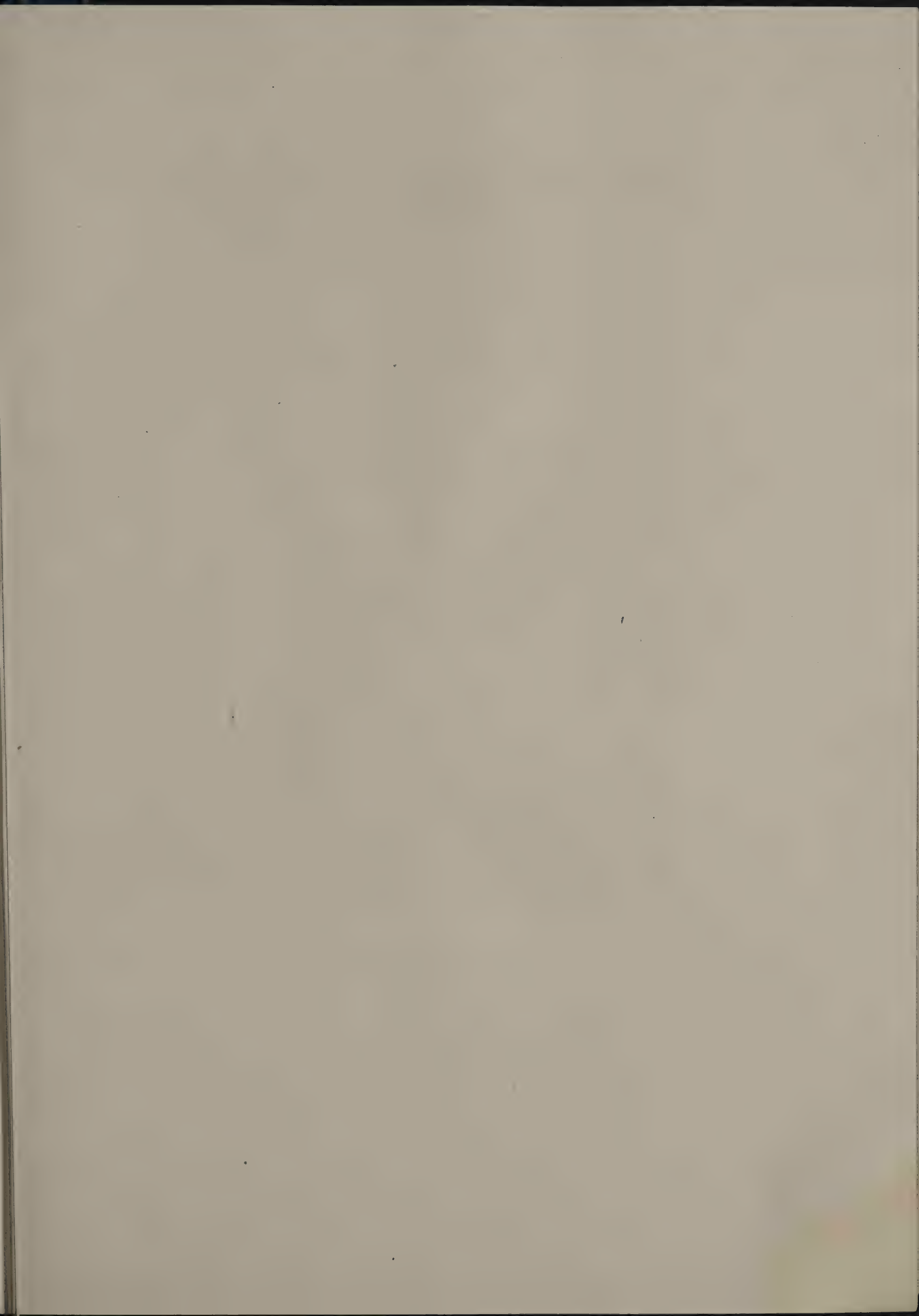
building and property at the address where he operates this business.

Mr. Shaner was born January 30, 1887, in Clarion County, Pennsylvania, son of Ambrose Charles and Eva (McKee) Shaner. His father worked as a boy in steel furnaces in the western part of Pennsylvania, but in 1896 began buying and selling jewelry from his own home and making a few simple pieces. In 1902 he established a store in Sharpsville, of which he was sole owner and manager until he sold it to his son in 1921 and retired from his active endeavors. He died in 1936. The McKees, Clinton D. Shaner's maternal forebears, were Clarion County pioneers, and it was at the old McKee homestead that he was reared by his great-aunt, Mrs. Mary (Moggey) McKee, after his mother's death in 1887.

Clinton Darrow Shaner attended Clarion County schools; the Bowman Technical School, in Lancaster, Pennsylvania; and the Michigan State Auto School, in Detroit, Michigan. He worked on his great-uncle's farm for two years, and in 1906 applied for work as a fireman on the Pennsylvania Railroad. Later he was promoted to engineer, and served in that capacity until 1917, when he resigned with a perfect record. After Clinton Darrow Shaner left the railroad, in 1917, he went to the Bowman Technical School, in Lancaster, to study jewelry and watchmaking. He had been there only a year, however, when the United States entered the World War of 1917-18 and he interrupted his course to join the army. Enlisting at Washington, District of Columbia, Mr. Shaner was placed in the Ordnance Division, then transferred to the Chemical Warfare Service at Edgewood Arsenal in Maryland. While there, he served one month in the electrical division and finished his enlistment as an engineer in the railroad division. After three months he was given the rating of sergeant.

The war ended, Mr. Shaner returned to the Bowman Technical School, in Lancaster, where he finished his course. Then he was associated with his father in the jewelry business in Sharpsville for a year. In 1920 he attended the Michigan State Auto School for a year, but in 1921 returned to Sharpsville and bought his father's store, which was at that time situated at No. 130 Mercer Avenue. In 1934 he removed the establishment to No. 12 Walnut Street, where he bought the building in 1935.

A Republican in politics, active in community affairs, Mr. Shaner belongs to many organizations in the valley—the Sharon Chamber of Commerce, the Sharon Stamp Club, the Sharpsville Service Club, the American Legion, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the Brotherhood of Railway Firemen. In the Free and Accepted Masons he is affiliated with the Knights Templar Commandery and the Sharon drill team of Knights Templar, charter member of New Castle Consistory, Ancient Ac-





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cepted Scottish Rite (in which he holds the thirty-second degree), the Order of Eastern Star and the White Shrine of Jerusalem. He is a member of Syria Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in Pittsburgh. He is a trustee of the Presbyterian Church, in Sharpsville, having so served since 1926, and was formerly president of the board of trustees.

In 1934, in Sharon, Pennsylvania, Clinton Darrow Shaner married Louise McCullough, daughter of James McCullough, who was engaged in the sawmill business and was the oldest member of the vestry in the Farrell United Presbyterian Church. Mr. McCullough lived to be eighty-seven and died in 1940. Mrs. Shaner, before her marriage, taught in the Farrell and Sharon schools for eighteen years, and long lived in Farrell's eleventh house, which was built by her parents there. She is a member of the Order of Eastern Star, the Lady Esther Club and the Business and Professional Women's Club.

JAMES A. HANEY—For many years actively engaged in the coal business in Wheatland, James A. Haney was one of the highly esteemed business men of this borough and of Mercer County. His activities were many-sided in both business and public affairs, and he earned the admiration and confidence of all with whom he came in contact. At the same time his leadership, his delightful personality and character, and his splendid qualities of mind and heart endeared him to friends in all walks of life and brought to him the affection of many.

Mr. Haney was born in 1877 in Wheatland, Pennsylvania, and attended public schools here. Early in life he turned his attention to business, and he was mainly known as owner and operator of the Haney Coal Company, one of Wheatland's leading enterprises. From small beginnings, he enlarged and expanded the business until it became the leading retail coal company in the community. He was its sole owner until 1925, when, at his death, it was taken over by Mrs. Haney.

Always taking the deepest interest in Wheatland affairs, Mr. Haney was a Republican in his political alignment. He served for a number of years as town constable and tax collector. He was also active in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and in the Methodist Church.

In 1898 James A. Haney married Rosa E. Bair. Mrs. Haney took over the business of the Haney Coal Company at her husband's death, and still owns it, though she has leased the business to others. She is postmaster of Wheatland, having been so named in 1938 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. She is a member of the Methodist Church and secretary of the Woman's Society. Mr. and Mrs. Haney became the parents of three children: 1. Lawrence Haney, born in 1910, married Virginia Morse; they became the parents of two children: Dolores and Jack

Haney. 2. Victor Haney, born in 1912, married Erma Taylor; they have three children: Victor Haney, Jr., Annabelle Haney, and Rose Ellen Haney. 3. Annabelle Haney, born in 1914, wife of Ernest Taylor; they have one son, James E. Taylor.

The death of James A. Haney, in 1925, was an occasion of wide sorrow in Wheatland and wherever he was known. His business life was exemplary, and the influence that he exerted upon his associates in every department of life was for the best. He will be long and affectionately remembered.

WILLIAM PITT GIFFORD—Since the turn of the century, William Pitt Gifford has been engaged in the practice of law at Erie. He is a leading member of the Erie County bar, a well-known figure in the general life of the city and a prominent Mason, who has risen to high position in the order.

Mr. Gifford was born at Greeley, Colorado, on October 5, 1874, but is a member of a Pennsylvania family. His father, Martin Van Buren Gifford, was born in Erie County on July 31, 1837, and died in the city of Erie on April 21, 1922. Originally a farmer in this State, he spent ten years as a rancher in Colorado, and after his return to Pennsylvania was elected sheriff of Erie County in 1885, serving in this office for three years. He was also a veteran of the Civil War, in which he saw active service as captain in the 83d Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. He married Mary Allison, who was born in Erie County on March 18, 1842, and died at Erie in June, 1939. She was a daughter of William and Harriet M. (Carson) Allison, farmers, who came to Pennsylvania from New England and were pioneer settlers in Erie County.

William Pitt Gifford, son of this marriage, received his preparatory education in the Erie public schools, where he completed the high school course in 1893, and subsequently entered Stanford University in California, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1897. He returned to Erie, where he completed his preparations for the bar in the office of S. A. Davenport, a local attorney. On December 29, 1899, he was admitted to practice and has since devoted himself to the responsibilities of his profession in the city of Erie. For about ten years, Mr. Gifford was associated in practice with W. S. Carroll and during this period served two terms as district attorney, a total of six years. In 1910 he became a member of the law firm of Gunnison, Fish, Gifford and Chapin, a connection continued until the present time. He is active in the extensive practice of his firm, which centers in the field of corporation law and the settlement of estates, and during the course of his career has represented many important interests.

Mr. Gifford is a member of the American Bar Association, the Pennsylvania State Bar Association and the Erie

County Bar Society. In addition to his professional connections, he is a director of the First National Bank and other institutions and for many years has been influential in the civic life of Erie. He has also been interested in the Boy Scout movement and now serves as president of Erie County Council, Boy Scouts of America. He has devoted much time to the Masonic Order and its work and has won many distinctions in the order. Mr. Gifford is affiliated with Commonwealth Lodge, No. 695, Free and Accepted Masons, and with the higher Masonic bodies, including Mount Olivet Commandery, No. 30, Knights Templar, of which he is Past Commander; Zem Zem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of which he is Past Potentate; and the Scottish Rite bodies, up to and including the thirty-third degree of the Consistory, Masonry's greatest honor. At the present time he is also Grand Captain General of the Pennsylvania Grand Commandery, Knights Templar. His loyalty to the ideals of Masonry and long service in the order have made him one of its acknowledged leaders in northwest Pennsylvania. Mr. Gifford is also a member of the honor scholastic society, Phi Beta Kappa; and the legal fraternity of Phi Delta Phi and of Delta Upsilon, his college fraternity. He is a member of the Erie Club, the Kahkira Club and the Shrine Club of Erie. During the First World War he served on the Legal Advisory Board at Erie and made public addresses in the interests of the Liberty Loan drives and other war-time movements. He is a Republican in politics and a member and president of the board of trustees of Covenant Presbyterian Church in Erie. Golf is his principal recreation.

On February 15, 1900, William Pitt Gifford married Mae Stanton, who was born in central New York, daughter of John W. and Jennie (Hoagland) Stanton. They are the parents of three children: 1. Gladys, now Mrs. James L. Guerdon, wife of an Erie insurance executive, who has two sons: William P. and James L. 2. Jean, now Mrs. Donald R. Carter, whose husband is engaged in the real estate business in Erie. They have two sons: Donald and Richard. 3. John S. Gifford, an architect in New York City, who married Jean Powers, of Larchmont, New York.

JOHN PHILIP CURRY, Sr.—A wide variety of experience in the business world has equipped John Philip Curry, Sr., for his work as local manager of the United Natural Gas Company of Sharon.

Mr. Curry was born in 1878 in Emlenton, Pennsylvania, son of Peter H. and Mary (Werner) Curry and member of an old family who have been associated with this region of Pennsylvania for five generations. His father, a contractor and merchant in Emlenton, was also a pioneer in the gas and oil industry and was prominent in Emlenton affairs.

John Philip Curry, Sr., attended Emlenton schools, and began his active business career there in the construction of gas mains in 1895, in the employ of Harry J. Crawford. He then attended business college, majoring in telegraphy. In 1898 he became associated with the East Ohio Gas Company, in Akron, Ohio, starting as a bookkeeper and holding different positions until he became assistant manager. In 1902 Mr. Curry was transferred to Du Bois, Pennsylvania, and while there he became local manager of the Oil City Fuel Supply Company. It was in 1910 that he came to Sharon as local manager of the United Natural Gas Company, of this city.

Continuing this work down to the time of writing, Mr. Curry is also active in civic affairs in Sharon. He belongs to the Roman Catholic Church here, is treasurer of the Knights of Columbus and a director of the Sharon Chamber of Commerce and the Mercer County Boy Scout organization, and holds membership in the Protected Home Circle.

In 1903, in Du Bois, Pennsylvania, John Philip Curry, Sr., married Leona Hetherington, daughter of George H. and Mathilda (Clark) Hetherington. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Helen Curry, wife of Joseph L. McNerney, of the Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corporation. 2. Sarah Curry, wife of A. D. Bartlett, of the Isaly Dairy Company, Youngstown, Ohio. 3. John Curry, Jr., with the McDowell National Bank. 4. Mary A. Curry, with the Protected Home Circle. 5. Gregg Curry, with the South Penn Oil Company, in Bradford, Pennsylvania. 6. Richard Curry, with the South Penn Oil Company, in Pittsburgh. 7. Betty Ann Curry, with the Sharon Store, in Sharon. 8. James Curry, a student. 9. Blythe Curry, died in 1911.

JAMES R. GEMMILL—The career of James R. Gemmill is divided chronologically into two parts—his earlier years as a manufacturer, during which he headed Sharpsville Boiler Works, still one of the leading industries of Sharpsville, and his later years which have been devoted primarily to banking and finance. Since 1916 he has served as president of the First National Bank of Sharpsville.

Mr. Gemmill was born at Martinsburg, Virginia, now West Virginia, in 1856, son of Matthew and Margaret (Young) Gemmill. At an early age he accompanied his parents to Pennsylvania and obtained his education in the public schools of Sharpsville and Pittsburgh. When he was thirteen, he left school and went into the Gemmill boiler works at Sharpsville, an enterprise established by his father which has played a very important part in the history of this community. Known later as the Sharpsville Boiler Works and at present as the Sharpsville Steel Fabricating Company, it is one of the major industries of the borough today.

James R. Gemmill remained in the shop of his father's company until 1874, when he migrated to the West and found employment there with several different concerns as a bookkeeper. Returning to Sharpsville in 1877, he again became associated with his father in the local boiler works and upon the death of Matthew Gemmill, in 1882, he inherited the business. As sole owner, he continued the operation of the company successfully until 1916, when he sold the company and assumed his present responsibilities as president of the First National Bank of Sharpsville, succeeding Frank Pierce. As head of the institution he has provided a sound and forceful leadership which has maintained the solidity of the bank and made possible the gradual expansion of its resources and operations.

As one of the oldest residents of Sharpsville, Mr. Gemmill has achieved an enviable record and up until the last few years has been regarded as the natural leader in all civic and community affairs. Although his business hours are limited at the present time, his advice and counsel are still sought on most important matters by business men and other leaders of the community. Mr. Gemmill is a Republican in politics, and for a period of years had been a member of the school board, and active in civic affairs. He is also a member of the American Bankers' Association. He is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is Past Master of the Blue Lodge. In religious faith he is a Presbyterian.

On December 25, 1878, in Sharpsville, James R. Gemmill married Mae R. Hawk, daughter of Eli W. and Elizabeth (Burroughs) Hawk. Seven children have been born to them: 1. Edwin LeRoy, born October 13, 1879, married May Arrowsmith. They have two children: Mary and Robert. 2. Edith G., born in 1881, residing in the Sharpsville family home. 3. Elizabeth M., born in 1883, married Clyde Merry. They have four children: Ralph, Edith, Alice, and Norman. 4. Laura J., born in 1884, died the same year. 5. Margaret, born in 1885, died in 1887. 6. James R., born in 1888, died in 1890. 7. Walter E., born in 1890, married Hazel Wilson and has two children: James and Wilson.

SAMUEL JOHNSON ORR—Although trained to the profession of law and still active in its practice, Samuel Johnson Orr has devoted the greater part of his time for many years to the fire insurance business which he successfully conducts at Greenville. Not only because of his business and professional connections, but also because of his wide interests in civic affairs and public life, he has long been prominent in Mercer County.

Mr. Orr was born in Fairview Township, Mercer County, on February 27, 1874, son of Robert and Mary (Paden) Orr. His father, a Civil War veteran, who

served with the 63d Pennsylvania Volunteers from 1861 to 1865, was a merchant and a pioneer in the fire insurance business at Mercer. From 1881 to 1883, he was also county treasurer of this county.

Samuel Johnson Orr received his early education in the public schools of Mercer and after completing the high school course in 1891, entered Washington and Jefferson College, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1895. During the following year he was associated with the People's Natural Gas Company of Pittsburgh. In 1896-97 he served as deputy prothonotary of Mercer County and in 1897-98 was instructor in Mercer High School. At the end of this time he turned to the study of law and in 1900 was admitted to the Pennsylvania bar, beginning his practice in Greenville. Within a relatively brief period he developed an important practice, to which he devoted his principal attention until 1918. In the latter year he largely withdrew from the practice of law, although retaining a few professional associations and has since given most of his time and energy to his fire insurance business in Greenville. Under his energetic leadership it has grown to large proportions.

Meanwhile, Mr. Orr had also won honors in public life. As an active Republican, he attained influence in his party and in 1917 was elected Burgess of Greenville, a post he held until 1922. In 1921 he represented this district in the lower house of the Pennsylvania State Legislature, where he added to his stature as an able and devoted public official. He has retained his influence in his party and his active interest in civic and public affairs, serving in recent years as president of the Borough Council. In addition to his own business and his professional connections, Mr. Orr has been associated with most of Greenville's principal community institutions, is a member and president of the Chamber of Commerce, member of the Greenville Country Club and Greenville Motor Club and is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Loyal Order of Moose, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. He is also a member of the Mercer County Bar Association. Mr. Orr is an Episcopalian.

He married, on September 1, 1903, at Greenville, Mabel Packard, daughter of Daniel P. and Julie (Block) Packard. Mr. and Mrs. Orr are the parents of four children: 1. Mary Packard, born July 15, 1905, married Howard A. Kelly, a teacher in Academy High School, Erie, Pennsylvania. They have two children: Howard S. and Roberta. 2. Julie Packard, born April 3, 1907, married Victor A. Grove. 3. Robert Lincoln, born February 22, 1911, an attorney at Beaver Falls. He has one son, Samuel Johnson, 3d. 4. Samuel Johnson, Jr., born November 2, 1914, now associated with the Pennsylvania Power Company at Greenville.

HOLMES CROSBY—As an architect Holmes Crosby, of Oil City, has been charged with erection of some of the leading buildings of this region of Pennsylvania. Both Venango and neighboring counties boast of public buildings planned and executed by him.

Mr. Crosby was born December 23, 1888, in Garland, Pennsylvania, son of the Rev. Willis K. and Nellie (Murray) Crosby. On the paternal side of his house, his grandfather, Daniel Crosby, was born in Herkimer County, New York, and died in Wilson, New York, after a valuable career in farming; he married Susan Kirby, a native of New York State, who died at Lockport, that State. The Crosbys came originally from Connecticut to Herkimer County, New York. The Rev. Willis K. Crosby was born in Niagara County, New York, and after attending Hamilton College (now known as Colgate University) he became a Methodist clergyman, holding pastorates in different parts of northwestern Pennsylvania, the last one being at Edinboro, until he retired and took up his residence in Oil City, where he lives at the time of writing. He is a member of the Erie Conference of his church. A resident of Oil City since 1920, he has taken a deep interest in local problems and activities, is a Republican in politics, and has done much for the uplift of Venango County and this Commonwealth. His wife, Mrs. Nellie (Murray) Crosby, was born in Erie County, Pennsylvania, and died in Pittsburgh in 1909, daughter of James Murray, a native of Cattaraugus County, New York, a farmer and lumberman by occupation, who fought in the Seminole Indian wars, and who died in Wattsburg, Pennsylvania.

Holmes Crosby was graduated from Grove City High School in 1907, and in 1912 took the degree of Bachelor of Arts at the Carnegie School of Technology, in Pittsburgh. There he studied architecture, and postgraduated in the same subject, receiving the degree of Master of Arts in 1914. He also holds a Certificate of the Beaux Arts Architects. He associated himself, in 1913, with E. J. Wood, an architect of Clarksburg, West Virginia, with whom he remained for one year. After receiving his Master's degree, however, Mr. Crosby spent a year in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Wheeling, West Virginia, only coming to Oil City in 1915. In 1922 he established offices for the practice of architecture in the Henry I. Beers Building, this city, and began the activities that were destined to carry him so far as a designer and builder of buildings. He has served as architect for some of the leading edifices in this part of Pennsylvania: the Odd Fellows' Children's Home, in Meadville; the Crawford School, in Emlenton; the Colestock High School, in Titusville; the Heard Memorial School, in North East, Pennsylvania; the Post Office, in Grove City; Mercer County

Hospital, in Mercer; the Senior High School, in Oil City, and many others.

In politics Mr. Crosby has been a consistent Republican. In 1940, by appointment, he became a member of the council of Oil City as director of streets and public improvements. He belongs to Petrolia Lodge, No. 363, Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he is also affiliated with the Venango Lodge of Perfection and New Castle Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, holding the thirty-second degree. He belongs to the Kiwanis Club and the Sigma Nu fraternity, as well as to the Pennsylvania Association of Architects, and is a trustee of Trinity Methodist Church. In spare time Mr. Crosby enjoys recreations that are also of an artistic character, notably oil painting.

Holmes Crosby married, September 24, 1912, Frances Forrester, who was born in Grove City, daughter of W. J. and Margaret (Shay) Forrester, residents of Mercer, near which Mr. Forrester is engaged in farming. Mr. and Mrs. Crosby became the parents of the following children: 1. Capt. William H. Crosby, M. D., a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, he interned at Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, District of Columbia; he married Marian Hosfeld, of Philadelphia. 2. Forrester Crosby, associated with the General Electric Company, in Erie; he is a graduate of both Oil City High School and the General Electric Apprentice School in Erie; he married Helen Anderton, of Oil City. 3. Margaret Ann Crosby, a student in the Art School at the Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh. 4. Marian Frances Crosby, in high school in Oil City.

LEE NORMAN DILLEY—Since he began the practice of law at Greenville some fifteen years ago, Lee Norman Dilley has risen to prominence, both in his profession and in public life. He is one of the most active members of the Mercer County bar, past member of the Pennsylvania State Legislature and was an influential figure in Democratic politics.

Mr. Dilley was born at Darlington, Pennsylvania, on January 15, 1901, son of Ora Allen and Minnie (Anderson) Dilley, the former of whom is now associated with Mr. Dilley. After a public school education at Greenville, he entered Thiel College, where he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1922, and subsequently prepared for his profession at the University of Pittsburgh Law School, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1925. In the following year he was admitted to the bar and began practice at Greenville. Mr. Dilley rapidly established his professional reputation and today carries on a large general practice, centering at Greenville, where he has represented various important interests. In addition, he served as principal hearing examiner



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for the Public Utilities Commission of Pennsylvania. A genuine interest in public affairs brought him early into politics. He was a leader of the Democratic party in the Mercer County area, has served several times as chairman of the Democratic committee and from 1935 to 1937 represented this district in the lower house of the Pennsylvania State Legislature. At Greenville he has many civic interests, which have widened his influence in community affairs. Mr. Dilley is past president of Greenville Kiwanis Club, in which he has also held all subsidiary offices; past vice-president and director of the Chamber of Commerce; member of the Greenville Country Club and the Sportsman's Club. He has served for ten years as a trustee of Greenville Hospital and has given effective support to other community institutions. Mr. Dilley is also active fraternally, being affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons and its various higher bodies of the Scottish Rite, including New Castle Consistory; the Loyal Order of Moose; and the Knights of Pythias. In addition to these connections, he is a member of the Mercer County Bar Association, in which he has served as chairman of several committees, and Pennsylvania Bar Association, and is a member and past trustee of the Greenville Presbyterian Church.

On September 29, 1930, at Greenville, Mr. Dilley married Matilda June Frampton, daughter of Major J. Frampton and Bertha (Espy) Frampton. They are the parents of two daughters: Joan, born August 12, 1931; and Nancy, born May 30, 1934.

DONALD CAMERON KNAPP—In the practice of law Donald Cameron Knapp has made a place for himself in Greenville, his native community, where he is associated in his profession with L. Norman Dilley.

Mr. Knapp was born January 4, 1910, in Greenville, Pennsylvania, son of Frank L. and Amy (Wiley) Knapp. His father is president of the Community Loan Company and the Service Products Corporation here, and the Knapp family is an old one in Greenville.

After attending elementary and secondary schools here, Donald C. Knapp became a student at Allegheny College, in Meadville, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1931. At the University of Pittsburgh he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1934, and in 1935 he was admitted to the Pennsylvania bar. He commenced his practice at once in Greenville, where he has continued down to the time of writing. In 1937 and 1938 he was associated with the legal department of the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board in Pittsburgh. He became connected with Mr. Dilley in the practice of law in Greenville in 1938, and continues this relationship down to the time of writing.

He serves as counsel to the Greenville National Bank and is a director of the Community Loan Company here.

He is a Republican in politics, a member and at the time of writing secretary of the Mercer County Bar Association, and a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association. He belongs to the Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity. Supporting many community enterprises that he deems worthwhile, Mr. Knapp is associated with the Greenville Theatre Guild. He is active also in the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, the Free and Accepted Masons and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church. His major attention is given, however, to his professional work, and he has built up, in a comparatively short span of years, an excellent practice.

GUY THORNE—As one of Greenville's leading lawyers, Guy Thorne has shifted his practice gradually from criminal law to commercial and banking law, which more and more tends to be his specialty. His participation in Greenville affairs is a many-sided one, both along the lines of his professional work and in other channels.

Mr. Thorne was born January 11, 1878, in Greenville, Pennsylvania, son of Thomas and Helen (Mandeville) Thorne. His father was a farmer, and both parents were highly respected citizens of Greenville.

Guy Thorne attended grammar and high schools in Greenville, studied at Thiel College here, and received his degree of Bachelor of Laws at Dickinson Law School, in Carlisle, in 1902. Admitted to the Pennsylvania bar in 1901, he established his practice in 1902, and in the early years of his professional work he took many criminal cases and tended to specialize in that branch of law. Later he became active in commercial and banking law. He is associated in a legal capacity with the Greenville National Bank, and is also counsel to the Pennsylvania Power Company. Mr. Thorne is especially proud, and justifiably so, of his distinction of being admitted to the bar a full year before he finished his law course.

A Democrat in politics, he has been active for years in Greenville affairs. From 1914 to 1918 he was burgess of Greenville, and he has served also as Mercer County solicitor and as a member of the staff of the department of banking, functioning under the office of the Attorney-General. He held that State position for four years under Governor Earle. He rendered further public service of a different character in 1918, when he entered the United States Army and was sent to the Officers' School at Camp Josephine, Jacksonville, Florida. The Armistice was signed, however, before he experienced active wartime duty.

Along with his other activities, Guy Thorne is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association and the American Bar Association and a past president of the Mercer County Bar Association. He is also active in the Greenville Kiwanis Club, of which he is a past president, and

the Greenville Country Club. He is a member of the Sons of the Revolution, the Protected Home Circle and the Free and Accepted Masons. In the Masonic Order he holds the thirty-second degree of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and has been a member of all bodies of both York and Scottish Rite branches of Masonry. He is affiliated with the Knights Templar Commandery. He attends St. Clement's Protestant Episcopal Church, and his wife is a member of St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church.

On June 1, 1929, in Greenville, Pennsylvania, Guy Thorne married Mary Kane, daughter of Martin and Bessie (Considine) Kane. Mrs. Thorne is a graduate nurse who finished her course at Buhl Hospital, Sharon, and was employed there for several years before her marriage. She is president of the Greenville Civic League and is active in church and welfare work.

ERNEST HENRY BRYNER was born October 27, 1883, in Custer City, Pennsylvania, son of Elmer Ellsworth and Zada (Hudson) Bryner. Centering his activities at Custer City, Ernest Henry Bryner is one of the best known oil operators in this area of Pennsylvania.

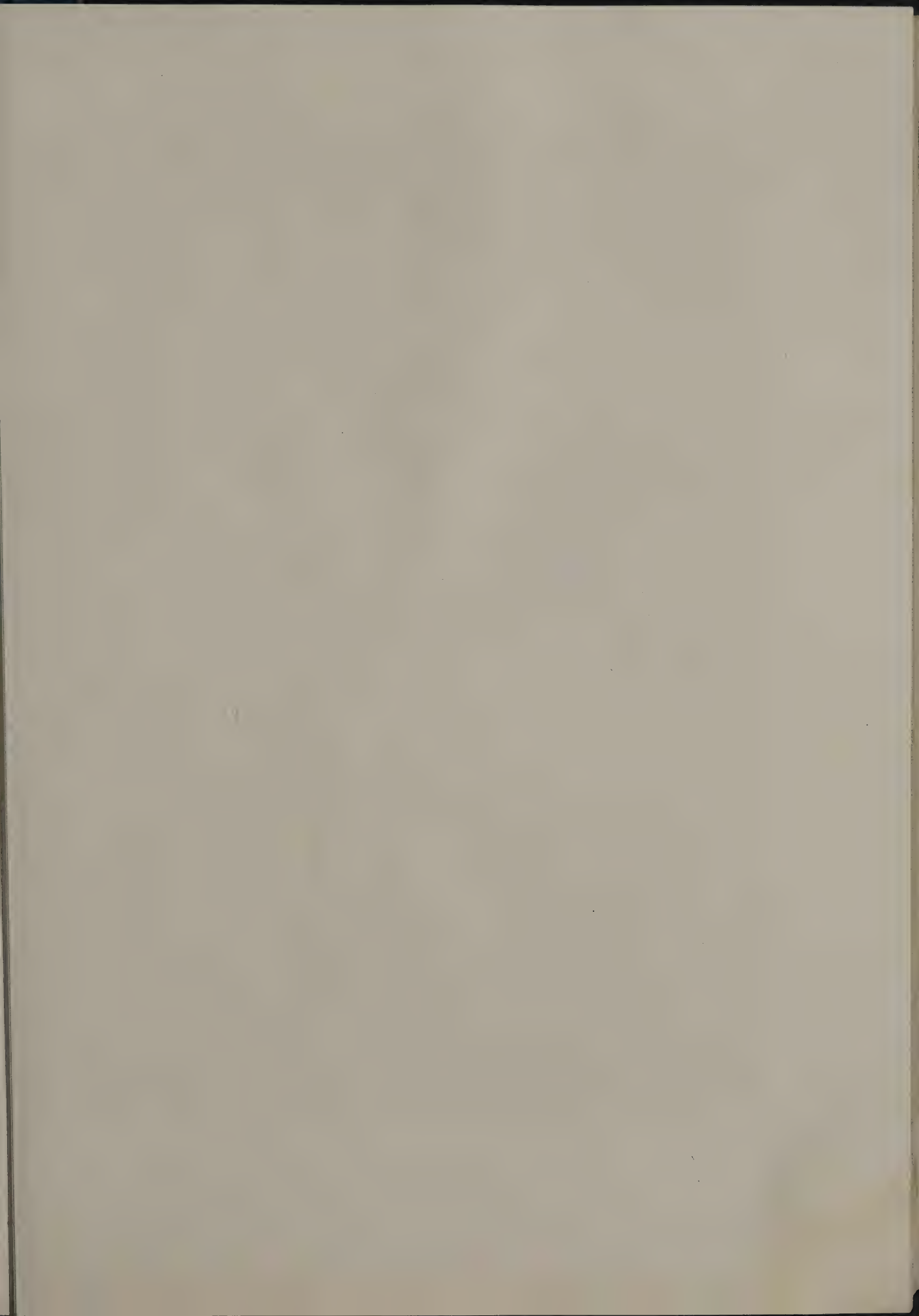
His father, who was born April 27, 1862, in Cranberry Township, Venango County, Pennsylvania, died July 8, 1938. He began his career early in the Pennsylvania oil fields and moved to Degolia, McKean County, in 1877. After his marriage he removed to Custer City, where he was an oil worker, producer and pioneer along these lines. One of the substantial citizens of his district, he was a Republican in his political views. He served for some years as a justice of the peace, and from 1906 to 1934 was road supervisor of Bradford Township. He was also active in the Knights of the Maccabees, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Free and Accepted Masons, being affiliated, in the Masonic Order, with the Union Lodge of Bradford, No. 334; Bradford Chapter, No. 260, Royal Arch Masons; Bradford Council, No. 43, Royal and Select Masters; Bradford Commandery, No. 58, Knights Templar, and Zem Zem Temple (Erie), Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He was a member of the Bradford and North Penn Clubs and attended the Methodist Church. Elmer Ellsworth Bryner married, November 13, 1882, Zada Hudson, born December 10, 1860, in Hartstown, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Philo and Mary (Royer) Hudson. She now resides in Custer City, Pennsylvania. Philo Hudson was born in 1826 in Newton Falls, Ohio, and died in 1866 in Titusville, Pennsylvania. Mary Hudson was born in 1836 and died in 1921. Elmer Ellsworth and Zada (Hudson) Bryner became the parents of the following children: 1. Ernest Henry Bryner, of whom further. 2. Edna Marian Bryner, born June 24, 1885, and died January 17, 1935. She married Louis W. Begin,

of Buffalo, New York, November 15, 1910, and they had two children, Norman Ellsworth, born December 7, 1913, and Elmer Hudson Begin, born June 6, 1921. 3. Laura Geneva Bryner, born May 21, 1887, married John Wilbur Funk, September 27, 1922. They live in Hammond, Indiana, and have a son, John William Funk, born February 18, 1925. 4. Roy Ellsworth Bryner, an oil producer of Custer City, born February 8, 1890, married Mildred Weitzman of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, born December 7, 1903.

Ernest Henry Bryner, the first-named of these children, attended the grade schools of Custer City. He was graduated from Bradford High School and Bryant and Stratton Business College in Buffalo, New York. He began pumping oil for his father before finishing his grade school studies, continuing his activity in the oil industry since that time. He became associated with the Minard Run Oil Company, May 27, 1900, and is now serving as superintendent of production. He has many other interests in the oil trade, and is widely and favorably known throughout the district. For some years he was closely associated with his father in the firm known as E. E. Bryner & Son, who owned and operated considerable oil property in this vicinity and other states. Since the elder man's death the younger Mr. Bryner has carried on his work under the same firm name, and is one of the best known men in the territory, as was his father before him.

In addition to his other undertakings, Mr. Bryner served as a director of The Bradford District Pennsylvania Oil Producers' Association. He has been interested in banking as an organizer, vice-president and director of the Producers' Bank & Trust Company, of Bradford, a position in which he continued until January 1, 1940. A Republican in politics, he served from 1908 to 1934 as treasurer and clerk of the Bradford Township Board of Road Supervisors, was for thirteen years a school director, and also served as party committeeman for his district. He belongs to the Pennhills Club, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Free and Accepted Masons. In the Masonic Order he is affiliated with Bradford Lodge, No. 749, Bradford Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Bradford Council, Royal and Select Masters; Trinity Commandery, Knights Templar; Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Zem Zem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (of Erie). He is also serving as a director of the Zem Zem Cripple Children's Hospital of Erie, Pennsylvania.

Ernest Henry Bryner married, December 27, 1911, Thalia Vivian Ward, born October 8, 1882, in Degolia, McKean County, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Marvin D. and Lorilla (Howard) Ward. Ernest Henry and Thalia (Ward) Bryner became the parents of the follow-





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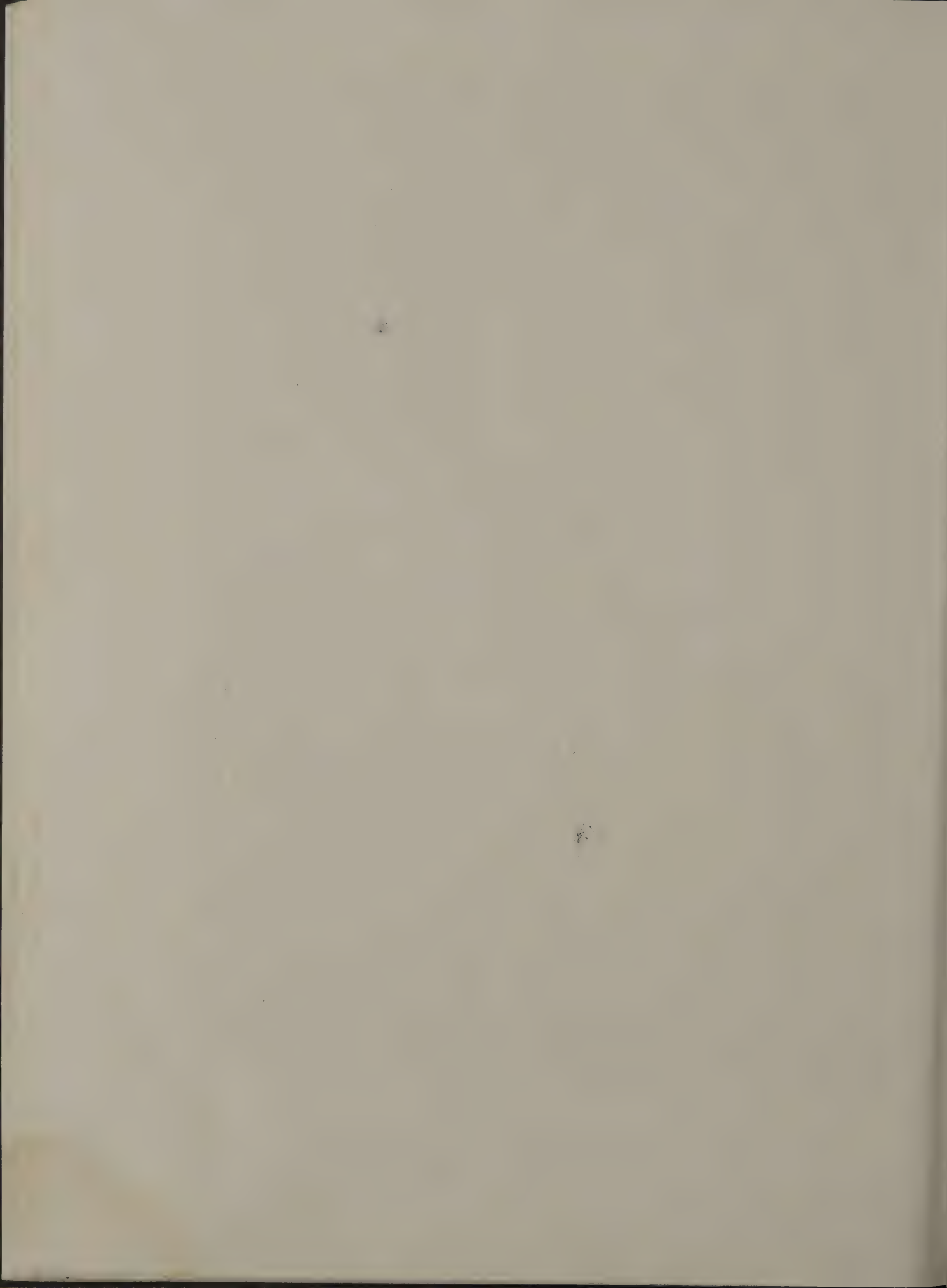
Zada H. Bryner.



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Thalia Ward Bryner.



ing children: 1. John Ward Bryner, born March 2, 1913. He attended grade school in Custer City and graduated from the Bradford High School. He also attended Mercersburg Academy and Ohio State University (in Columbus), and then came into business with his father. He is now assistant superintendent of the Minard Run Oil Company. He married, August 15, 1936, Margaret Jane Sage, of Red Rock, Pennsylvania, born October 19, 1914, the daughter of Enos H. Sage (*q. v.*) and Margaret (Bovaird) Sage, and they became the parents of a daughter, Sarah Sage Bryner, born May 10, 1940. 2. Ernest James Bryner, born January 31, 1919. He graduated from Custer City schools, as well as from Bradford High School and then attended Mercersburg Academy. He is now a senior at Lafayette College and flying in the C. A. A. During the last two summers he has worked with his father on his oil leases.

FRANK SMITH BAKEWELL, M. D.—Engaged in the practice of medicine in Greenville, Dr. Frank Smith Bakewell is a specialist in obstetrics and a member of the staff of Greenville Hospital.

Dr. Bakewell was born November 20, 1883, in West Brownsville, Pennsylvania, son of Christopher and Josephine (Ernest) Bakewell. His father was a coal operator, president of the Knob Coal Company, of Brownsville.

Dr. Frank Smith Bakewell attended grammar and high schools at West Brownsville and Kiskiminetas Preparatory School, and took the degree of Doctor of Medicine at Jefferson Medical College in 1909. He also had a special postgraduate course in obstetrics at the Lying-in Hospital, in New York City, and served internships at St. Vincent's Hospital, in Erie, and South Side Hospital, in Pittsburgh. He established a private practice of medicine in Greensburg, where he remained until July 12, 1911. He came then to Greenville and began his private practice here. He is now surgeon for the Steel Car Industrial Works and the Chicago Bridge & Iron Company plant in Greenville. Despite the fact that he conducts a general practice, including all branches of medicine, Dr. Bakewell tends to specialize in obstetrics. He is a member of the Greenville Hospital staff, and is staff president.

Outside his own practice, Dr. Bakewell is a member of the Mercer County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church. He also is active in the Free and Accepted Masons as a member of Greenville Lodge, the Royal Arch Chapter, the Knights Templar Commandery; New Castle Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Zem Zem Temple (Erie), Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Dr. Bakewell married (first), June 10, 1910, in Columbus, Ohio, Helen L. Scott, who is now deceased. He

married (second) Helen E. Keener. They were united in marriage November 19, 1924, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Their one son, Frank Smith Bakewell, Jr., born June 8, 1926, is at the time of writing at Greenville High School as a student.

FRED W. MOSER—With a broad background of achievement in business and journalism, Fred W. Moser is well qualified to handle his present duties as postmaster of Greenville. Occupying this office under the new Civil Service provisions, he is slated to serve continuously until retirement.

Mr. Moser was born March 11, 1884, in Greenville, Pennsylvania, son of Jacob and Kate (Schwilly) Moser, both natives of Germany. His father came to America when only twenty-one years of age, and settled first at West Middlesex, later living in Greenville, Pennsylvania. A Democrat in politics, he was long active in political affairs, and served as secretary of the board of health in Greenville while living in this community.

Fred W. Moser received his early education at grammar and high schools in Greenville, and attended Thiel College here for two years. He interested himself in different enterprises for a time. In 1901 and 1902 he was a compositor in a newspaper plant in Pittsburgh. In 1904 Mr. Moser became associated with the Bessemer Railroad shops in Greenville, acting as timekeeper. In 1907 Mr. Moser bought a half interest in the "Greenville Progress," a weekly newspaper. In 1920 he became sole owner and editor and publisher until 1941, when he sold the paper.

It was in 1936 that President Franklin D. Roosevelt appointed F. W. Moser postmaster of Greenville. He was reappointed in 1941 under the new Civil Service provision which makes the appointment permanent until he is removed by retirement. Mr. Moser is a Democrat, is active in local business affairs as a director of the First National Bank of Greenville, serves also as a director of the Masonic Holding Association, and is a past trustee of Warren State Hospital. He belongs to the National Postmasters' Association and the Pennsylvania Postmasters' Association, and is president of the Mercer County Postmasters' Association. In the Free and Accepted Masons, Mr. Moser belongs to Eureka Lodge, No. 290; Chapter No. 212, Royal Arch Masons; Mount Calvary Commandery, No. 67, Knights Templar; and Zem Zem Temple (Erie), Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Moser also is affiliated with the Loyal Order of Moose and Greenville Lodge, No. 145, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, as well as with the Protected Home Circle. He belongs to the Reformed Evangelical Church of Greenville.

In Greenville, Pennsylvania, in 1906, Fred W. Moser married Ella B. Emery, daughter of William W. and Dora (Loomis) Emery. Mr. and Mrs. Moser became

the parents of one son, Marvin E. Moser, who was born February 19, 1909. He attended Greenville schools and Thiel College here, then went to the Stanford Military Academy and the University of Pennsylvania. Upon leaving school, he went into business with his father in 1932 and continued in business with him until his death, January 22, 1940. He married Mary Elizabeth Huey, of Mercer.

DAVID R. WEBSTER—There are usually certain families who are outstanding in the development of communities. In Mercer, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, one of these is the Webster family. George Reznor, grandfather of David R. Webster, with whom this record is concerned, was the founder, in 1888, of the Reznor Manufacturing Company, the largest industrial corporation of Mercer. He and his descendants have always been leaders in civic, social and humanitarian affairs of the place, serving to the best of their exceptional individual abilities the best interests of Mercer, town and county.

David R. Webster was born in Mercer, October 24, 1903, son of Edwin and Stella J. (Reznor) Webster. His father was identified with the Reznor Manufacturing Company throughout all his life. He gave his son the best educational advantages in the local schools, Culver Military Academy, and the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in 1926, with the degree of Bachelor of Science. From college, David R. Webster became identified with the Reznor Manufacturing Company, at Mercer, a business founded in 1888 by his grandfather, the late George R. Reznor. He was salesman in the eastern branch of the corporation until 1927. During the following three years he was associated with the nationally known Aitkin-Kynett Advertising Agency, in Philadelphia. Then from 1930 to 1931 he engaged in an independent research on market conditions and of distribution in general.

Since 1931 Mr. Webster has been a resident of Mercer. In the home office of the Reznor Manufacturing Company, he became director of sales in 1932, and since 1938 he has been secretary and treasurer of the corporation, one of its most efficient executives. He is a Republican in politics. His religious affiliations are with the Presbyterian Church.

At Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1929, David R. Webster married Evelyn Stevenson, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, class of 1928, with the degree of Bachelor of Science. She is chairman of the Junior Red Cross Society, president of the Mercer Women's Club, and active in church and civic societies. Mr. and Mrs. Webster are the parents of a son, David R. Webster, Jr., born May 23, 1931, a student in the Mercer public schools.

EUGENE E. GRIMM—When, a few years after the War Between the States, Colonel Drake "brought in" the first commercially profitable petroleum well, he

started a wave of prosperity in northwestern Pennsylvania that never has completely lost its impetus. The discovery attracted men of all kinds and nationalities, and many like the Grimm family, of Venango County, remained to the third and fourth generations. Eugene E. Grimm, of this record, has continued the operations and enterprises the foundations of which were laid by his father. It has been his responsibility to carry these on during a period of the greatest fluctuations in the output, prices and distribution in the history of the oil industry.

Eugene E. Grimm, sixth-born of the eight children of Daniel and Carolyn (Weyman) Grimm, is the grandson of Abraham and Caroline (Koehler) Grimm and of William Weyman, the latter of New York City. Daniel Grimm was born August 23, 1838, in the Palatinate (Rhenish Bavaria), and came with the other members of the family to the United States when he was twelve years of age. They settled in Meadville, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, where Daniel secured his first employment of importance, work in a grocery store. Later he started his own general merchandising establishment in Franklin, Venango County, but in 1869 succumbed to the oil excitement and sold about everything he had to enter the petroleum business. During the following half-century he rose to become one of the outstanding men in the oil production field in Pennsylvania. Prior to his death in 1928 he owned particularly valuable holdings in the Franklin Heavy Oil plants, producing the very finest grades of oil. He also owned a number of natural gas wells and was a director of the Pennsylvania Gas Company and one of the organizers and first stockholders of the Exchange Bank, of Franklin, founded in 1871. In 1888 this institution was incorporated under the laws of Pennsylvania, and he was made president of it in 1912, serving as such for a number of years, before being elected chairman of the board, a post he held to the time of his demise in 1928. The passing of Daniel Grimm was mourned as the loss of an eminent citizen, one who had been prominent in civic, fraternal and social life of the community. He was a member of the Washington and the Franklin clubs, and affiliated with Myrtle Lodge, No. 316, Free and Accepted Masons; Venango Chapter, No. 211, Royal Arch Masons; Keystone Council, No. 42, Royal and Select Masters, and Franklin Commandery, No. 44, Knights Templar.

In 1866 Daniel Grimm married Carolyn Weyman, who died in 1933, daughter of William Weyman, of New York City, and they became the parents of the following children: 1. Charles D., died in 1900. 2. Stella K., married Thomas J. Blair, who died in 1931; Mrs. Blair is now occupying her country home near Franklin in the summers and her home at Palm Beach in the winters. 3. Louise, now Mrs. Rowland, is a resident of Florida. 4. Mayme, now Mrs. Koos, lives in her country home near Franklin. 5. Evelyn (Mrs. Jenkins), lives in War-





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renton, Virginia. 6. Eugene E., of whom further. 7. Lida (Mrs. Thompson), a resident of Florida, but spends part of her summers in her former home in Uniontown. 8. Edna, the youngest child, died in 1934, leaving her husband, Rodman W. Moorhead, and one son, the latter living in Louisville, Kentucky.

Eugene Eaton Grimm, son of Daniel and Carolyn Weyman Grimm, was born in Franklin, Pennsylvania, April 8, 1878. He attended the public schools in Franklin and after preparing at Cheltenham Military Academy at Ogontz, Pennsylvania, entered Yale University and was graduated from there in 1899.

He was admitted to practice at the Venango County bar early in the 1900s but gave up law to enter extensively in the oil producing business in Venango County, where he became interested individually, and with his father and with his brother-in-law, Edward E. Jenkins, he developed large holdings in the Bully Hill district, Sandycreek Township.

Since Mr. Grimm's father's death in 1928, he has been managing trustee of the estate. Mr. Grimm became a director of the Exchange Bank, now the Exchange Bank & Trust Company, in June, 1915, and for a long time served on the executive committee of the bank. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church in Franklin; is a member of Myrtle Lodge, No. 316, Free Masons, Royal Arch Chapter, No. 211; Keystone Council, and Franklin Commandery, all of Franklin, also the New Castle Consistory of Pittsburgh. He is a life member of Zem Zem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Erie, Pennsylvania, and a member of the Franklin and Wanango Country clubs. He has also long been a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Lodge No. 110, of Franklin.

Mr. Grimm married, in 1918, Ruth Elliott, of Racine, Wisconsin, to whom there was born one child in 1924, Carolyn Natalie Grimm.

JOHN P. BOYLE—For years active in the oil industry centered about Bradford, John P. Boyle has also interested himself extensively in the civic life of this community.

Mr. Boyle was born October 25, 1887, in Carrollton, New York, son of Edward D. and Harriet (Blake) Boyle, both of New York State, the father from Dunkirk and the mother from Meridian. The mother is now deceased. On the paternal side of the house, the grandfather, Peter Boyle, was one of those early engaged in the oil business. He operated a hotel at Carrollton for many years, and also held vast properties. His name is legendary in this region. The father, Edward D. Boyle, was a retired locomotive engineer. He was reared in the oil country, and for years was active himself in the business before he began railroading.

Public schools of his native district furnished John P. Boyle's early formal education, and in 1909 he received the degree of Graduate in Pharmacy from the University of Buffalo. In boyhood he worked around the oil fields, where his father and grandfather had preceded him. At graduation from college, however, he took up pharmacy as a profession, and was so engaged in the Buffalo area. During this period he became interested in candy and stationery as business possibilities, with the result that, in 1913, he went on the road as a sales representative of the Rexall Company, handling its special line of candies. His territory included thirty-two states. In 1915 he became engaged in the automobile business in Bradford, remaining in this work until his enlistment in the army after the United States entered the World War. After effectively serving his country as a sergeant in the 59th Ambulance Train, First Division, he was honorably discharged, and returned to the automobile business, in which he was active for a year.

In the summer of 1920 Mr. Boyle entered the oil business as manager of the F. P. Lawton interests, as well as of the H. E. Camp interests. He has continued his activities along these lines down to the time of writing, gradually expanding his undertakings and the scope of his activities in the oil industry, with the result that he is at the time of writing a partner in the firm of Boyle, Camp & Raymond, and a partner in the Little Miami Oil Company and the Boyle Drilling Company. Taking a lively interest in Bradford affairs, Mr. Boyle is a Democrat by registration, though he usually casts his vote for men and measures of his choice. He belongs to a number of petroleum associations, the Pennhills Club and the Presbyterian Church.

On November 16, 1920, John P. Boyle married Marion L. Lawton, of Bradford, daughter of F. P. Lawton, one of the pioneers of the oil country, who came to Bradford with a saw and a hammer and began building derricks with his own hands, and later became an outstanding figure in the new industry. Mr. and Mrs. Boyle became the parents of a son, John P. Boyle, Jr., who was graduated from Bradford schools and is at the time of writing a student at the University of Miami.

WILLIS BARR McCLELLAND, M. D.—A notable addition to the professional men of Franklin, Pennsylvania, in comparatively recent years, Dr. Willis Barr McClelland has made a place for himself in the community as an exceptionally skilled and experienced physician. Born in Utica, Pennsylvania, February 1, 1906, he is the son of Frank Mortimer and Flora (McQuestion) McClelland, his father being a medical man.

Dr. McClelland, of this record, was educated in the elementary and high schools of Franklin, the Allegheny College, from which he was graduated in 1927, a Bachelor

of Arts; and the Boston University Medical School, where he received, with the class of 1931, the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Becoming an interne in Hamal Hospital in July, 1931, he remained for a year, before accepting appointment as an instructor in Boston University Medical School, serving as such from July, 1932, through 1934. Since the latter-named year he has engaged in the practice of his profession in Franklin. By extended study, hospital experience, and the teaching of medicine, Dr. McClelland laid the foundation of professional preparation upon which he is building well and works to the advantage of a growing clientele. He is a Republican in politics, and attends the United Presbyterian Church.

In Venango County, Pennsylvania, January 5, 1940, Willis Barr McClelland, M. D., married Edith Pearl McCune, daughter of Frederick D. and Myrtle (Stauffer) McCune.

DONALD McCALMONT PLUMER—Against the background of noteworthy western Pennsylvania ancestry, the career of Donald McCalmont Plumer, of Franklin, stands out notably and adds new luster to old family names. In early and more recent years his career has been associated with the natural products of northwestern Pennsylvania, but he has been a merchant, wholesale and retail, and always keenly interested in the progress of Venango County, where he was born, April 1, 1897, at Franklin.

The parents of Mr. Plumer, Ralf Clapp and Margaret (Dieringer) Plumer, were also natives of Franklin, Pennsylvania, his father being an executive official in the Manifold & Printing Company, of that city. His great-grandmother was the first white child born west of the Allegheny Mountains, and many of her descendants have remained in the western Pennsylvania area to become prominent in the development of this section of the State.

Donald McCalmont Plumer early began earning his own livelihood and in 1920 became associated with the American Steel Foundry, in Franklin. A few years later he started a grocery business in this city, which prospered and won a fine reputation. In 1925 he sold the establishment and purchased a garage and automobile agency at Cochranston, Pennsylvania, which he operated until 1929, and then returned to Franklin to enter into an association with his brothers, Joseph, Samuel and Charles, in the wholesale and retail tobacco trade. In 1939 he and his brother, Fred, became equal owners of the Marvin Manufacturing Company, of Franklin. This important concern, which still retains its old trade title, the Marvin Manufacturing Company, is interested in the manufacture of oil compounds, such as chemically hardened greases, and sells to a world-wide trade, with many branch sales offices in ours and foreign countries. Its large factory is located in Franklin, Pennsylvania, within close con-

tact of the finest petroleum producing areas of the United States.

Mr. Plumer is a staunch Democrat, influential in party circles, but no seeker of public office although he was a candidate for sheriff of Venango County, in 1936. He is a popular figure in fraternal circles, being affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which he is a past member of the board of governors; the Fraternal Order of Eagles, of which he has been a trustee since 1935; and of the Royal Arcanum. Mr. Plumer is prominent socially, enters heartily into movements undertaken for the benefit of the city, and is generous in his support of humanitarian projects. He is a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church, as is his son, Donald. Mrs. Plumer and the daughter, Jean Marie, are of the Catholic faith.

At Franklin, Pennsylvania, on October 22, 1923, Donald McCalmont Plumer married Helen Marshall, daughter of Harry H. and Louise (Gruber) Marshall, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Donald McCalmont, Jr., born October 17, 1925. 2. Jean Marie, born July 23, 1928. Mrs. Plumer is active in the Auxiliary of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and of the auxiliary of the local hospital.

EUGENE GEORGE IFFT—Born near the turn into the present century, Eugene George Ifft has achieved a career that is typical of the generation that has now reached maturity. His vocation has been unusual, no doubt, in that it has been devoted to scientific agriculture, for which he acquired thorough preparation. A student in Pennsylvania State College, when the United States entered the First World War, he entered the college military unit, and is now a member of the American Legion. His influence is always on the side of progress and the better development of the community.

Mr. Ifft was born May 16, 1898, at Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania, son of Charles A. and Evelyn (Hogg) Ifft, both natives of Butler County, Pennsylvania. His father has long been a farmer specializing in dairy products. Eugene George Ifft attended local schools and studied at the Grove City College. Entering the Pennsylvania State College, he was graduated a member of the class of 1922, with the degree of Bachelor of Science. After the completion of his academic education, which also included majoring in various phases of the agricultural industry, he spent parts of the years 1922 and 1923 as assistant county agricultural agent in Juniata County, Pennsylvania. In the latter mentioned year he removed to Franklin, where he since has been the agricultural agent for Venango County.

As is well known, in his position as an individual, Mr. Ifft is a leader not alone in promoting modern agricultural methods, but as well in civic affairs. He is familiar with the natural and developed resources of the county,





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has a wide acquaintance with its citizens, and fulfills well the responsibilities which his work entails. Politically, Mr. Ifft is a Republican. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Lodge of Perfection, Oil City, Free and Accepted Masons, and the Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. As mentioned he is a member of the American Legion, and in his religious faith, a member of the United Presbyterian Church.

At Butler, Pennsylvania, June 16, 1922, Eugene George Ifft married Orpha Wigton, daughter of Marcellus and Loretta (Harper) Wigton, all natives of this place. Mr. and Mrs. Ifft are the parents of four children: 1. Gale, born in 1924. 2. Robert, born in 1928. 3. Richard, born in 1931. 4. Dorothy, born in 1933. Mrs. Ifft is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, and of the Grange, Patrons of Husbandry.

LEONARD TRASK HOUGHTON—Color, variety and individualism have been outstanding characteristics of the life of Leonard Trask Houghton, all of which has been spent in Waterford, Pennsylvania. He always has had the courage to change the course of his career, engage in new enterprises, not the least of which in the last decade, has been the operation of several theatres. He is equally prominent in public affairs as an official and promoter of the best interests of the community.

Mr. Houghton was born in Waterford, Pennsylvania, October 6, 1893, son of Frank W. and Sarah M. (Trask) Houghton. After completing his education in the grammar and high schools of his birthplace, Leonard Trask Houghton engaged in the hardware, lumber and contracting business at Waterford. In 1930 he became interested in theatres and now has two houses in Franklin and another theatre in Grove City, Pennsylvania. He is a director of the Ensworth National Bank, and financially interested in other companies. Civic duties have never been neglected, and he has the honor of being councilman of Waterford, and a member of its school board. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which he is a Past Exalted Ruler. Numbered among his clubs are the Wanango Country, the Franklin and the Variety Club of Pittsburgh.

At Buffalo, New York, on June 10, 1914, Leonard Trask Houghton married Mazie M. Boblentz, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Leland Dean, born June 17, 1918. 2. Erma Jean, born August 11, 1922.

CLAUDE HYATT—One of the largest insurance agencies in Franklin is headed by Claude Hyatt, who has been engaged in business in this city during the past quarter of a century. He is president of Hyatt & Robbins, Inc.

Mr. Hyatt was born at Paulding, Ohio, on January 11, 1893, son of Willard E. and Mary J. Hyatt. His father, who is now deceased, was a railroad station agent.

Claude Hyatt received a public school education and launched his active career after leaving high school. About June 1, 1915, he purchased the business of Isa H. Dale in Franklin and has steadily expanded his interests during the intervening years. His original business was incorporated as Geiger & Hyatt, Inc., on June 1, 1921. In September of the following year he purchased the business of James Wilson and on April 1, 1930, acquired the business of the Smith Insurance Agency. On the same date its corporate name was changed to Hyatt & Robbins, Inc. Mr. Hyatt, who is well known in insurance circles of the county, is a member of the Intercounty Insurance Agents Association and the Life Underwriters Association. During the World War he served in the 324th Field Signal Battalion, and since the war has been active in the several veterans' organizations, including the American Legion, in which he is past treasurer of his post, the "40 & 8," in which he is Chef de Train Passe, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Mr. Hyatt is also a member of the Franklin Club and the Franklin Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of the Methodist Church.

On October 21, 1917, at Franklin, he married Ruth E. Geiger, daughter of Parks W. and Margaret Geiger. They are the parents of one son, Eugene G., born on October 13, 1921, a student at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

WILLIAM A. SYKES—Although he came to the practice of law after some years spent with his father in the lumber business, William A. Sykes in a few years time has firmly established his professional reputation. He is one of the best known lawyers of Brookville.

Mr. Sykes was born in Sykesville, Jefferson County, on November 16, 1899, son of A. W. and Jennie B. (London) Sykes. The town of his birth was named for his grandfather, Jacob B. Sykes, first postmaster of the community and a figure of prominence in the lumber industry. On the maternal side, Mr. Sykes's grandfather was James London, of Henderson Township, Jefferson County, Pennsylvania, a pioneer lumberman and raftsman of western Pennsylvania.

William A. Sykes received his early education in the Sykesville Public Schools. Upon his graduation from Sykesville High School he enlisted as a private in the United States Army, serving overseas in the 6th Field Artillery of the 1st Division. He served eighteen months on the Western Front with the American Expeditionary Forces, was twice wounded in action, was cited for bravery by General Pershing and has since been decorated with the Order of the Purple Heart and the Silver Star for gallantry in action. After the War, Mr. Sykes entered Syracuse University, which institution he attended for two years and then withdrew to join his father in the

lumber business in Sykesville. This connection he continued until 1929, when he returned to Syracuse University and in 1930 was graduated from that institution with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Economics.

Following his graduation from Syracuse University, Mr. Sykes entered the Law School of University of Pittsburgh, being meanwhile associated with the Sun Oil Company in Pittsburgh on a part-time basis in order to support himself and defray expenses of his law course. In 1933 he was graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with the degree of Bachelor of Laws and resumed his full-time employment with the Sun Oil Company. In 1936 he entered the office of the law firm of Morris and Morris in Punxsutawney and continued there as an associate following his admission to the Pennsylvania Bar in 1937. In 1940, upon the death of Hon. N. L. Strong of Brookville, Mr. Sykes took over this practice and moved to Brookville, where he has since devoted himself successfully to the responsibilities of his profession.

Mr. Sykes is a Republican in politics and was elected District Attorney of Jefferson County on the Republican ticket in 1941 for a term of four years. He is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, is a member of the State and County Bar Association, and has been active in Veterans circles as a member of the American Legion, member and now Junior Vice-Commander of the local post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and member of the Disabled American Veterans. Mr. Sykes is also a member of the Brookville Kiwanis Club and other community institutions, including the Jefferson County Motor Club. Fond of outdoor life, he finds his principal recreation in hunting small game and has owned from time to time some very good bird dogs.

CLAUDE C. HOFFMAN—There are few more popular men in Clintonville, Venango County, Pennsylvania, than Claude C. Hoffman, vice-president and a director and cashier, of the Peoples Bank. He is an acknowledged authority on banking and finance, esteemed highly by the clients of the institution. Few officials are more accessible and none whose judgment is more accepted. The affection in which he is held is based, however, not upon his vocation but rather upon his civic activities, his sincere interest in the promotion of the progress and prosperity of the place, his endeavors to be of service to his fellowmen.

Mr. Hoffman was born in Clintonville Township, August 7, 1882, son of Richard M. and Elizabeth (Martin) Hoffman, both of whom are deceased. His father was an oil producer and substantial citizen, who encouraged the son to obtain a good education. Claude Hoffman was graduated from the Barkyville Academy, and then went to the Welch Business College, Oil City, to complete his preparation for a career. He started in rail-

roading with the Pennsylvania Railroad System, and was a division timekeeper for about two years. Then he went with the National Transit Company, of Oil City, where during seventeen years he was employed in various positions from chief clerk to assistant sales manager.

The failing health of his father required his presence in the family home, and in 1924 he returned to Clintonville and since that time he has been a resident of his native town. Shortly after the death of the older man, he became bookkeeper in the Peoples Bank; learned the varied phases of the banking business, and after being cashier for some time was, in 1930, elected a director and vice-president and continued as cashier of the institution.

During a decade of the most difficult conditions in finance, he has been to the fore in the Peoples Bank, giving the best of his acumen, foresight and energies, thereby winning reputation for his achievements in this field of enterprise. He frequently has been drafted for public service by local organizations, and is a member of the board of directors of the Franklin Hospital; member of the board of directors of the Clintonville Volunteer Fire Department; treasurer of the Boys' Club of Oil City; and is a member of the Oil City Council. Fraternally Mr. Hoffman is affiliated with the Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Emlenton, the Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, of New Castle, and the Order of Perfection, Oil City, all in Pennsylvania. He is a member of the session and an elder of the Presbyterian Church.

On October 24, 1906, at Butler, Pennsylvania, Claude C. Hoffman married Cortie B. Sproull, daughter of Edward G. and Mary (Croupe) Sproull. Mrs. Hoffman shares her husband's interest in civic affairs and is president of the Women's Club and numerous other local clubs of Clintonville and Oil City. Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman are the parents of a son, Richard Philip, born April 17, 1912, an electrical engineer in Clintonville.

FRANK G. WENGLER—The oldest and largest jewelry business in Sharon is owned and operated by Frank G. Wengler, a jeweler in this city for many years and a descendant of the pioneer settlers of Sharon. Although he was obliged to go to work at an early age, with limited educational opportunities, he has won for himself a very successful career and has become one of the most prominent figures in Sharon life.

Mr. Wengler was born in Sharon on October 17, 1885, son of Albert W. and Margaret (Herrmann) Wengler and a grandson of Gerhart Wengler, one of the original settlers of Sharon. Born in Germany, Gerhart Wengler served in the Prussian wars, came to this country as a young man and had his place of business where the Dollar Title & Trust Building now stands in Sharon. He was a shoemaker. He had two sons, Albert and John. Albert

W. Wengler, who was born at Rankin Bank, Mercer County, was engaged in the liquor business at Sharon. He was a member of the original Sharon Volunteer Fire Department, was prominent in Democratic politics and was well known for his interest in music. Well known and respected, he enjoyed the affectionate regard of many and died in September, 1894, leaving a host of friends. Margaret (Herrmann) Wengler, the mother, was a daughter of Sebastian Herrmann, originator of the Herrmann Soft Drink Manufacturing Company, which is still in existence in Sharon, being owned and managed by the third generation of this family. Sebastian Herrmann was born in Germany, came to this country in very early life and married Anna Kirk, a Mercer County girl, by whom he had eight children.

Frank G. Wengler thus comes of pioneer Sharon stock on both sides of his family. He received his general education in Sacred Heart School and St. Joseph's School, both at Sharon, completed a course in a school for engravers at Philadelphia in 1903 and in 1908 attended a watchmaker's school in Waltham, Massachusetts. When he was only six years old he became a newsboy and boot-black on the Sharon streets and worked all through his boyhood at various occupations. Since very early youth he has been entirely self-supporting and as the builder and architect of his own career he is a self-made man in the finest sense of the term.

At ten, Mr. Wengler became a messenger boy for the Postal Telegraph Company in Sharon, and before he was eleven he had learned telegraphy. At the age of eleven, he went to work for the Carnegie Steel Company North Works at Sharon, as paint boy in slab town. After a few months he found other employment with Hayes Dry Goods Store and remained with this Sharon mercantile enterprise until he was thirteen. At the end of this time he was apprenticed to Charles E. Hart, a Sharon jeweler, under whom he started to learn the jewelry business. In 1898 he became associated with George Fisher, jeweler, of Sharon and remained in this connection until 1908, when he went to a watchmaking school in Waltham, Massachusetts, and in 1910 established his own business in Sharon. During Mr. Wengler's first year as an independent business man, Mr. Hart, his former employer, died, and Mr. Wengler bought the store. For a time he owned and operated both stores, but in 1912 he combined the businesses in the Hart store. In 1920 he again moved to a new location, this time in the Protected Home Circle Building, where he opened a fine shop. In 1931 he took up quarters at his present location, No. 50 West State Street, where he has one of Sharon's most modern stores, with the latest type of equipment and displays. This was the first air-conditioned shop in Sharon. Mr. Wengler owns the entire building in which his present store is located, a structure covering a plot twenty by one hun-

dred feet. He is a dealer in diamonds, watches, jewelry and silverware and carries on a prosperous trade, in which six employees assist him. Mr. Wengler is not only the oldest jeweler in Sharon in point of service, but also the most prominent. This distinction he has won by maintaining the highest standards by fair dealing and his enterprising spirit, which has kept his business constantly abreast of the times.

In addition to this connection, Mr. Wengler is vice-president and director of the Community Loan Company of Sharon and vice-president and director of the Sharon Coal & Ice Company. As one of Sharon's substantial citizens he has always met the obligations of his position and although he has never entered public life, he has made his influence effective in promoting the best interests of the community. Mr. Wengler is a member of the Pennsylvania State Jewelers Association, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Columbus and the Sharon Country Club. He is a Democrat in politics and a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in Sharon.

On April 27, 1904, in this city, Mr. Wengler married Katheryn Duffy, daughter of John Duffy, stone quarriesman. They are the parents of two children: 1. Katheryn, born February 7, 1906, educated at Sacred Heart Parochial School and the St. Scholastic Academy at Sharon, married George Ward, of Dunkirk, New York, manager of the men's division of the "Safe" store in Dunkirk. They have three children: Larry, born in 1933; George, Jr., born in 1937; and Katheryn, born in 1938. 2. Frank F., born May 23, 1916, educated at St. Joseph's Parochial School and the Shenango Valley Commercial School. From 1937 to 1941 he was associated with the Sharon Coal & Ice Company and since that time has been engaged in the jewelry business with his father. He married Louise Watson and has one daughter, Patricia, born in 1939.

HARRY E. PEBLY, Ed. M.—Since his graduation from college with highest honors, Harry E. Pebly, supervising principal of the school system of Sharpsville, Pennsylvania, has made a career of education. He has proven his qualities as an educator and administrator, and is held in high repute in professional circles and in the community of which he has been an active citizen for the past nineteen years. Like many of his generation, his career was interrupted by World War service, during which he rose from private to lieutenant with the American Expeditionary Forces in France.

Mr. Pebly attended the elementary schools of Latrobe, Pennsylvania, from 1900 to 1908, and was graduated from the Latrobe High School, in 1913, with the highest class honors. Matriculating at Thiel College, Greenville, Pennsylvania, he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts with the class of 1917, the valedictorian of his class.

When the United States became involved in the First World War, Harry E. Pebly entered the United States Army as a private with the 80th Division, Headquarters Troop. He was in succession corporal, sergeant, second lieutenant and first lieutenant, receiving the latter commission at Langres, France. He served with the 88th Division through two campaigns. Back in the United States, he continued his connection with military affairs and is a Past Commander of an American Legion post, the district Americanization officer for two years and chairman of the American Legion County Scholarship Committee.

Upon his return to civilian life and his profession, Mr. Pebly became principal and coach of the Monaca High School, 1920-22. He came to Sharpsville, also in Pennsylvania, in the autumn of 1922, to act as principal and coach of the local high school, a post he filled most capably for five scholastic years. In 1927 Mr. Pebly was made supervising principal of the Sharpsville school system, in succession to W. P. Norton. The present system has an enrollment of seven hundred pupils in the elementary classes; two hundred and fifty in the Junior High School; five hundred and fifty in the Senior High School, and has over forty-eight teachers.

While engaged in his work, Mr. Pebly has continued his professional training at Michigan State College, East Lansing, Michigan, including three summer's work in chemistry, physics and health education; summer courses and extension work, 1930-35, at the University of Pittsburgh, where he received his degree, in 1935, of Master of Education. He has specialized in educational administration and is now working toward a doctorate. His civic activities have been noteworthy for he has been adult Bible class teacher for seventeen years; chairman of the Shenango Valley Dental Clinic for eight years; treasurer of Sharpsville Welfare Society, seven years, and was an organizer of Sharpsville Service Club. He is chairman of the Public Relations Committee, County Teachers Association. His religious affiliations are with the Lutheran Church.

Harry E. Pebly married Esther H. Roth, and they are the parents of four children: Harry E., Jr.; Esther, Robert, and Ruth. Mrs. Pebly, a former college professor, graduate of Thiel College, class of 1919, with the degree of Master of Arts, is prominent in public affairs. She is regional director of the Pan-American activities; the American Legion Auxiliary Society; superintendent of the junior department of the Lutheran Church, at Sharon; vice-president of the Federated Women's Clubs, of Sharpsville, and a member of the Mercer County Girl Scouts Council.

WILLIAM CLYDE HOGAN, M. D.—For almost four decades William Clyde Hogan, M. D., has been engaged in the practice of his profession. For the first

ten years he was a general practitioner, but since then has specialized in surgery. He is a native of West Monterey, Clarion County, Pennsylvania, born October 16, 1874, son of James and Priscilla (Shepard) Hogan, both of whom are now deceased.

Dr. Hogan attended the public schools of Clarion County; was graduated from the Clarion Normal School in 1896, and became a graduate of the Western University of Pennsylvania (University of Pittsburgh), class of 1902, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. After being an interne in the West Pennsylvania Hospital, he initiated a general practice at Bradford, McKean County. As mentioned, after about a decade he turned his attention to surgery and has come to be one of the best known surgeons in western Pennsylvania. He is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, a member of the American Medical Association, Pennsylvania State Medical Association, the McKean County Medical Society, and the American Society of Military Surgeons. He long has served on the surgical staff of the Bradford Hospital, and is surgeon for several railroad companies.

The military career of Dr. Hogan is particularly broad in scope. He joined the National Guard of Pennsylvania in 1902, and won promotion up to the rank of major in the Medical Corps. He was in the Federal service on the Mexican Border, during 1916-17, and then entered the regular United States Army forces with the 112th Infantry, 28th Division, Medical Corps. With the rank of major he served overseas in England and France, later being assigned to a hospital in France, as a surgeon. Fraternally Dr. Hogan is affiliated with Union Lodge, No. 334. Free and Accepted Masons; Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and his clubs include the Bradford Club, the Pennhills Country Club and the local Rotary Club. He is of the Presbyterian faith and active in philanthropic and humanitarian works.

On March 11, 1908, Dr. William Clyde Hogan married Clara May Shaner, of Clarion County. They are the parents of a daughter, Josephine Shaner, a graduate of local schools, and a graduate of Skidmore College with the degree of Bachelor of Science; she received her Master's degree in Nursing at Yale University, and is now an instructor in Yale University Hospital.

THE CHRISTIAN H. BUHL HOSPITAL—On March 5, 1893, a group of citizens consisting of Dr. Elisha Griswald, Dr. Charles W. Hoyt, Dr. Joseph Reed, William L. Wallis, Dr. Salem Heilman, Earl A. Wheeler, John C. Owsley, Joseph Forker, John Bert, and Luther A. Burrell applied for a charter under existing laws of



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the State of Pennsylvania for the purpose of "maintaining a charitable hospital for sick and injured persons who may call for admission."

On May 8, 1893, it was incorporated under the name Sharon and Sharpsville Hospital. The name was changed May 5, 1896, "In view of the fact that the Sharon and Sharpsville Hospital is for the general benefit of the upper Shenango Valley region and in recognition of the fact that the growth and prosperity of the Shenango Valley is largely due to the efforts and investments of the late Christian H. Buhl, of Detroit, that the name 'The Christian H. Buhl Hospital' be adopted."

The hospital was opened May 11, 1896, and the first patient was admitted for treatment on that date. The cost was approximately \$21,000, for the hospital, met by donations of citizens and by aid of the State of Pennsylvania. Previous to the opening of the Christian H. Buhl Hospital there was no hospital nearer than Youngstown and the frequency of accident and other emergency patients dying before reaching a hospital was the main factor in impressing on the people the great need for a hospital. The capacity when opened was eighteen beds, but within a few years it became necessary to build additions to meet the demands due to the rapid increase in population and, in 1906 citizens of this community subscribed \$35,000 making it possible to have an addition more than doubling the capacity of the hospital.

In 1916 the trustees of the P. L. Kimberly Estate gave to the directors of the Christian H. Buhl Hospital securities worth \$190,000 for the purpose of building and endowing a nurses' home as a memorial to the late P. L. Kimberly. This was built at a cost of \$83,701.13 and an endowment of \$107,000 remains for the maintenance of this home. In 1917 the demand for hospital service had again outgrown the facilities and the people were again called upon for donations for a new building, subscriptions being received amounting to \$193,000. The new building was erected which together with necessary equipment cost \$225,000. Again in 1939 the hospital facilities had become inadequate to meet ever-increasing demands and a new expansion program was undertaken costing \$140,473.78. This new addition was opened in February, 1940, the campaign for funds to defray the costs was undertaken during that same month, and 2,829 subscriptions were received, totaling \$145,314.86. The hospital has grown from eighteen beds in 1896 to one hundred and fifty-seven beds now in use, and from a total of ninety-two patients treated the first year to a total of 5,730 treated last year, and from a yearly operating cost of \$4,000 in 1896 to a cost of \$225,000 per year at present.

The management of the Christian H. Buhl Hospital is vested in a board of nine directors who serve without pay and are elected by the supporters of the hospital. Every person who donates a sum of \$5.00 or more each

year toward the support of the hospital remains a member of the association governing the hospital and is privileged to vote at annual or special meetings when directors are elected and other business is transacted pertaining to the affairs of the hospital. The present board of directors are: W. D. Gamble, president; E. E. Reagle, vice-president; Hugh J. Garvey, secretary; Philip A. Higgs, treasurer; Nelson Brayer, Thomas H. Armstrong, Fred B. Quigley, Arthur Waldo, and N. J. Bailey, M. D. Receipts from the community fund, State, interest on endowments and miscellaneous donations serve to pay for treatment of destitute patients who cannot pay.

The Christian H. Buhl Hospital is a community hospital in every sense and built by voluntary contributions received from citizens of this community. Deficits over a period of forty-five years have been met in like manner.

ARTHUR BENNET STEWART, D. D. S.—Specializing in oral surgery, Dr. Arthur Bennet Stewart is one of Sharon's leading dentists. Born in 1899 in Sharpsville, he was a son of James H. Stewart, who was engaged in the coal, feed and grain business in Sharpsville until his death in 1936. He was a lifelong resident of Mercer County. The mother, Mrs. Mary (Amon) Stewart, was a Mercer County woman. The family is an old one in this county, where Dr. Stewart's great-grandfather settled in 1791. Since that time the Stewart family have been prominent in business and social affairs in the county.

Dr. Stewart completed his preliminary schooling, then became a student at Grove City College, in Grove City, and afterward, in 1919-20, at the Case School of Applied Science, in Cleveland, Ohio, and, from 1920 to 1922, at Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pennsylvania. From 1924 to 1929 he studied at the University of Pittsburgh, where he was graduated as a Doctor of Dental Surgery. In that year he started his general practice of dentistry in Sharon. Graduate work at the Mayo Brothers Clinic, in Rochester, Minnesota, prepared him for his work in oral surgery, in which he began specializing in 1932. Ever since his graduation from the University of Pittsburgh, Dr. Stewart has returned each year to that institution for further graduate study.

In this way he has constantly enhanced his knowledge, skill and usefulness in his profession. At the same time he has interested himself in its general affairs through his connections with the Mercer County Dental Association, the Pennsylvania State Dental Association and the American Dental Association. He is active in a number of community undertakings, and belongs to the Kiwanis Club, the Chamber of Commerce, the Sharon Country Club, the University Club, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Arthur B. Stewart married, in 1924, in Jamestown, Pennsylvania, Martha McLaughlin, daughter of Dr. Harry McLaughlin, a Jamestown dentist, and Lindy (Arteman) McLaughlin, also of that place. Dr. and Mrs. Stewart became the parents of two children: 1. Martha Ann Stewart, born in 1925, in Mercer County, a student in Sharon High School at the time of writing. 2. Harry McLaughlin Stewart, born in 1932, a student in public schools here.

FRANK BETTS MALLETT—One of the army of men and women who have helped to build the Protected Home Circle, nationally known fraternal insurance society, Frank Betts Mallett, of Sharon, serves as the circle's supreme guide.

Mr. Mallett was born in 1888 in New Albany, New York, son of Frank James and Mary Emily (Long) Mallett, both of English birth and ancestry. His parents came to the United States in 1887 and his father was rector of Episcopal churches in Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Wyoming and Pennsylvania.

Public schools provided Frank Betts Mallett's early formal education, and he attended Kenyon College. He worked in 1911 and 1912 with a New York importing brokerage firm, and then, until 1921, was in the engineering department of the Carnegie Steel Company, in Farrell. In that year Mr. Mallett entered the home office of the Protected Home Circle in Sharon as deputy pay clerk. In 1929 he was appointed director of field work. Then, in 1933, the board of directors selected him to succeed Lloyd D. Lininger as supreme guide, and he continues in this capacity down to the time of writing. He is also a member of the board of directors of the Protected Home Circle.

A Republican in politics, he belongs to Sharon Country Club and to the Free and Accepted Masons. In the Masonic Order he is affiliated with Shenango Lodge No. 668 and with New Castle Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, in which he holds the thirty-second degree. He is active, too, in church work, as secretary of the vestry of St. John's Episcopal Church, in Sharon and secretary of the executive council of the Episcopal diocese of Erie.

Frank Betts Mallett married, April 25, 1912, in Sharon, Pennsylvania, Florence McLean, daughter of Andrew C. and Lydia (Caldwell) McLean, of Sharon. Mrs. Mallett's father, A. C. McLean, was principal of the Luckey Schools of Pittsburgh and in 1905 was elected president of the Protected Home Circle, whose home office is in Sharon, Pennsylvania. He continued as president until 1924 when he died. The Malletts became the parents of two children: 1. Frank McLean Mallett, born February 9, 1913, graduated from Kenyon College in 1934 as a Bachelor of Arts, now an instructor at Ohio State Uni-

versity, in Columbus. 2. John Andrew Mallett, born August 7, 1919, attended Kenyon College and Ohio State University.

MRS. CORA (FELTER) PHILLIPS—Beginning her business career in a textile organization, Mrs. Cora (Felter) Phillips, of Sharon, early became interested in fraternal work, and assumed her present duties with the Protected Home Circle in 1930. She is junior director of this fraternal insurance society and is prominent in many aspects of its activity.

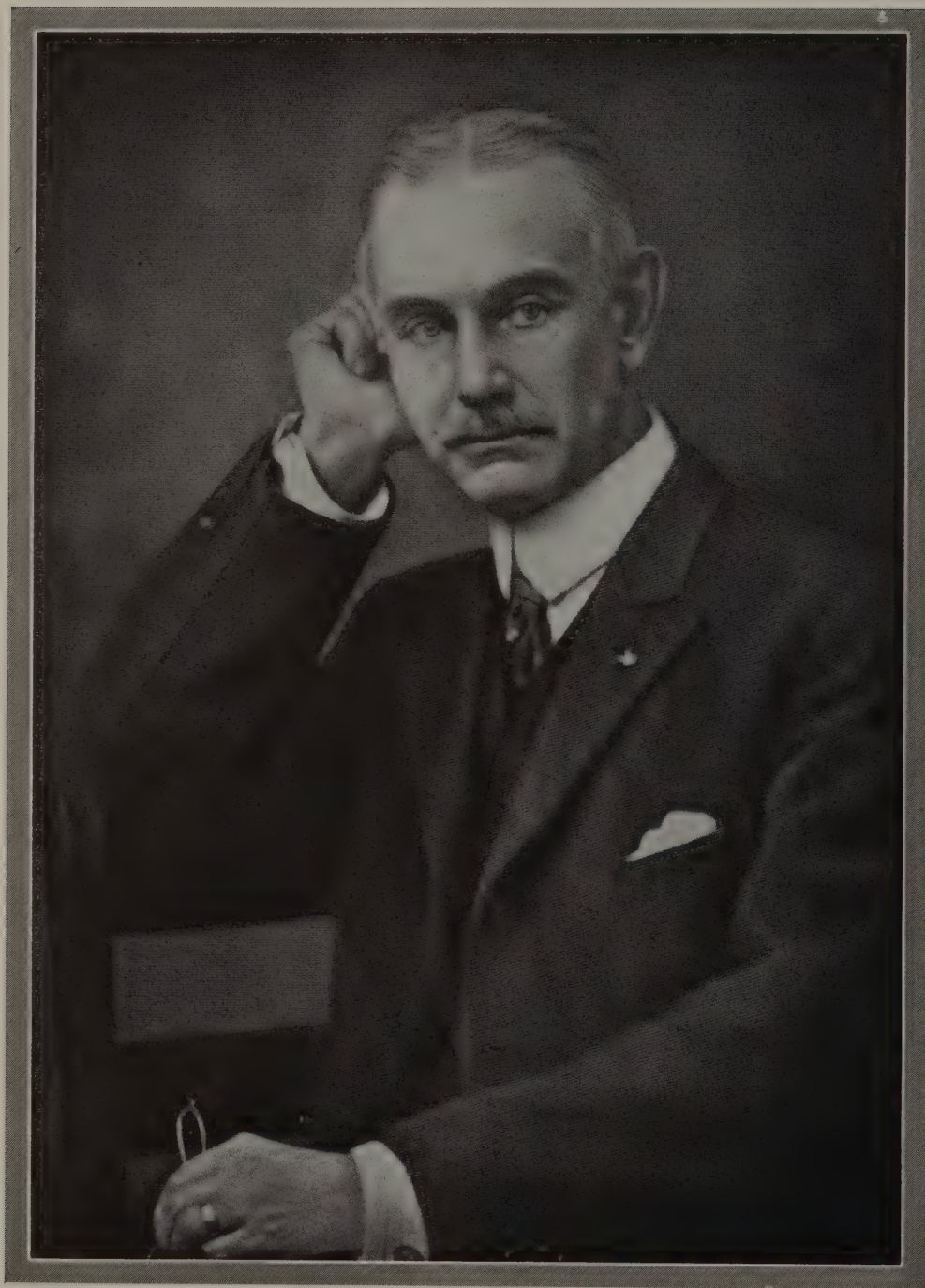
Mrs. Phillips was born on the eastern shore of Maryland, daughter of George Austin and Arrena (Hubbert) Felter. Her father is a Pennsylvanian, and her mother's family lived on Maryland's eastern shore.

Mrs. Phillips, after completing her elementary schooling, had her high school and business training in eastern Pennsylvania, and started her career as secretary to the president of the Atwood Silk Company, of Plymouth, this State. Her next business connection was with the Maccabees, at their great camp office in Pittsburgh, where she did secretarial work. During the World War period of 1917-18, when the Secretary of Navy appealed to women to enlist in the Naval Service, Mrs. Phillips was one of the first to respond. On April 12, 1917, she enlisted in the United States Navy as landsman or yeoman, retiring at the close of hostilities as chief yeoman—the highest rating attainable by women in the United States Navy. Completing her enlistment, Mrs. Phillips continued with the government under a civil service rating, acting as secretary to the solicitor of the Navy Department in the office of the judge advocate general.

In 1929 Mrs. Phillips resigned from her government post to assist the Maccabees at Detroit, Michigan, in organizing their junior department. She was junior director of the society until, in 1930, she became junior director of the Protected Home Circle, in Sharon. In the Maccabees she was chairman of the committee which prepared the junior ritual of the order, and in the Protected Home Circle she alone created the junior ritual. She is interested in all phases of fraternal work, and has become one of the Protected Home Circle's very valuable workers. It was through her recommendation that the Protected Home Circle Welfare Fund was established.

Active also in the Order of Eastern Star, Mrs. Phillips is affiliated with Esther Chapter No. 5, of Washington, District of Columbia. She belongs to U. S. S. Jacob Jones Post No. 2, Washington, District of Columbia, of the American Legion, a post composed entirely of women. Politically she is a Republican. She has served as chairman of the committees on junior membership in the Pennsylvania Fraternal Congress and the National Fraternal Congress of America. She was chairman in her legislative district of the woman's suffrage campaign





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some years ago. She belongs to the National Yeoman organization, the Business and Professional Women's Club, the Sharon Stamp Club, the Christian H. Buhl Hospital auxiliary. Civic, social and religious activities have intensely interested Mrs. Phillips, who is a member of the National Christian Church, Washington, District of Columbia.

The marriage of Cora Felter and Harry William Phillips took place in Waverly, New York, in 1899. He was born in Pennsylvania, and is engaged in the insurance business. They have a daughter, Ruth Phillips, who was born in 1908, and who is the wife of Charles B. Jackson, of the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company, in Sharon.

WILLIAM JAMES MULLINS—The life of Franklin has been permanently enriched by the attainments and interests of the late William James Mullins, who with his wife exercised a vital and constructive influence in the community for many years. By profession a chemist, who was associated during his early career with the Pennsylvania oil industry, he devoted his later years to church and philanthropic work and to his leisure attainments, prominent among which were the arts.

Mr. Mullins was born in Steubenville, Ohio, on August 21, 1860, a son of William and Lucy (Bustard) Mullins. His father, who was born near Dublin, Ireland, in 1824, and was graduated from Trinity College, Dublin, as a civil engineer, was the founder of the family in this country. After coming to America, he was engaged on the construction of the Genesee Canal in New York State and moved thence to Steubenville, Ohio, where he became a railroad builder. During the Civil War period he rendered an important service to the government as an executive charged with the transport of troops and supplies over the Pennsylvania Railroad, and subsequently continued his connection with that line as purchasing agent, with headquarters in Allegheny City. He died there in August, 1893. Distinguished in his profession, he was also a man of notable intellectual attainments and broad cultural interests, a patron of the fine arts and the owner of a fine library containing many volumes which he personally collected. He married, in 1857, at Steubenville, Ohio, Lucy Bustard.

William James Mullins was the son of this marriage. He spent the greater part of his boyhood in Pittsburgh, where he completed his preparatory education, and afterward entered Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he received his professional training. Upon his return to Pennsylvania, he launched his active career and came to Franklin as a chemist for the Standard Oil Company. With the development of his interests, Mr. Mullins quickly rose to prominence in Franklin life. After his father's death, in 1893, he relinquished his pro-

fessional career and, having independent means at his disposal, devoted himself to civic service, church work and the cultivation of his taste for art. Mr. Mullins was secretary and treasurer of the Franklin Public Library, an institution in which he was profoundly interested. He was a leading Episcopal layman in Pennsylvania and served his church faithfully for many years in various positions of responsibility, notably as a trustee of the Protestant Episcopal Dioceses of Pittsburgh and Erie, successively. He died at Franklin on January 17, 1917, and the relatively early termination of his career cut short a life of fruitful interests and exemplary service in the many spheres which commanded his attention and support.

On November 28, 1888, William James Mullins married Elizabeth Johnson Bostwick, of Franklin, who was born on March 30, 1867, daughter of Hiram Warner and Mary Louise (Johnson) Bostwick. Mrs. Mullins is a descendant of an ancient English family, whose history is traced back to the Domesday Book, the ancient record of the Grand Inquest or Survey of the lands of England, made by order of William the Conqueror in 1086. In the American line, she traces her ancestry to Arthur Bostwick, who was baptized in Tarporley, Cheshire County, and was at Stratford, Connecticut, as early as 1651, when a list of the landed proprietors of Stratford containing his name was compiled. From him the line continues through John Bostwick, his son; John (2) Bostwick, in the third American generation, who lived at Derby, Connecticut, and at New Milford, Connecticut, where he was the second settler of the town and held many town offices; Ebenezer, his son, who served as lieutenant in the Danbury, Connecticut, Militia Company; Edmund, son of Ebenezer; Salmon, son of Edmund; and Hiram Warner, son of Salmon, who represented the eighth generation of the family in America.

Hiram Warner Bostwick was the father of Elizabeth Johnson (Bostwick) Mullins. He was born in Laurens, New York, on June 8, 1835, and married, in Corning, New York, December 27, 1865, Mary Louise Johnson, born in Corning, February 8, 1840, daughter of Judge Thomas Atwater Johnson and Mary (Birdsall) Johnson. Judge Johnson was for many years judge of the Court of Appeals in New York State. The first colonist of the Johnson family was Captain Edward Johnson, of Herne Bay, Kent, England. A captain in the King's army, he came to this country with the Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1630, founded the town of Woburn in 1635, was a charter member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, the first deputy to the General Court, of which he was a member for twenty-eight years, in twenty-two of which he presided over its sessions. He wrote the first known history of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, called "Wonder Working Provi-

dence of Sion's Savior in New England." The line of descent is through his son Major William, Captain Edward, Captain Edward (2), Asa, Jonas, Thomas. All were men of affairs and bore their part in the founding of our country, fighting in the various Indian wars, Asa all through the Revolutionary War, his fourteen-year-old son, Jonas, at his side. On his mother's side Judge Johnson is descended from the Duke of Hamilton, who resigned his title and estates in Scotland and came to New England, pushing westward through Massachusetts until his descendants reached what they named Glasgow Lands, later the town of Blandford, Massachusetts. They also settled town after town, fighting Indians all the time, clearing the wilderness from Boston to Springfield. Captain David Hamilton and Captain John Ferguson, cousins, each trained a company of minute men and fought at Lexington and Concord, Bunker Hill, Ticonderoga and Crown Point. Hiram W. and Mary Louise (Johnson) Bostwick were the parents of three children: Elizabeth Johnson; Louise Helen, born September 22, 1869; and William Brough, born June 29, 1871.

Elizabeth Johnson Bostwick was born on March 30, 1867. Since her marriage in Franklin she has been one of the most useful and public-spirited members of this community, giving generously of her time and means to promote the cause of civic progress and the interests of community institutions. Mrs. Mullins was president of the board of managers of the Franklin Hospital from 1903 to 1917. Her leadership greatly strengthened the hospital and her gift made possible the furnishing and equipping of a children's ward, providing much needed facilities. Her special interest in child health and child welfare was further evidenced when she established for the State Health Department a free baby clinic under the auspices of the Franklin Chapter, American Red Cross, in 1921. This clinic she has since maintained. For a number of years she served as chairman of the executive board of the American Red Cross and has always actively supported its work. Since 1920, Mrs. Mullins has been president of the Franklin Library, demonstrating again in this connection her administrative capacities and her zeal in behalf of the causes which enlist her sympathies. A loyal patriot, Mrs. Mullins is Past Regent and an active member of the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and during the World War period had a major part in the war effort of the Franklin community. She is also a member of the Wednesday Club and the Wanango Country Club and from the time of its organization has served as vice-president of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce. In religious faith she is an Episcopalian. Despite the responsibilities of her home, she has made a career of public service and her influence and accomplishments have enriched her community. She has frequently been honored by the people

of Franklin, informally on many occasions and officially in 1924, when she was awarded the bronze medal given by the Kiwanis Club for useful citizenship.

Mr. and Mrs. Mullins became the parents of three children: 1. Marjorie, born September 16, 1890; married, October 25, 1928, William Jessup Lersenring. 2. Louise Anne, born July 26, 1894; married, on October 2, 1915, Dr. A. C. Thompson, who died October 10, 1937. They had two sons: A. C. Thompson, Jr., born October 26, 1921, and William Mullins Thompson, born October 23, 1926. 3. Elizabeth Allison, born November 21, 1899; married, December 8, 1923, Edward E. Koos, Jr., who died on October 3, 1925. They were the parents of one daughter, Carolyn Allison Koos, born November 13, 1924.

THOMAS MCCLAIN—A native and lifelong resident of Mercer, Pennsylvania, of which place his parents and ancestors had been pioneers, Thomas McClain, like his father, has been associated with the printing business since his youth. He likewise has been active in the civic and social affairs of the town, a man of influence and public office holder.

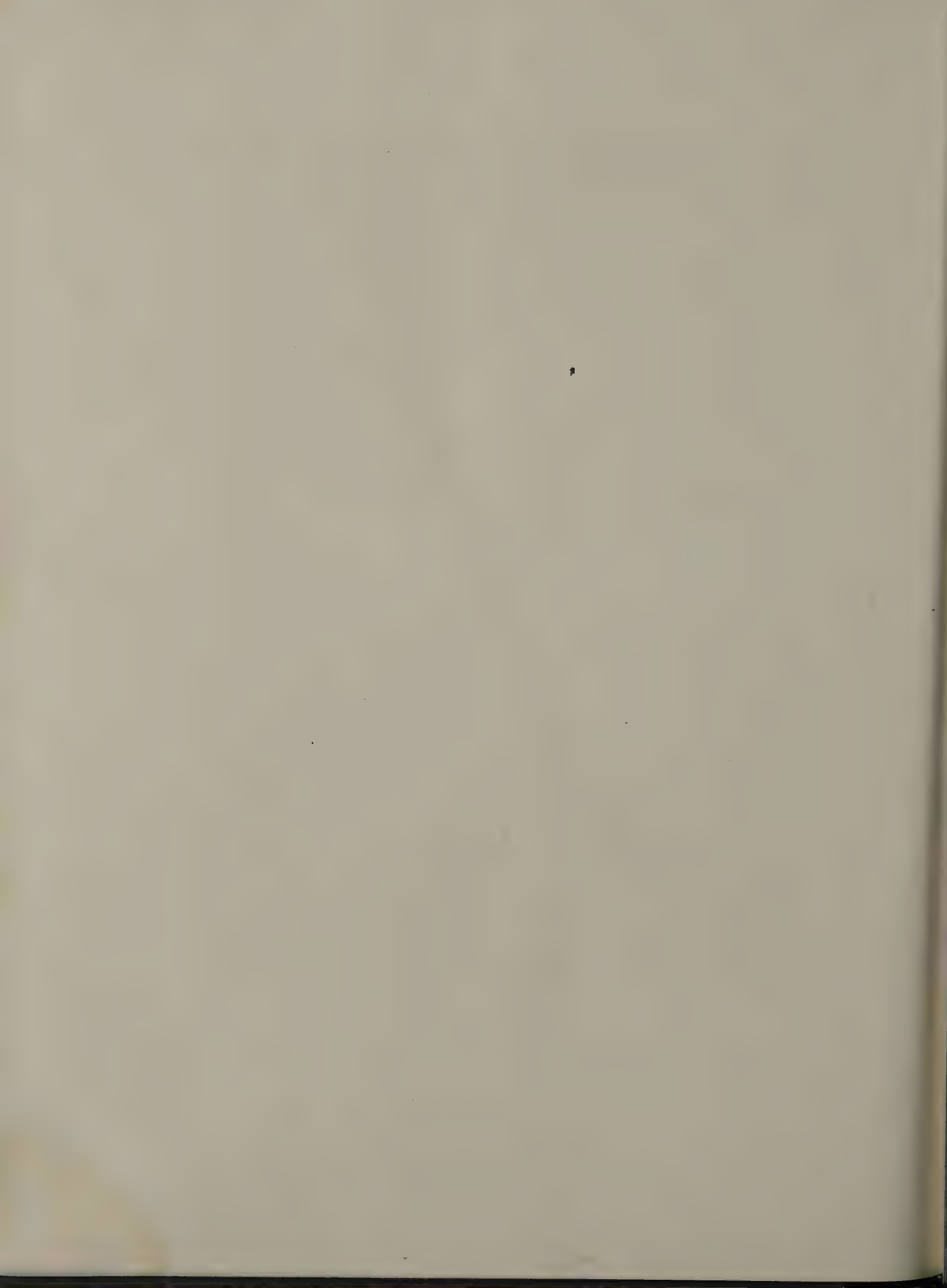
Mr. McClain, as indicated, was born in Mercer, January 9, 1886, son of Thomas W. and Mary (Zahniser) McClain. His father was a printer and publisher for many years in Mercer County, and at one time was with the "Western Press" in Mercer. He also was a justice of the peace in Mercer, and figured prominently in local life. The son, of this record, was educated in the grade and high schools of Mercer, prior to becoming associated with his father in the printing business. Upon the death of the older man, in 1931, Thomas McClain became the sole owner of his business. He specializes in job printing in a most modern plant. One of his customers of long standing, is the Reznor Manufacturing Company, the largest industrial concern of Mercer. The McClains, father and son, have handled the printing of this corporation since it was founded.

Thomas McClain succeeded his father as justice of the peace, in 1931, a position he has filled most capably to date. He also has been county auditor several times, covering a period of about eight years. He is a Democrat in his political allegiance. Fraternally Mr. McClain is affiliated with Mercer Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is secretary; is a member of the various bodies of Masonry including the Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and was formerly a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Loyal Order of Moose. He is a member of several printer's associations and of the Masonic Club. He attends the Presbyterian Church.

On December 15, 1928, at Osterlitz, Ohio, Thomas McClain married Alice Kellogg, daughter of William J. and



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Alice Kellogg, who, prior to her marriage, taught school in Youngstown, Ohio, for fifteen years. Mr. and Mrs. McClain are the parents of three children, all attending school: 1. Harriet McClain, born in 1929. 2. Thomas W. McClain, Jr., born in 1932. 3. Jane McClain, born in 1936.

JOHN R. WISHART—Business and agriculture have both figured prominently in the life of John R. Wishart, of Sharon, president of A. Wishart & Sons, dealers in hardware and building supplies. Near the city he maintains a seven-hundred-acre farm on which he does general farming and breeds Guernsey cows.

Mr. Wishart was born January 11, 1876, in Trumbull County, Ohio, son of Archibald and Jennie (Ulp) Wishart. Archibald Wishart founded the Wishart firm as a wholesale and retail enterprise to deal in lumber, hardware and builders' supplies. He came to Sharon in 1866 from the Province of Ontario, Canada, where he was born. September 30, 1867, he married Jennie Ulp, a native of Trumbull County, Ohio.

John R. Wishart attended Sharon schools, and in 1893 began his business career in the accounting department of his father's firm in Sharon. At the father's death, John R. Wishart's uncle, C. A. Wishart, succeeded to the presidency of the firm. In 1920 John R. Wishart became president of the business, which lays claim to being one of the largest and oldest enterprises of its kind in this region. While conducting A. Wishart & Sons, John R. Wishart devotes some time to the agricultural operations that have so long interested him, mainly the breeding and raising of Guernsey cows, but also general farming. An overseer superintends the actual details of running the farm, although Mr. Wishart himself gives as much time as possible to this work, of which he is especially fond.

In politics he is a Republican. He belongs to the Sharon Chamber of Commerce and the Kiwanis Club, as well as to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and has served as a trustee of the Sharon Presbyterian Church. A favorite hobby of Mr. Wishart is delving into history, and he has collected many valuable antique historical volumes.

John R. Wishart married, March 14, 1906, Blanche M. Coombs. They became the parents of five children: 1. Jessie Marie Wishart, born December 1, 1906, became the wife of J. H. Hutchenson, Jr., associated in business with Mr. Wishart; the Hutchensons have one daughter, Betsie, born in 1936. 2. Marie Louise Wishart, born in 1913, wife of Eric Thompson, professor of English at Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, formerly with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. 3. Margaret Victoria Wishart, born in 1909, died in 1936. 4. Archibald Wishart, born in 1917, graduated in 1936 from the Carnegie Institute of Technology, associated in business with

his father. 5. John R. Wishart, Jr., born in 1919, graduated in 1941 as a Bachelor of Science from Pennsylvania State College.

ARCHIBALD ROBERTSON OSMER—For half a century, Archibald Robertson Osmer has been a member of the Venango County bar. Practicing at Franklin, with his brother, Newton Fassett Osmer (*q. v.*), he has been active in many important professional responsibilities and successfully continues the tradition of prominence long associated with the family name in legal circles of western Pennsylvania.

Mr. Osmer was born in Franklin on October 12, 1866, son of James H. and Mary J. (Griggs) Osmer. His father, for more than forty years one of the leading lawyers of western Pennsylvania, was born in England in 1832, but in the year of his birth was brought to this country by his parents, Reuben and Catherine (Gilbert) Osmer, who settled in Center County, Pennsylvania. He spent his boyhood on his father's farm and by persistent effort, often studying privately when he could not be spared for school, he prepared for Bellefonte Academy, which he entered at the age of eighteen. Mr. Osmer also studied at Pinegrove Academy and at Dickinson Seminary in Williamsport. Afterward he taught school to finance his higher education, which he pursued at Mount Pleasant College, in Westmoreland County. Meanwhile, his ambition had settled on a career at the bar. In preparation for his profession, he entered the law office of Robertson and Fassett at Elmira, New York, and read law there from June, 1886, to November, 1888, when he was admitted to the bar at Cortland, New York. For seven years he practiced in the vicinity of Elmira and in the spring of 1865 returned to Pennsylvania. Already an experienced lawyer, he quickly established his professional reputation in Venango County, where he was admitted to the bar in August, 1865, and where he practiced until his death in 1912. Best known as a trial lawyer, in which phase of practice his brilliant gifts were seen to great advantage, he appeared in every important criminal case tried in Venango County for more than thirty years. In civil practice, his record was equally successful. Mr. Osmer was a member of the bar of all courts in Pennsylvania, including those of the United States. He was a prominent Republican from the party's inception and was elected a delegate to the national convention of the party in 1876 and in the fall of 1878 was elected to represent his district in the United States Congress. Distinguished in his profession and influential in public affairs, he was one of Franklin's first citizens and remained an active figure in its life until the close of his career. Despite advancing years, he went almost daily to his office and was able to bring to his professional responsibilities the same keen

mind and cogent logic which marked him as a young lawyer. He died on October 3, 1912.

In June, 1859, James H. Osmer married Mary J. Griggs, who was born in Steuben County, New York. They became the parents of four children: Lincoln; William; Archibald Robertson, of this record; and Newton Fassett (*q. v.*).

Archibald Robertson Osmer received his preparatory education in the public schools of Franklin and after completing the high school course in 1884, entered Princeton University, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1888. Subsequently he studied law in his father's office at Franklin, was admitted to the Venango County bar in 1891 and at a later date was admitted to practice in the Supreme and Superior courts of Pennsylvania. In 1893 he was elected district attorney of Venango County and served with credit in this office for two terms. Until his father's death in 1912 he was associated with him in practice as a member of the firm of J. H. Osmer and Sons, in which Newton F. Osmer was also a partner. Since 1912 Archibald R. and Newton F. Osmer have continued the practice without interruption under the firm name of Osmer and Osmer. It is one of the leading law firms of northwest Pennsylvania.

Mr. Osmer is a member of the several bar associations. He has been active in various civic interests, serving as a director of Franklin Hospital and member of the city school board, and is affiliated fraternally with Myrtle Lodge, No. 316, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is Past Master, and with Franklin Lodge, No. 110, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is also a member of the Masonic Club of Franklin and a past member of the Wanango Country Club. Mr. Osmer is a Republican in politics and a member of the Unitarian Church.

On August 21, 1893, he married Mary Alice Grant, daughter of Captain J. R. and Martha Grant, granddaughter of Alexander and Elizabeth (Say) Grant and great-granddaughter of Alexander and Elizabeth (Johnson) Grant, both born in Scotland. Mr. and Mrs. Osmer had two sons: James Harold, born February 4, 1895; and Gilbert Grant, born May 25, 1898. Both are graduates of Princeton University and both saw service with the United States Army during the World War. Archibald Robertson Osmer died December 10, 1940.

NEWTON FASSETT OSMER—Newton Fassett Osmer was born in the city of Franklin, Pennsylvania, July 23, 1868, son of James H. Osmer and Mary Jane (Griggs) Osmer. His father, born in Tenterden, England, was brought to the United States by his parents when in early childhood and settled in Center County, Pennsylvania; he attended such public schools as were then available, until he was about eighteen years of age,

took a short course in Dickinson Seminary and then went to Elmira, New York, and studied law with the law firm of Robertson and Fassett. Upon admission to the bar of New York State, at Cortland, he immediately entered upon the practice of his profession, locating in Horseheads. Professional business brought him to Franklin in 1865, where until the time of his death (1912) he continuously resided and was very active in the practice of his profession, not only in Venango County but adjoining counties, as well as in all Appellate courts and the Federal courts. He took a very active part in politics and was elected to the Congress during the Hays Administration.

The subject of this sketch attended the public schools of Franklin, graduating therefrom with the class of 1886, whereupon he entered Princeton University, graduating therefrom with the class of 1890, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Thereupon he began the study of law with his father and was admitted to the bar in the spring of 1893. From the year 1894 to 1900 Mr. Osmer resided and practiced his profession in the city of Oil City, associated with his father and brother under the firm name of J. H. Osmer and Sons. He was compelled to return to Franklin in 1900 on account of business requirements of his firm, and since then has been in active practice of the law, the firm name, upon the death of his father being changed to Osmer and Osmer.

Mr. Osmer is a member of the Supreme and Superior courts of Pennsylvania as well as the Federal Court. During his residence in Oil City he was a member of the Common Council for the term of three years. Politically Mr. Osmer has always been identified with the Republican party. He is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, and was a charter member of the Wanango Country Club. At Milton, Pennsylvania, Mr. Osmer and Helen Irene Farley, daughter of John M. and Ida May (Martin) Farley, were united in marriage. Two children have been born to them, namely: (1) John Lambert, August 24, 1909, who attended the public schools of Franklin, entered Worcester Academy, Worcester, Massachusetts, graduating in the class of 1928, and afterwards entered Princeton University from which he graduated in the class of 1934; he now resides in East Orange, New Jersey, and is associated with the Sylvania Industrial Corporation as patent attorney, having been admitted in the Patent Office Department of the United States, as patent attorney, and (2) Jane Elizabeth Osmer, born in Franklin, December 10, 1916, attended the public schools of Franklin, graduating with the class of 1934, thereupon entering Wellesley College, Wellesley, Massachusetts, and graduating there with the class of 1938. On September 1, 1938, she was united in marriage to John Thornton MacDonald, Jr., and resides with her husband in Jackson Heights, New York.



H. C. Dorworth

HUGH CONWAY DORWORTH—For a century the name Dorworth has been well known in Venango County, Pennsylvania. Hugh Conway Dorworth is a native and practically lifelong resident of Oil City. At one time a professional civil engineer and active in the petroleum business, he has been a member of the bar for more than forty years, a specialist in realty and corporation law. At all times he has contributed constructively to municipal and community progress and improvement.

Mr. Dorworth was born in Oil City, February 1, 1873, son of James L. and Alice Grey (Thompson) Dorworth. His father, a native of Venango County, born October 25, 1846, also an attorney, lost his life in the fire and flood of June 5, 1892. James L. Dorworth was the son of Jonathan (born in 1800) and Henrietta (Knauss) Dorworth, both natives of Emaus, Pennsylvania, who died in Oil City. Jonathan Dorworth, born in 1800, lived to 1873; he was a cabinetmaker. His mother, the former Alice Grey Thompson, born in Venango County, February 7, 1848, died in Oil City, June 14, 1930. She was the daughter of James and Ellen (Pinks) Thompson, the former a lifelong citizen of Clarion County, who owned and operated an iron works and general store over a long period.

Hugh Conway Dorworth was graduated from the Oil City High School, in 1888, and from Allegheny College four years later, a civil engineer. Since youth he had been making his own livelihood and worked his way through college to a profession, which he followed for about a half dozen years. In 1895 he became associated with the Ohio Oil Company and was in charge of the lease department when he decided to study law. Admitted to the bar in 1898, he remained with the Ohio Oil Company until 1902, when he initiated an independent practice as an attorney. His previous experience in engineering and the petroleum business has proven invaluable in his professional work. He specialized in real estate and corporation law.

On July 8, 1908, he joined the legal department of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey and was appointed solicitor for the subsidiary pipe line companies in the states of New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, West Virginia and Kentucky. Upon dissolution of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, he was appointed general counsel for the National Transit Company and National Transit Pump & Machine Company and solicitor of the Southern Group of Pipe Lines.

From 1905 to 1908, Mr. Dorworth was Venango County solicitor. He is a member of the Venango County Bar Society; his college fraternity is Sigma Alpha Epsilon. A Republican in politics and influential in party matters, his civic activities are confined chiefly to local development and better government. He worships in the Presbyterian Church. Hunting and fishing rank high among

his recreations, and he indulges both sports at his summer cottage on the Allegheny River, a dozen miles above Oil City.

Hugh Conway Dorworth married (first), April 27, 1898, Margaret Ann Dougherty, a native of Oil City, daughter of William and Mary (Ford) Dougherty, both now deceased. Mrs. Dorworth died February 12, 1923. Mr. and Mrs. Dorworth were the parents of six children: 1. James Louis, married Madge Barrett, of Oklahoma; he is engaged in the oil business in the West. 2. Mary, married V. S. Phillips, of Erie, Pennsylvania. 3. Alice G. 4. Wilhelmina, married William A. Conlon, of New York City. 5. Helen Louise, married Donald E. Murray, of Meadville, Pennsylvania. 6. John D., of West Virginia, married Irene Miller, of this State.

Hugh Conway Dorworth married (second), Mrs. Minnie S. (Stuck) Jackson, native of Venango County, daughter of John and Anna (Mattern) Stuck, the former of whom is deceased. Mrs. Stuck resides with her daughter, Mrs. Dorworth. Mr. and Mrs. Dorworth are the parents of a son, Hugh C. Dorworth, Jr. By her former marriage, Mrs. Dorworth has two sons: John A. Jackson, of Butler, Pennsylvania, and Robert D. Jackson, of Oil City.

WILLIAM CLARK McDOWELL—Since 1926 William Clark McDowell has been treasurer of the Sharon Herald Company. His contribution to local newspaper service, through his work with the "Herald," and his participation in Sharon business and banking affairs, have established him as one of the highly respected citizens of the community.

Mr. McDowell was born December 21, 1879, in Sharon, Pennsylvania, son of Parker and Martha (McClain) McDowell. His father was long associated with his brother, Alexander McDowell, in operation of the McDowell National Bank.

Sharon schools furnished William C. McDowell's early education, and after attending Sharon High School he began his active career. He turned his attention to newspaper work at the age of thirteen, publishing, with his brother, between 1892 and 1898, a weekly paper, the "Sharon Star," long since out of existence and a rare collectors' item. Mr. McDowell has a complete file of the "Star" through the years of its issuance. Between 1910 and 1917 he served as assistant cashier of the McDowell National Bank, of Sharon. Then, until 1924, he was vice-president and cashier of the People's Bank, of Farrell. From 1924 to 1926 he served as treasurer of the automobile sales organization known as the Dietrich-McDowell Company. His long interest in newspaper work made it easy for him to turn his attention once more wholly to this sphere of activity, however, when, in 1926, Mr. Mc-

Dowell accepted the post of treasurer of the Sharon Herald Company.

Continuing in this office today, Mr. McDowell also interests himself extensively in community affairs and is widely known throughout Mercer County. He is a Republican, was a member of the organizing committee of the Sharon Chamber of Commerce, a charter member of the Sharon Country Club, and is affiliated fraternally with the Protected Home Circle and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

William Clark McDowell married, September 6, 1904, in Sharon, Pennsylvania, Laura O'Brien, of this city, daughter of M. I. and Elizabeth (Reardon) O'Brien. Mrs. McDowell shares many of her husband's community interests, being active in a number of civic bodies and serving as a Republican organizer. She is a member of the women's auxiliary organizations connected with C. H. Buhl Hospital, Sharon, in which Mr. McDowell was formerly a member of the board and treasurer. The McDowells have a son, William Parker McDowell, who was born June 14, 1914, and is now a city reporter on the "Sharon Herald." He is active in the Exchange Club, the University Club, Sigma Delta Chi and Delta Chi national fraternities, and the Knights of Columbus.

ALLAN P. HYDE, M. D.—An early exponent of X-ray, Dr. Allan P. Hyde, of Sharon, does a great deal of work along these lines and is chief Roentgenologist at C. H. Buhl Hospital, in this city. He is a trained homeopathic physician, and his studies in this country and abroad, as well as in all the newest developments in his profession, well equip him for the position that has been his in the Sharon professional circle since 1901.

Dr. Hyde was born in 1878 in West Middlesex, Pennsylvania, son of Thomas J. and Martha (White) Hyde. His father was a merchant in Sharon and West Middlesex.

After completing his preliminary education, Dr. Allan P. Hyde attended the Cleveland Homeopathic Medical College and there took the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1901. He had postgraduate work at the University of Vienna several years later, in 1908. Meanwhile, however, he became a physician, engaged in general practice, in Sharon, and gradually became more and more interested in the use of X-ray. In his postgraduate studies in Vienna he gave special attention to the new X-ray science, which he used increasingly as its development warranted. During the World War years, in 1917 and 1918, Dr. Hyde was a captain in the United States Medical Corps, stationed at Camp Greenleaf and at Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, District of Columbia. At that hospital he was active in the X-ray department. Specializing more in Roentgenology as time has gone on, Dr. Hyde is, as indicated above, chief of this division at Buhl Hospital.

Interesting himself in community affairs, he is a Republican in politics. For many years he served as a director of the Sharpsville Bank, in Sharpsville. He is a member of the Mercer County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania Medical Society, the Roentgenology Ray Society of Pittsburgh, the College of Radiology and the Radiological Society of North America. He was at one time president of the Sharon Rotary Club, and continues active in its affairs. He belongs to St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church.

Dr. Allan P. Hyde married, in 1908, in Sharpsville, Pennsylvania, Catherine Pierce, daughter of Walter and Alice (Mower) Pierce. They became the parents of a daughter, Martha Hyde, who was born in 1912 and is married to John Sterling White, of Sharon, Pennsylvania.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK IN SHARON—In 1861 James Westerman, in company with William Coleman, C. B. Wick and P. W. Keller, became interested in the Sharon Iron Works.

There being no banking facilities in the community, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Wick and S. Q. Porter early in 1865 formed the first banking partnership under the firm name of Wick, Porter & Company.

In November of 1865 Mr. Coleman and Mr. Wick sold their interest to Mr. Porter and Simon Perkins and the business became known as Porter & Perkins. These men were active in the organization of the First National Bank in 1868 and sold their interest to the new bank which was chartered on August 31 of that year.

At Plumer in Venango County, a national bank had been previously organized but when the oil business collapsed in that community, it could not support a bank and G. C. Prather & Associates, connected with that bank, were active in the organization of the First National Bank of Sharon. The circulation of the Plumer bank was transferred to the First National at Sharon.

The first directors were T. J. Porter, James Westerman, John T. Wilson, A. S. Prather and G. C. Prather, the latter being elected president.

The original charter was for twenty years but was renewed several times in order to continue the organization.

Upon the death of George C. Prather, John J. Spearman was elected president in 1872 and served for nearly forty years.

The first banking room was in the Hanson House, now known as the Carver Hotel. The new bank purchased from Thomas J. Porter one-half of his lot on the west bank of the Shenango River and together they erected the bank building that stood from 1875 until 1937. In 1937 that building was razed and the present building erected, the bank having several years previously purchased the interest of Mr. Porter in the building.

The bank has had five presidents: G. C. Prather, John J. Spearman, who was followed by James P. Whitla, A. R. McGill and C. E. Brockway.

The present board of directors is composed of P. A. Higgs, who began his work with the bank in 1891 and retired from active service as a bank officer in 1939; R. R. Down, vice-president and general manager of Fruit-Ohl Company; John A. C. Stevenson, retired; E. E. Reagle, an officer of the Sharon Steel Corporation; Walton L. Woody, manager of the Sharon plant of the National Malleable & Steel Castings Company; H. V. Putman, manager of the Sharon plant of the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company; and C. E. Brockway, senior member of the law firm, Brockway, Whitla and McKay. The other officers of the bank are: R. H. Starr, vice-president and trust officer; William A. Bryer, vice-president and cashier; A. E. Heiges, assistant cashier; M. L. Greenlund, assistant cashier; Alex Green, manager, foreign and travel departments.

CHAUNCEY E. BROCKWAY—A member of the bar since 1908, Chauncey E. Brockway has been engaged in the practice of law in Sharon since that time. In 1926 he formed a partnership with William F. Whitla, under the firm name of Brockway and Whitla, and upon the latter's death in December, 1932, Leo H. McKay became associated with the firm, under the name of Brockway, Whitla and McKay.

Mr. Brockway was born August 14, 1884, in West Williamsfield, Ohio, the son of Emerson B. and Sara (Mowry) Brockway.

His parents moved to Sharon in 1891, where he entered the public schools, and was graduated from the Sharon High School in 1903. He then entered Bucknell University at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, where he was graduated *magna cum laude* with the class of 1907. He received his degree of Master of Arts from Bucknell in 1908.

He received his legal education at Bucknell University and in the law offices of James P. Whitla and J. A. McLaughry in Sharon, the latter of whom served for twenty years as president judge of the Mercer County courts.

Admitted to practice law in 1908, he was later admitted to practice before the Superior and Supreme courts of Pennsylvania, and to the District and Circuit Courts of Appeal of the United States.

Mr. Brockway has always been interested in community and civic affairs. He is a past president and director of the Sharon Chamber of Commerce; past president of the Sharon Kiwanis Club; was for seven years president of the Mercer County Sabbath School Association; past president of the Mercer County Bar Association; president (1941-42) of the Mercer County Bankers

Association; and became a director of the First National Bank of Sharon in 1923, and was elected president in 1933, in which position he is still serving. In 1926 he became solicitor for the Sharon School Board, which position he still holds. He was for many years the director of the Community School of Religious Education maintained by the churches of Sharon. Besides his membership in the Kiwanis Club, he is a member of the Sharon Country Club and the Pittsburgh Bankers' Club, the Pennsylvania and American Bar associations. He is also a life member of the college fraternity of Sigma Chi, which he joined during his college days. He is a member of the East Side Baptist Church of Sharon, in which he is very active.

The firm of Brockway, Whitla and McKay are attorneys for the First National Bank in Sharon; the Pennsylvania Power Company; the Pennsylvania Railroad Company; Shenango Furnace Company, Shenango Penn-Mold Company; Shenango Valley Water Company, of which Mr. Brockway is also a director; and of the Shenango Valley Transportation Company, Sharon Herald Company, and Sharon Herald Broadcasting Company, Station WPIC.

He is a Republican in politics.

On July 23, 1912, he married in Cleveland, Ohio, Bessie H. Taylor, daughter of Harry and Abigail (Urmson) Taylor. The Brockways have three sons: 1. Robert T. Brockway, born December 3, 1914. 2. Philip E. Brockway, born July 30, 1916. 3. Frederic W. Brockway, born March 29, 1919. The Brockway residence is situated at No. 319 Buhl Boulevard, Sharon, Pennsylvania; and Mr. Brockway's law offices are in the First National Bank Building, Sharon, Pennsylvania.

EMRYS G. FRANCIS—An active and prominent attorney engaged in the general practice of the law in Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, Emrys G. Francis is not alone distinguished in his profession but also active in various civic interests and a supporter of all civic enterprises leading towards the betterment of his city, county and State.

Born on October 26, 1897, at Llanelly, South Wales, Great Britain, Emrys G. Francis is the son of William G. and Margaret (Jones) Francis. William G. Francis, who removed to America and established himself at Sharon, is now the adjuster at the Buhl Memorial Hospital, Sharon.

After obtaining his secondary education, Emrys G. Francis entered the University of Pittsburgh where he took his degree of Bachelor of Science in Economics in 1918. During his college years, he was a member of the Students' Army Training Corps of the University of Pittsburgh. His legal education was obtained at Harvard Law School and the University of Pittsburgh, where

he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1927. Before entering upon the practice of his profession, Mr. Francis spent a year in the office of the prothonotary at Mercer, Pennsylvania, after which he entered an association with the oldest law firm in the city, Davis, Fruit and Anderson. Thus engaging in the general practice of the law, through the present time, Mr. Francis has taken a deep interest in the problems of his profession, becoming a member of the Pennsylvania State Bar Association and the Mercer County Bar Association. His efforts on behalf of the latter organization have so won him recognition and respect that, in 1941, he was elected the body's president, succeeding Leo McKay. Among the legal responsibilities which Mr. Francis carries are the positions as solicitor for the Valley Savings & Loan Company of Sharon and the Mercer County Motor Club. A Republican in political life and a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Sharon, he is an enthusiastic automobilist and has devoted himself to the work of the Mercer County Motor Club so successfully that he has become the organization's president. He is a member of the Sharon Post of the American Legion. Mr. Francis is also interested in all outdoor sports and gives generously to the support of various civic activities.

On June 1, 1929, at Pittsburgh, Emrys G. Francis married Marion Redfern, daughter of John and Mary (Thomas) Redfern, of Pittsburgh. Mr. and Mrs. Francis are the parents of a son: Frederick John, born September 18, 1937.

J. B. PERRINE, M. D.—Engaged in a general medical practice in Grove City, Dr. J. B. Perrine holds a position of leadership in Mercer County professional circles and is at the time of writing president of the County Medical Society.

Dr. Perrine was born June 2, 1889, at Perrine's Corners, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, son of Fleming and Elizabeth (Buckley) Perrine and member of an old and noted family, representing the ninth generation in direct line of descent from the immigrant ancestor of the paternal house, Daniel Perrine. That Daniel Perrine came to America and settled at Port Richmond, Staten Island, New York; he married Maria Thorel. Their son, Henry Perrine, went to Middlesex County, New Jersey; he married Marie ———. Their son, John Perrine, married Catharine ———. Their son, William Perrine, lived in Monmouth County, New Jersey. His son, also named William Perrine, born at Perrineville, New Jersey, died at Perrine, Pennsylvania; he married Annie Vance. Their son, John Perrine, born at Perrine, Pennsylvania, married Nancy Grace. Their son, Bennett Perrine, Dr. J. B. Perrine's grandfather, was born January 13, 1817, at Perrine's Corners, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, and lived at Stoneboro, this State; he married, February 14, 1843, Eliza Elvira Rice, born February 6, 1825, died De-

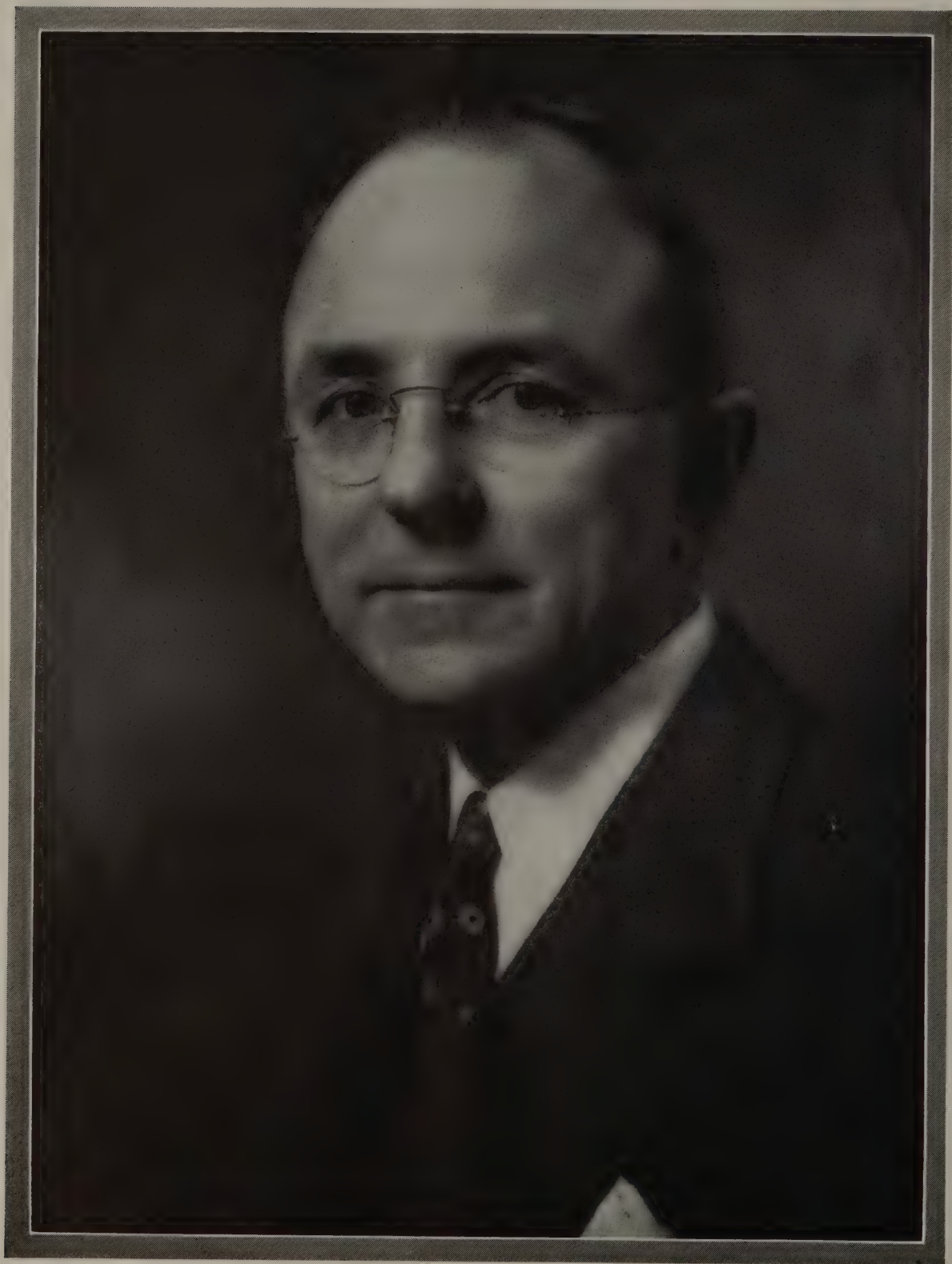
cember 30, 1907, daughter of Irwin and Didema (Bishop) Rice, of New York City, and they became the parents of seven children.

Fleming Perrine, one of these children, Dr. Perrine's father, was born June 20, 1854, at Perrine's Corners, and lived at Stoneboro. He was an agriculturist, owning his own two-hundred-acre farm, which has been in the family possession for five generations. He married, April 23, 1879, Elizabeth Buckley, born December 12, 1859, daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Mears) Buckley, of Mineral Township, Venango County, Pennsylvania. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Herman Joseph Perrine. 2. Caroline Elizabeth Perrine. 3. Victor Fleming Perrine. 4. Jonathan Bennett Perrine, of further mention. 5. Homer Oscar Perrine. 6. Mary Grace Perrine.

Jonathan Bennett Perrine, fourth-named of these children, received his early formal education at Sandy Lake Institute, where he was graduated in 1908. He took the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1912 at the Medical College of the University of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia, and served his internship at McKeesport Hospital, in McKeesport. Completing his studies, he started his practice in Sheakleyville, where he was a general practitioner until 1914, then moving to Wesley, Venango County, where he practiced till 1924. He and his family then removed to Grove City, where Dr. Perrine's practice has been centered down to the time of writing.

He has taken a leading part in the affairs of his profession, being elected secretary of the Mercer County Medical Society in 1929 and holding that position until 1938. He was elected president in 1941. He still heads this society, has been deputy coroner of Grove City for some years, and has been a member of the board of directors of Grove City Hospital since shortly after he came to this community to live. He is a member, too, of the hospital staff. A leader in many civic and social activities, Dr. Perrine is a Republican in politics, a member of the Kiwanis Club, and an active leader in fraternal affairs. He is a charter member of the Grove City Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, is affiliated with the lodge and the Scottish Rite Consistory in the Free and Accepted Masons, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Dr. Jonathan Bennett Perrine married, in 1913, Hilda M. Johnson. They became the parents of four children: 1. Virginia Perrine, born August 28, 1914, attended Grove City College, became the wife of Robert Campbell, of the department of traffic at the Firestone Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio; their two children were: i. Judith Ann Campbell, born in 1939. ii. Robert Jonathan Campbell, born December 2, 1940. 2. Harvey Eugene Perrine, born September 24, 1918, graduated from the music department of Indiana State College, now superintendent of music at Leechburg High School. 3. Elizabeth Jane Perrine, born August 20, 1919, attended Grove City Col-



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lege, taught English and Latin at Falls Creek High School in 1940 and 1941; August 16, 1941, she married Herman Loyal Walters, of Grove City, Pennsylvania. Mr. Walters is bookkeeper and auditor for the Montgomery Building Supply Company of Grove City. 4. Warren Bennett Perrine, born March 7, 1921, a student at Drexel Institute of Technology. 5. Doris Jean Perrine, born November 1, 1925, a student at Grove City High School.

BLAINE G. HARRINGTON—As manager of an extensive and productive farm, and identified with financial and public-spirited bodies, Blaine G. Harrington is one of the best and most favorably known residents of Franklin, Pennsylvania.

He was born in 1884, at Ridgway, Elk County, Pennsylvania, and received his education in the public schools there and at the Washington Business College in the District of Columbia.

In 1902, the late Hon. Joseph C. Sibley engaged him as personal secretary, a relation which continued until the time of Mr. Sibley's death in 1926, at which time he had charge of the settling of Mr. Sibley's estate and has had charge of the finances of Mr. Sibley's daughter, Mrs. William McCalmont Wilson, from the date of her father's death until the present. In 1936 he assumed the management of River Ridge Farm, which embraces 1,048 acres, cultivated for general farm crops to supply the local market, and also has fifty-four producing oil wells averaging ten barrels per day.

Mr. Harrington's main interests have always been investments and finances. He is a member of the board of directors of the Exchange Bank & Trust Company of Franklin, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Harrington was one of the founders and the second president of the Franklin Community Chest, and was for a number of years a director of that organization. He is past president of the Franklin Club and of the Washington Club, both of Franklin, Pennsylvania. He is a director in the Rotary Club and a former director of the Wanango Country Club; is vice-chairman and director of the American Red Cross; a thirty-second degree Mason and is Past Master of the Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Franklin, Pennsylvania; and Past Commander of the Franklin Commandery of Knights Templar. He is, moreover, a member of the board of trustees of the Polk State School for the Feeble Minded at Polk, Pennsylvania, and is also treasurer of the board.

In 1914, at Franklin, Pennsylvania, Blaine G. Harrington married Alice Lamberton. She was a charter member of the Delphian Society of Franklin, and from 1932 to 1936 was vice-chairman of the Venango County Republican League. Her husband is of the same political

faith. Their children are: 1. Blaine G. Harrington, Jr., born in 1917, a graduate of Franklin-Marshall College, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, who majored in advertising and selling. He is a member of the Chi Phi fraternity and Alpha Delta Sigma, national honorary advertising fraternity. 2. Joseph Sibley Harrington, born in 1920, sophomore at Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, majoring in banking, member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

The handling of Mrs. William McC. Wilson's financial affairs is now Mr. Harrington's chief interest, as well as the management of River Ridge Farm which, since Mr. Sibley's death, has been the property of Mrs. Wilson, his daughter.

MILES PRITZ BROWN—The Miles P. Brown Boiler Works is one of the older industrial concerns that contribute to the prosperity of Franklin, Venango County. It was founded in 1885, and for many years operated under the name of R. E. Jones & Company. The company manufactures and designs all tanks and equipment for the oil refining industry and Mr. Brown has been associated with the business since 1894, having been a partner since 1916 and sole owner since April 29, 1921, when he purchased the business from Mr. Jones and gave it the present name, Miles P. Brown Boiler Works. Mr. Brown is the president; Harry L. Leyda is manager and purchasing agent; J. W. Brown, general superintendent; C. F. Whitesell is field superintendent, and R. E. Rhines acts as assistant plant superintendent. The old plant was dismantled and a new and larger works built and equipped with all modern improvements in 1929. About forty men are employed and products are widely distributed in the United States.

Miles Pritz Brown was born in Scrubgrass Township, Venango County, Pennsylvania, August 4, 1874, son of Robert Manson Brown, born December 24, 1844, died January 11, 1919, and Sarah Luella (Shontz) Brown, born August 5, 1848, died December 23, 1925. His parents were married May 27, 1866; his father being a farmer. Miles P. Brown is fraternally affiliated with the Masonic Order and is a member of Myrtle Lodge, No. 316, Venango Chapter, No. 211, Keystone Council, No. 42, Franklin Commandery, No. 44, Knights Templar, and Washington Club, all of Franklin, Pennsylvania; Venango Lodge of Perfection, at Oil City, Pennsylvania; Valley of Pittsburgh Consistory and Syria Temple, of Pittsburgh. He also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being a member of Venango Lodge, No. 255, of Franklin. He is a member of the First Church of God, situated on Seventh Street.

At Jamestown, New York, November 6, 1893, Miles Pritz Brown married Mary Etta Jones, who was born at Turkey City, Clarion County, Pennsylvania, December

25, 1875, and who died February 22, 1937, daughter of William and Jenny Priscilla (Lowers) Jones. Mr. and Mrs. Brown were the parents of the following children: 1. Lizzie A., born in Sandycreek Township, Venango County, June 26, 1894, and died September 10, 1894, and is buried in Congress Hill Cemetery in that place. 2. Helen Gabrielle, born in Sandycreek Township, Venango County, Pennsylvania, December 10, 1898; married, at Franklin, Pennsylvania, November 27, 1926, Harry Louis Leyda, a sales engineer with the Miles P. Brown Boiler Works, and a son of Cyrus Frederick and Ella Jane (Graham) Leyda. Mr. and Mrs. Leyda reside at Franklin, Pennsylvania, where Mr. Leyda takes a prominent part in Masonic circles, is a member of the American Legion, "40 & 8," Sons of the American Revolution, and the Kiwanis Club, of which he is past president. By a previous marriage Mr. Leyda has a daughter, Jayne Louise, and a son, Harry Louis, Jr. 3. Ira Sankey, born in Sandycreek Township, June 3, 1901, and died January 28, 1936; he was general field superintendent for the Miles P. Brown Boiler Works; in 1918 he graduated from Findlay College, Findlay, Ohio, with a degree of Bachelor of Science; married, at Franklin, Pennsylvania, June 8, 1929, Georgia Alma Thomas, born March 8, 1901, the daughter of George Hunter and Lottie Pearl (Homen) Thomas; they have one child, Nancy Linda Brown, born at Franklin. 4. Zelma Virginia, born August 8, 1906, at Franklin, Pennsylvania, and died December 6, 1906. 5. Ruth Naomi born at Franklin, Pennsylvania, August 4, 1908; married, at Ripley, New York, October 4, 1925, Ray Ernest Rhines, a structural steel worker and engineer, son of Merton Neff and Eva Ethelyn (Craig) Rhines; they became the parents of a daughter, Lyril Jean, born June 26, 1931, and a son, Neil Ray, born January 9, 1938. Mr. and Mrs. Rhines live at Franklin, Pennsylvania. 6. Marjorie Marie, born at Franklin, Pennsylvania, July 21, 1915; married, at Altoona, Pennsylvania, September 4, 1938, Leonard Criswell Robisin, son of John Calvin and Jessie Mae (Grove) Robisin; child: Pritz Calvin, born at Franklin, Pennsylvania, January 7, 1940. There is also an adopted son, Donal Edward, who married, November 23, 1940, at Cumberland, Maryland, Betty June Eckel.

OSCAR CARL JOHNSON—Oscar C. Johnson is of a family long active in the oil industry and he, after adventuring in other fields also, returned to his native town and has achieved a conspicuous place among the owners of the oil wells.

He was born in Clarendon, Pennsylvania, on November 26, 1882, son of John A. and Mathilda (Gusteson) Johnson, the latter deceased. The son, after only nine years in the public schools, went to work for the National Transit and other oil companies, and so acquired a very

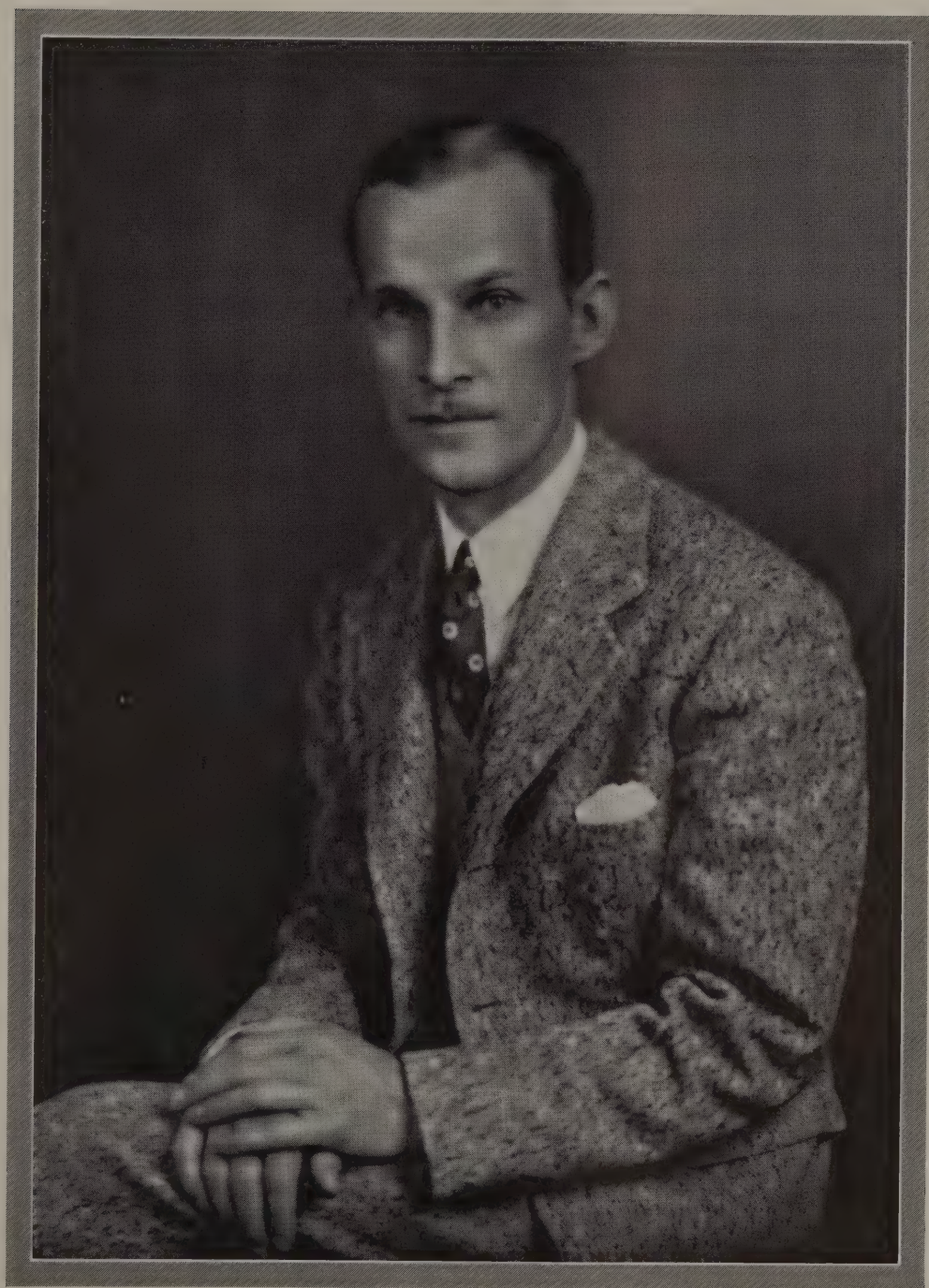
practical knowledge of the production of oil, which served him well in later life. After nine years of this experience, he served a year or less with the Panama Steamship Company of New York City, then, in 1907, entered into a three-year contract to work for the United States Government on the Panama Canal. When he had sufficiently proved himself he was promoted to be an assistant superintendent at Ancon on the Isthmus and discharged his duties there with such efficiency that in 1909 he received a service medal at the hands of President Theodore Roosevelt. This today, and after various other successes, is one of his most prized possessions.

He returned to the United States in 1910, but, not averse to life in the tropics and semi-tropics, he left in a few months for service in connection with the Centennial Exposition at Buenos Aires in the Argentine. When the exposition ended he moved to Montevideo, the capital of Uruguay, because he had seen an opportunity and had organized the American Confectionery Company, of which he was sole owner; the export of candies from the United States to South America constitutes a large trade.

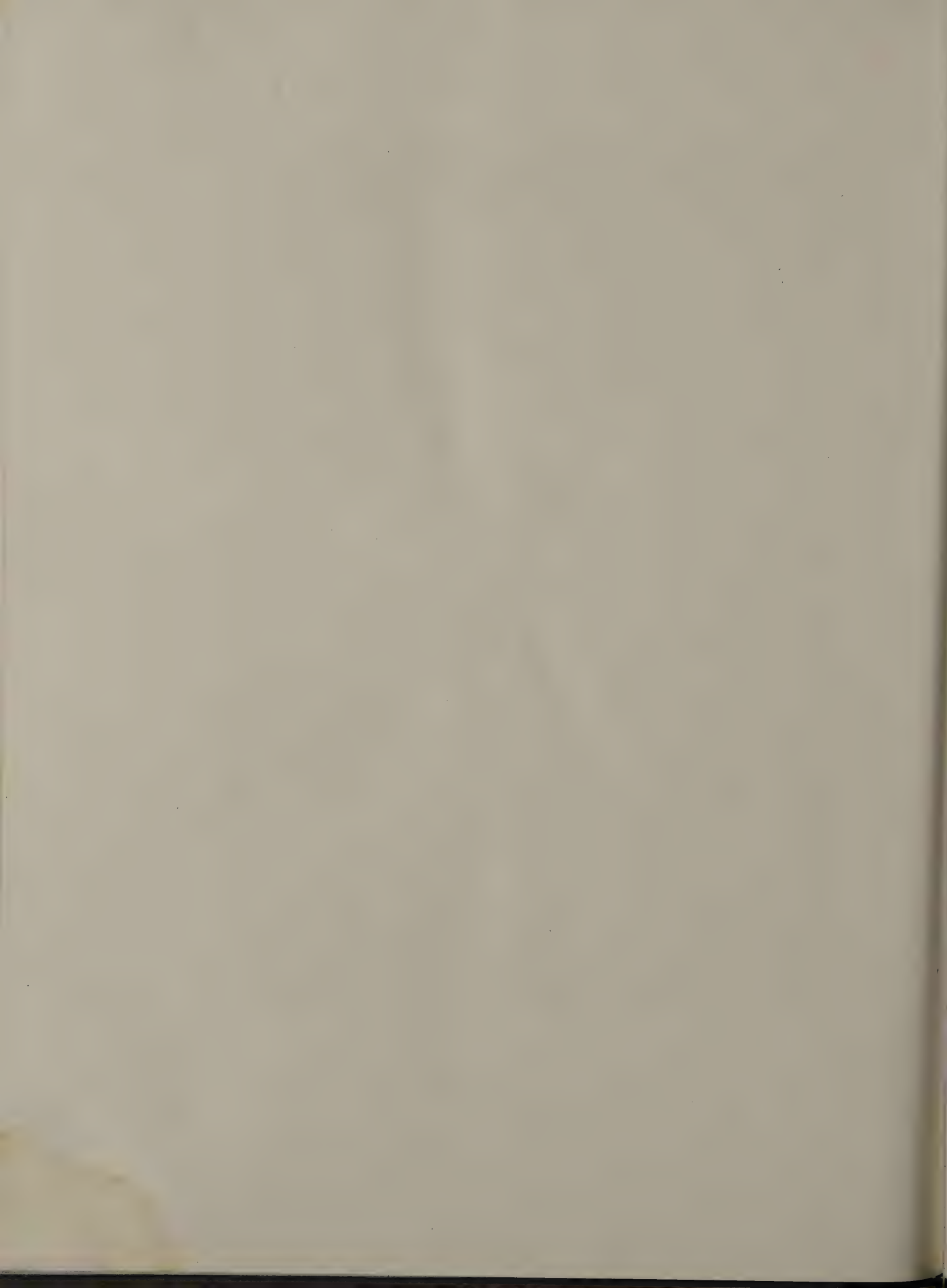
Psychologists used to refer more than they do now to "reversion to the type" and the tendency of men to resume the occupation of earlier years. Johnson felt the call of the oil industry and returning to Pennsylvania and to Pleasantville he became an independent producer and successively organized the following corporations in each of which he is stockholder and active superintendent; the Crescent Oil Company; Blair Oil Company; Titusville Oil Syndicate; Johnson Brothers & Boyles; Clarendon Oil Company. He also owns oil properties outright and has served producing wells. In addition to demands made on his time by these interests he is a director of the Citizens Bank of Pleasantville, and has served in a civic way as a past president of the council of Pleasantville. Fraternally he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Oscar Carl Johnson married Anna C. Anderson, of Pittsfield, Pennsylvania, on December 11, 1910, at Montevideo in Uruguay, South America. She is a daughter of A. E. and Anna (Carlson) Anderson, her father now retired at an advanced age. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are Anita Meredith, born in 1919, at present associated with the New Process Company of Warren, Pennsylvania, and Helen Dolores, born in 1921 and now a student at Grove City College.

LEONARD B. JOHNSON—Engaged in the drug business ever since he obtained employment in a drug store in his high school days, Leonard B. Johnson is today one of Smethport's leading citizens and business men and a prominent figure in McKean County. His early entry upon this work served to finance both his scholastic and professional education and to acquaint him with a number



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of cities and create the experience that made possible his subsequent success in operating his own establishment in Smethport.

Mr. Johnson was born July 5, 1904, in Shawmut, Pennsylvania, son of John A. and Edla Maria (Ostrum) Johnson. His father is a retired railroad foreman in Smethport. Both parents came originally from Sweden. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Manfred H., cashier of the Elk County Trust Company, at Ridgeway, Pennsylvania. 2. Elmeda C., wife of George Blakesley. 3. Austrid, wife of David Swanson, of St. Marys. 4. Ellie M., wife of Russell Hultman, of Ridgeway. 5. Leonard B., of further mention. 6. Albert W., a lawyer of Smethport. 7. Emil J., an accountant, also of Smethport. 8. Linda, wife of Russell Norman, of Smethport.

The fifth-named of these children, Leonard B. Johnson, attended grammar and high schools in Smethport, and early took the employment mentioned above, in a local drug store. While a student in high school, he carried on that work. He entered college in 1923 and in 1925 was created a graduate in pharmacy by the University of Buffalo. There he was a member of the University Glee Club and University Band. For a time he was employed in New York City and while so engaged took a course in New York University, and also a night course at Columbia University. At these institutions he majored in Business Administration.

In the earlier years of his work in the drug trade Mr. Johnson was connected with stores in Jamestown, Rochester, Olean and other cities of New York State, mostly as manager of chain stores. He returned to Smethport in 1932, however, and bought the long-established business of H. C. Wells. He modernized this store along the lines with which he had become familiar in other places, making it thoroughly up-to-date—a sort of department store where drugs are only some of a thousand items carried and sold.

The business expanded, moreover, under Mr. Johnson's capable direction, catering to people over a wide area and requiring the services of four or five employees. In 1940 Mr. Johnson started another Smethport enterprise, making Christmas displays for lawns, which he at once developed on a large scale and obtained national advertising. Customers come from all parts of the United States, and these special displays are shipped over a broad territory. At the time of writing the organization employs six people in the plant and three sales representatives, but its outlook is sound and promising. Mr. Johnson has earned the respect of all with whom he is associated, whether in the drug business or in this new trade upon which he has entered, and he has at the same time participated increasingly in general business affairs. He is a member of the McKean County Council of the Pennsylvania State

Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club of Smethport, the McKean County Pharmaceutical Society (of which he is secretary), the Pennsylvania Pharmaceutical Association and the National Pharmaceutical Association. He belongs to the Beta Phi Sigma fraternity and the Methodist Church.

Leonard B. Johnson married, October 12, 1929, Helen B. Morris, of South Bradford, Pennsylvania, a graduate of Edinboro State Teachers' College, daughter of William John and Lucy (Nippert) Morris and member of an old family. The Morris family line is as follows:

Lieutenant Edward Morris, son of Thomas and Grissie (Hewsome) Morris, baptized in Nazing, Essex County, England, August 8, 1630, died September 14, 1689. His grave was the oldest one in Windham County, Connecticut, and is marked by a stone inscribed: "Here Lied the Body of Lieutenant Edward Morris, Deceased Sept 14, 1689." He came to the American Colonies, settling at Roxbury, Massachusetts, where he was constable, was selectman from 1674 to 1687, and was representative from 1677 to 1687. Later he became one of the early settlers of Woodstock, Connecticut, where he was the first military officer, a selectman and a leader among the early settlers. He married, September 20, 1655, Grace Belt. Their children, all born in Roxbury, Massachusetts, were: Isaac, Edward, Grace, Ebenezer, Elizabeth, Margaret, Samuel, and Martha.

Samuel Morris, son of Lieutenant Edward and Grace (Belt) Morris, was born in Roxbury, Massachusetts, April 19, 1671, died at "Myanexit Farms," in Thompson, Connecticut, January 9, 1745. He bought from Governor Dudley, a large tract of land in Connecticut, lying along the Myanexit or Quinbury River, on which he settled. He became prominent in the district, and was respected and obeyed by the Indians. He married Mehitable Mayo, and they became the parents of one child, Samuel Morris.

This child, Samuel Morris, born August 13, 1695, succeeded his father at "Myanexit Farms," and established a business as a trader, buying up produce and exchanging it in Boston. He married Abigail Bragg. Their children: 1. Samuel Morris, born March 18, 1731, a Revolutionary soldier. 2. Henry Morris, born April 18, 1734, also a soldier in the Revolution. 3. Lemuel Morris. 4. William Morris, born November 28, 1740, a Revolutionary soldier.

Lemuel Morris, third of these children, was born July 29, 1737, and married Lydia Wilkinson; they had a son, Samuel Morris.

This Samuel Morris, or the Samuel Morris who is believed to be the same, was born about 1767, and died in 1858. He served as a boy in the Revolutionary War. His grandfather was known to be the Samuel Morris referred to above, of "Myanexit Farms," though it is not conclu-

sively clear which of that Samuel Morris' sons he was. The strongest evidence points to his being a son of Lemuel and that his birth year was 1767. His Revolutionary service must have been slight, such as only a boy of twelve or fifteen years could perform. He settled in Ontario County, New York. He married, and had a son, Simeon Mills Morris.

Simeon Mills Morris settled at Springwater, Ontario County, New York, and moved to Toad Hollow, South Bradford, Pennsylvania. He married Louise McCrea.

William Schuyler Morris, born October 15, 1815, near Mill Grove, Ontario County, New York, died February 26, 1859. He was nineteen years old when he removed to South Bradford, where he was engaged in farming and lumbering. He was a Republican, a collector of taxes for Bradford Township. He married Eliza Pauline Seamans, of Westfield, Tioga County, Pennsylvania.

Jasper Levi Morris, his son, born January 1, 1846, in South Bradford, was engaged in farming and lumbering, and was a pioneer farmer and successful business man, as well as a Republican supervisor, for thirteen years collector of taxes and for twenty-one years assessor and a school director. He was a Methodist in religious faith. He married, July 9, 1876, Alice B. Hellenbrook, born in Hinsdale, New York. Their son was William John Morris.

This William John Morris, father of Mrs. Helen B. (Morris) Johnson, was born June 29, 1877, at Degolia, Pennsylvania, and had a grammar school education in Custer City. He started to work for his father on the home farm of his family at the age of fifteen years, and was eighteen when he went to Red Lodge, Montana, to work on a cattle ranch. After this experience as a cowboy on his uncle's farm, he returned to his father's farm in Pennsylvania and established himself in the dairy business in association with the elder man. For a quarter of a century he continued this connection, but by 1920 had become more active in oil production. Gradually he acquired the original leases on the home farm, as well as adjoining property. Since that time, and especially since his father's death, November 2, 1930, he has given all his time to oil production, controlling more than 180 acres. He is a Republican, a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and a member of the First Methodist Church. William John Morris married, September 25, 1900, Lucy Nippert, daughter of Frederick and Katherine (Hoffman) Nippert. They became the parents of two daughters: 1. Helen Berdena Morris, wife of Leonard B. Johnson. 2. Ruth Louise Morris, wife of Byron B. Porter, a banker, associated with the New York Trust Company, of New York City.

Leonard B. and Helen B. (Morris) Johnson became the parents of two children: Leonard Morris Johnson and Cynthia Louise Johnson.

MARTIN EDWARD CUSICK—For years Martin Edward Cusick has been active in business and professional life in Sharon, making his home in Sharpsville. He is a member of the Sharon law firm of Service, McNeal, Cusick and Isenberg, as well as an official of the Cambria Slag Company here and a leading figure in Pennsylvania affairs.

Mr. Cusick was born November 2, 1902, in Hickory Township, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, son of Michael G. and Ellen (Walsh) Cusick. His father, a native of County Mayo, Ireland, now deceased, was for years a blast furnace operator. The mother came from Ireland also as a child and lived in Scranton during childhood.

Township schools provided Martin E. Cusick's early education, and after graduation from Sharpsville High School he became a student at Duquesne University, taking the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1928. He then attended the Law School at Duquesne University, taking the degree of Bachelor of Laws there in 1930. Admitted to the Pennsylvania bar in September of that year, Mr. Cusick became associated with the law firm of Service, McNeal and Buckley, as it was then known, in Sharon. In 1934 he was made a member of the firm, which was restyled Service, McNeal and Cusick. In 1938 another partner was admitted to the firm, which then became Service, McNeal, Cusick and Isenberg. The older partners of the firm are Fred A. Service (*q. v.*) and Ira B. McNeal, both long-time residents of Sharon.

Along with his legal work, Mr. Cusick has interested himself in civic and political matters. He is a Democrat in politics, and since 1936 has served on the Democratic committee. At one time he was assistant counsel to the Pennsylvania Public Commission, and he also served formerly as solicitor of Sharpsville borough. In 1932 he became a candidate for the Pennsylvania State Legislature, losing the election by a very small margin, and in 1939 he was a candidate for district attorney. Since 1937 he has been vice-president of the Cambria Slag Company.

Mr. Cusick has concerned himself with many worthwhile civic activities in the Shenango Valley, especially the Community Chest drives. He is a member of the Mercer County Bar Association, the University Club of Sharon, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Columbus. He belongs to St. Bartholomew's Roman Catholic Church, in Sharpsville.

Martin Edward Cusick married, August 11, 1934, in Greenville, Pennsylvania, Margaret Brown, of that place, daughter of the late John F. Brown and Susan (O'Day) Brown. They have one daughter, Suzanne Cusick, born February 23, 1940.

FRED A. SERVICE—A leading figure in the business life of Sharon and a widely known participant in affairs of State-wide importance, Fred A. Service is sixth

supreme solicitor of the Protected Home Circle, fraternal insurance order with its headquarters in Sharon. He has interested himself in Sharon's civic life, and, in addition to his many public services, has been a legislator, acting on several important committees, notably the insurance committee, while a member of the Pennsylvania State Senate from 1921 to 1923.

Mr. Service was born October 10, 1876, in Sharon, Pennsylvania, son of John and Ella (Williams) Service and a nephew of A. W. Williams, who was supreme solicitor of the Protected Home Circle before Mr. Service took this post, serving for nineteen years until elected judge of the Mercer County courts in 1905. In 1915, at the close of his term as judge, Mr. Williams was again elected supreme solicitor of the Protected Home Circle, in which office he served until his death in March, 1920. John Service, Senator Service's father, was born in Jackson Township, Mercer County, and died at the age of thirty-seven years. The mother, Mrs. Ella (Williams) Service, of Sharon, died in 1901.

Fred Ansley Service, who has lived all his life in Sharon, attended Sharon public schools, was for three years a student at Washington and Jefferson College, then went for his professional study to the Law School of Columbian University, now George Washington University, in Washington, District of Columbia, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1903. Admitted to the bar in August of that year, he began his practice of law in Sharon shortly afterward, continuing his legal work down to the time of writing, along with his many other activities. For a time he was associated in law practice with his uncle, A. W. Williams, mentioned above, so continuing until Mr. Williams' elevation to the bench. Later Mr. Service formed a partnership with Ira B. McNeal and Martin Edward Cusick under the firm name of Service, McNeal and Cusick, later known as Service, McNeal, Cusick and Isenberg. E. V. Buckley was also associated for a time with the firm.

While continuing his practice of law, Mr. Service became increasingly interested in public affairs and in the advancement of Sharon enterprises, notably the Protected Home Circle. He was only ten years old when he attended Sunday school at the First Baptist Church with his mother, a member there, and, while there, met a Mr. Stratton, who was busily engaged in organizing the Protected Home Circle as a new fraternal insurance order. Mr. Stratton later told the sequel to the incident, which was: A few years afterward Mrs. Service, Fred Service's mother, came to the insurance company's office with her two children, asking W. S. Palmer, then supreme accountant of the order, for a clerkship in the office, her husband having recently died, leaving her in need of employment. For several years she held that clerkship. Thenceforth Fred A. Service was naturally interested in

the order, of which he early became a member. As the years went on, he became increasingly active in the enterprise, taking the post of supreme solicitor in 1920, the sixth man to hold this position, succeeding the late Owen C. McLean.

Down to the time of writing Mr. Service has held this office, and he has interested himself in every phase of insurance work. He has long been active in the Insurance Federation of Pennsylvania, of which he has been an officer, having served as both vice-president and president of the Pennsylvania Fraternal Congress. For some years he has been influential in the National Fraternal Congress of America, helping to promote the interests of fraternal insurance, particularly from the legal side. Long experience along these lines has made him an authority on insurance law, and the Protected Home Circle is fortunate in having such a man for its solicitor.

This knowledge proved particularly valuable to insurance organizations of this sort when Mr. Service went to the State Senate. Long active in Sharon and Mercer County affairs, holding different public offices, he was elected State Senator from the Mercer-Crawford district in the autumn of 1920 and took office in 1921, succeeding Senator James M. Campbell. While in the Senate, until 1923, he served on different committees, as indicated above, including the insurance committee. For a decade Pennsylvania's fraternal insurance societies had been seeking legislation governing their conduct in a clear way, but such bills had failed of passage, session after session. Senator Service now made the matter a particular personal interest, and kept after the Senate until the desired laws were created and the Governor signed them. Fraternal insurance publications have described this legislation as constituting "one of the best fraternal bills that had ever been passed in any State."

Mr. Service's work in this connection has attracted nation-wide attention, and often he is consulted from distant quarters concerning insurance matters. He is a member of the Mercer County Bar Association, the Pennsylvania Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He is a director of the Protected Home Circle and of the First Federal Savings & Loan Bank, as well as a past president of the Sharon Kiwanis Club. During the World War period, in 1917 and 1918, Senator Service was active in Liberty Loan drives. He belongs to the Chamber of Commerce, the Sharon Country Club, the Phi Gamma Delta and Phi Delta Phi fraternities, and the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is affiliated with Sharon Lodge and the Knights Templar Commandery, holds the thirty-second degree of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and is an initiate in Zem Zem Temple (Erie), Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Fred A. Service married, in 1907, Anna Vaughn, of Youngstown, Ohio. They became the parents of the fol-

lowing children: 1. Mary Ella Service, wife of Edwin A. Reed and mother of their children: Edwin A. Reed, Jr.; Lucretia Ann Reed; and Fred Ansley Service Reed. Mrs. Reed was formerly the first counsellor of Sharon Junior Circle, No. 1, Protected Home Circle, and distinguished herself by writing the music to the junior closing song, used in the circle's ritual. 2. Annette Service, who was the first vice-president and later became president of Sharon Junior Circle, Protected Home Circle. 3. Julia Service, past president of Sharon Junior Circle.

SAMUEL H. HADLEY—As supreme president of the Protected Home Circle, whose headquarters are in Sharon, Mercer County, Samuel Hiram Hadley has done much to advance the position of this fraternal insurance order. Its stronghold is western Pennsylvania, though its members are spread over a wide area of the United States. Mr. Hadley, as its head and as native and long-time business man of Mercer County, is known in this district and throughout the State, and has exerted a broad influence for good.

Mr. Hadley was born at Hadley, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, March 15, 1876, son of Ephraim and Mary (Lyons) Hadley, of that place. His father was a leading farmer there.

Samuel H. Hadley was graduated from Fredonia Institute, at Fredonia, Pennsylvania, at the age of eighteen years, and in 1898 took the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Grove City College, in Grove City. He taught for one year at Fredonia Institute, then was elected principal of the Terrace Avenue School, at New Castle, Pennsylvania. Remaining there for three years, he resigned to accept the superintendency of the Sharon schools. Until November 30, 1913, he continued as superintendent, then turned to banking. Accepting a position with the McDowell National Bank, in Sharon, he was later made cashier and a director of that financial institution. He himself joined the Protected Home Circle as a member in 1902, becoming affiliated with Sharon Circle No. 1. Taking an increasingly active part in the affairs of the organization through the years that followed, he was made supreme president of the order in 1924, succeeding A. C. McLean.

Still holding this position, Mr. Hadley interests himself in many aspects of community life. He continues as a director of the McDowell National Bank, and is also a director of the First Federal Savings & Loan Association, the Sharon Hardware Manufacturing Company, the Pennsylvania Power Company, the Masonic Association, and the Oakwood Cemetery Association, all of Sharon. For years he was a member of the school board of Sharon, and during the World War period, in 1917 and 1918, he served on different boards. He is a member of the Sharon Country Club, and for several years held the golf championship at the club. Fraternally he is con-

nected with the Free and Accepted Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Loyal Order of Moose. In the Masonic Order he holds the thirty-third degree, conferred in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1921, at the age of forty-four. He is a Past Master of Shenango Lodge, No. 668, which he helped to found, a Past High Priest of Norman Chapter, No. 244, Royal Arch Masons; a Past Illustrious Master of Hiram Council, No. 48, Royal and Select Masters; a Past Eminent Commander of Rebecca Commandery, No. 50, Knights Templar; a Past Sovereign Prince of the Princes of Jerusalem, and a member of New Castle Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is president of the board of trustees of the First Presbyterian Church of Sharon. He has not only taken a lively part in the life of his city, where he is a past Rotarian and a present and continuing worker along many civic lines, but was president of the National Fraternal Congress, having been so elected in August, 1936, for the term ended in 1937.

Samuel H. Hadley married, July 15, 1903, Agnes Reed, of New Castle, Pennsylvania, daughter of Thomas and Mary (McKee) Reed.

KARL SMITH—Since he began his active career in Sharpsville, Karl Smith has been prominent in its life, dividing his time between various business interests and extended public service. He is now postmaster of the borough under his second appointment to that office dating from 1934.

Mr. Smith was born in Sharpsville in January, 1875, son of Alfred M. and Mary (McBurney) Smith. His father was a carpenter and contractor. After a public school education and a course at Scott's Business School in Sharon, Mr. Smith became associated with his father in business and under him learned the carpenter's trade. Some three years later the firm of A. M. Smith & Son, composed of Alfred M. and Karl Smith, was organized to engage in the slate and roofing and tinning business. Upon the death of his father, Mr. Smith became sole owner of the concern.

In 1914 Mr. Smith, an active Democrat, was appointed postmaster of Sharpsville by President Woodrow Wilson. Continuing in this office until 1923, he afterward spent a brief period in the automobile business at Sharpsville, but found the work not active enough for his taste and returned to the tinning, roofing and heating business in Sharpsville. At this time he also extended his activities to include the sale, installation and servicing of furnaces. In 1934 he sold the business he had successfully carried on to a local man in order to accept his second appointment as postmaster of Sharpsville at the hands of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. This office he still holds.



J. P. Anderson

In addition to his Federal post, Mr. Smith was burgess of Sharpsville in 1911 and has served in various other municipal offices, among them constable, high constable and assessor. He has been a director of the First National Bank of Sharpsville for many years and in 1938 was elected vice-president of this institution, playing an active part in the direction of its affairs. Mr. Smith remains influential in the Democratic party and is affiliated fraternally with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of the National, State and County Postmasters' associations. Mr. Smith's activities in the civic and social life of Sharpsville have made him one of the best known and best loved men of his community. He still resides in the same house in which he was born, the house built by his father, when he came to Sharpsville.

S. DICK LORD—For years active in the business life of Meadville, S. Dick Lord is a partner in the L. L. Lord Company, of this city, which operates a plumbing and heating establishment.

Mr. Lord was born January 7, 1884, in Meadville, Pennsylvania, son of Lewis L. and Mary (Welsh) Lord. The paternal grandfather, also named Lewis L. Lord, was a native of Meadville, owning and operating a newspaper here for many years, and here he died. On the maternal side of the house, the grandparents were William G. and Mary (Develin) Welsh, who were born in Carlisle, England, and died in Meadville. William G. Welsh was a weaver by occupation. Lewis L. Lord, S. Dick Lord's father, was born February 19, 1851, in Meadville, and died here January 1, 1931. He was a plumbing and heating contractor, founding the L. L. Lord Company in 1888 after he had attended public schools and served an apprenticeship here to a plumber and steamfitter. A founder of the Meadville Malleable Iron Company, a director of the Meadville Theatres Corporation and an organizer of the old Northwestern Band and Orchestra, Mr. Lord interested himself in many community projects, such as the Merchants' National Bank, the Greendale Cemetery Association and Meadville City Hospital, of each of which he was a director. He was also chairman of the hospital building committee and a director of the Chamber of Commerce. A Republican in politics, Lewis L. Lord served for one term as mayor of Meadville, and was also a member of the Meadville School Board. In 1873 Lewis L. Lord married Mary Welsh, who was born in Ballardville, Massachusetts, December 21, 1853, and died in Meadville on February 19, 1936. Mr. Lord died January 1, 1931. Lewis L. and Mary (Welsh) Lord became the parents of the following children: 1. Mary Catherine Lord. 2. Mrs. Harry P. Study. 3. S. Dick Lord, of further mention. 4. M. M. Lord. 5. Lewis L. Lord, deceased.

S. Dick Lord attended Meadville schools, was graduated from high school here in 1903, then became associated with the Meadville Malleable Iron Company. For six years he was a clerk in the company's office. Then, entering the service of the Merchants' National Bank, he was with that financial institution for fifteen years as a teller. Next he became associated with his father as a partner in the plumbing and heating business of the L. L. Lord Company. Continuing operations under the same firm name, Mr. Lord now has as a partner, C. L. Thurston. The L. L. Lord Company owns the building that it occupies, which they built in 1915 on the site of the old Athens Mill.

In addition to his other activities, S. Dick Lord is a Republican in his political views, a member of the Meadville Chamber of Commerce and the Meadville Master Plumbers' Association. In leisure time he plays considerable golf. Fond of music, he is talented with the bass viol.

ALBERT RICHARD ANDERSON—Widely known in McKean County, Albert Richard Anderson is recorder of deeds here, and has so served since 1919. He is the oldest man in point of service in the courthouse at Smethport, where he has his headquarters, and is a beloved resident of Sergeant Township, where he lives on the farm that his parents worked for many years.

Mr. Anderson was born February 3, 1873, son of John W. and Anna (Benson) Anderson. His father, born in Sweden, lived most of his life in McKean County, Pennsylvania, where he settled after coming to the United States, and he was widely and favorably known as a farmer. The mother was also born in Sweden. Both parents are now deceased.

The European background of his parents exerted a notable childhood influence upon Albert Richard Anderson in the direction of making him a linguist, and he now not only speaks English and Swedish fluently, but has a good knowledge of German and Italian. A native gift for language and writing led him to serve effectively in his younger years as local correspondent for a number of newspapers. Receiving a common school education, he began working on his parents' farm after his sixth year in school, and subsequently was employed in the general store at Clermont, Sergeant Township. While there he was assistant postmaster of the community, also acting as clerk, assessor, tax collector, school director and secretary of the school board. He was also secretary-treasurer of the township board of supervisors. In 1909 he was elected county auditor, serving the county thereafter in one or another capacity down to the time of writing. In 1912 Mr. Anderson was elected county commissioner, and in 1919 he was elected to his present office of recorder of deeds.

In addition to his other activities, Mr. Anderson is an oil producer, working on a small scale, and he is a Republican in politics and a leading figure in local fraternal life. He belongs to the Grange, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Free and Accepted Masons. In the Masonic Order he belongs to Smethport Lodge, No. 388, Coudersport Consistory of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Zem Zem Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (Erie). During the period of American participation in the World War (1917-18), he served as secretary of the draft board set up in Smethport in connection with the selective service draft act. Mr. Anderson is active today in the Lutheran Church in Clermont, and is one of the beloved residents of Clermont, Sergeant Township, McKean County. Fishing and hunting are among his favorite spare-time enjoyments.

Albert Richard Anderson married, October 4, 1906, Elma F. Erlanson, born in Sweden, who came to America at the age of three years. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Eileen, graduated from local schools and from the Bryant and Stratton Business College, in Buffalo, New York; became the wife of George Barnard, of Le Roy, New York. 2. John Wendell, graduated from local schools and Penn State College, now a mining engineer in Maine, associated with the United States Felspar Minerals Company. 3. Marshall Carlton, also graduated from local schools and Penn State College, now with the collection department of Sears, Roebuck & Company, Philadelphia.

CARL EDWIN ANDERSON—As president of the Meadville Bread Company, Carl Edwin Anderson has made a notable contribution to Meadville and Crawford County.

Mr. Anderson was born December 5, 1891, at Corduroy, Elk County, Pennsylvania, son of C. Frederick and Emily (Sagerdahl) Anderson. The grandfather, who was named Frederick Anderson, was born and died in Sweden, where he was engaged in farming operations. The father, C. Frederick Anderson, was also a native of that country, born October 23, 1853. He came to America at the age of sixteen years, arriving alone in the New World and settling in Jamestown, New York. Later he removed to Tidioute, Pennsylvania, where he entered the oil trade in association with the South Penn Oil Company, serving as superintendent of that company's Elk County properties for seventeen years. For thirty-five years in all he was connected with the oil trade. Then he removed to Youngville, where he was engaged in the retail grocery business with his son, Ivan L. Anderson. They later removed to Warren, Pennsylvania, where C. Frederick Anderson was with the Struthers Wells Company until his removal to Santa Monica, California. There he lived

until, at his wife's death, he removed to Los Angeles, living there until his own death in that city February 22, 1936. He was a Republican in politics, and long held offices in the Lutheran Church. His wife, Mrs. Emily (Sagerdahl) Anderson, Carl Edwin Anderson's mother, also a native of Sweden, was born there September 17, 1861, and died September 22, 1932, in Santa Monica, California. She was a daughter of C. J. and Anna (Jones) Sagerdahl, both born in Sweden, died at Chandler's Valley, Pennsylvania. Her father was a wagon-maker and blacksmith. Mrs. Anderson herself was five years old when she came to America with her parents and settled with them at Chandler's Valley, which is in Warren County.

Carl Edwin Anderson attended schools at Chandler's Valley, where he was graduated from high school in 1908. Farming for a year, he associated himself then with the Raymond Manufacturing Company, with whom he performed clerical work for six months. Going to Jamestown, New York, he was connected there with the Maddocks Furniture Company, a manufacturing enterprise, for a short time. Next he was with the Whitkop & Holmes Company, retail grocers, remaining for five years as a sales representative. Associating himself then with his brother, Ivan L. Anderson, at Youngville, Pennsylvania, he was active there in the grocery business, then in the bakery business. When the grocery was at length sold, they continued the baking company, long known favorably throughout the district as the Anderson Bakery. The two brothers were partners for some years until they sold their holdings and went to Titusville, where they operated the Titusville Baking Company. Afterward they bought two bakeries, one in Oil City and the other in Meadville, conducting all three for a time. After a time they determined to sell the Oil City and Titusville establishments and give their full attention to the Meadville business, which is now known far and wide as the Meadville Bread Company. Carl Edwin Anderson is president of the company, and Ivan L. Anderson is vice-president. Carl E. Anderson is also vice-president of the Sally Ann Baking Company, of Erie, of which his brother is president. The Erie establishment is engaged in business at both wholesale and retail, while the Meadville company is exclusively wholesale.

In addition to his other activities, Carl E. Anderson is affiliated with a number of local organizations. He is a Republican in politics, a member of the Chamber of Commerce and Meadville Aerie No. 429, Fraternal Order of Eagles, and a member of the Methodist Church. He enjoys gardening as a leisure-time occupation.

Carl Edwin Anderson married, January 29, 1914, Sigrid Helena Sandberg, born in Wrightsville, daughter of Oscar Albert and Christina Matilda (Sandberg) Sandberg. Her father, born in Wrightsville, Pennsylvania, on

September 1, 1851, and died in Youngville, Pennsylvania, July 27, 1926, was engaged throughout his active career in the lumber business. Her mother was born April 17, 1861, in Sweden, and now lives in Titusville. Mrs. Anderson herself studied in the Youngville public schools and high school. She is a member of the Methodist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson became the parents of two daughters: 1. Jeannette Aline Anderson, born December 26, 1915, graduated from Meadville High School and the State Normal School at Fredonia, taught for three years before her marriage; is the wife of Roger Lane, of Monticello, New York, an instructor in the high school there. 2. Virginia Belle Anderson, born December 26, 1918, graduated from Meadville High School and Meadville Commercial College, attended a junior college at Pasadena, California, graduated from the Los Angeles General Hospital as a nurse, now a registered nurse. She was married to Dr. Willis Iseminger, of Sacramento, California, where they now reside, March 21, 1941.

EARL KENNETH McDANIEL—No man in a community is under much more stringent scrutiny than the local head of the postal service, because he touches every man's social and business interests; when therefore he stands popular after eighteen years of service it is patent proof of efficiency and devotion to duty.

Earl K. McDaniel was born in Jackson Township, Pennsylvania, on January 28, 1895. He was the son of Jacob and Ella P. (Williams) McDaniel; both parents are deceased. His father cultivated a farm of two hundred and fifty acres in Jackson Township. The son acquired a good elementary education in the public schools of Jackson and Wayne townships and on those rudiments has built a fund of general information and familiarity with current events. His schooling at an end, he spent about ten years following his father's occupation, then, Coolidge being President, he was appointed, in 1922, postmaster of Cooperstown, Pennsylvania, and has fulfilled the duties of that office continuously since. He was at one time elected inspector of elections of Cooperstown but resigned that nothing might interfere with his postmastership.

Mr. McDaniel has never forgotten his agricultural experience and maintains an active interest in all that pertains to the farm. He is past lecturer and chairman of the finance committee of the Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. He is also a member of and a Past Grand in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the National League of District Postmasters. He has a lively interest in all civic affairs participating so far as is consistent with his public office. A Presbyterian in religion, he is a clerk of sessions and an elder, and is president of District Five, Venango County Sabbath Association.

On December 19, 1917, at Deckers Run, Pennsylvania, Earl Kenneth McDaniel married Mabel Elnora Hoffman, born, as he was, in 1895, a daughter of Benjamin Guy and Mary Elnora (Rockafellow) Hoffman. Mrs. McDaniel is a member of the Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, and is assistant to her husband in his administration of postal affairs. She is financial secretary and chairman of the Home Department of the Presbyterian Church of Cooperstown.

MISS VIRGINIA G. KINGSLEY—Virginia Gertrude Kingsley was born at Franklin, August 10, 1910, and was educated in high school and Grove City College, class of 1931. In 1934 she became acting postmaster of the Pleasantville post office, and was appointed by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt in 1936, as postmaster for a term of four years and reappointed March 21, 1940. The appointment is for an "indefinite" period, and so long as it depends upon efficient service the period should continue for so long as she wishes. Miss Kingsley is the daughter of Theodore C. Kingsley.

The annals of northwestern Pennsylvania are full of stories of men who have become leaders in the petroleum industry. Some are spectacular records of rapid rises and equally speedy falls; many are like the career of the late Theodore C. Kingsley, of Pleasantville, straightforward progress without major incidents, lives in which hard work offset ill-fortunes, where failures were turned into victories. In brief the story of Mr. Kingsley is that of a country boy without original capital or wealthy friends who, starting at the very bottom of the oil business, learned every phase of it, and won substantial success.

Theodore C. Kingsley was born at Franklin, Venango County, Pennsylvania, April 17, 1876, son of James and Rachel (Hoover) Kingsley. He was educated in the district schools and when he decided to strike out in the world for himself, the only opportunity he had to earn money was at cutting cordwood. When he had saved up eight dollars he was ready for the great adventure and went to Butler County to work in the oil country. His first employment there was as a roustabout in the McDonald oil fields.

Mr. Kingsley wanted to learn more about the actual operations in oil drilling, and to this end moved on to the Washington County fields, where he became a tool dresser. Then came the excitement over the Sistersville-Parkersburg field, West Virginia, where he gained his first experience in drilling, working by the day. He had become an expert in the handling of drilling machinery, when the Pacific Petroleum Company sought a few specialists to go to South America to drill experimental wells. Mr. Kingsley was one of four selected by the corporation to carry on this important enterprise, and went to Peru at

what was then a large salary, \$150 a month and expenses. In his new post in a foreign country, Mr. Kingsley had to assume heavy responsibilities, not simply in the handling of native laborers and playing the diplomat with local officials, but particularly in the matter of drilling. Some of the early wells in Pennsylvania reached oil at less than a hundred feet. At the time Mr. Kingsley went to South America, eight hundred feet was the limit. He found no success at this depth and taking matters in his own hands he continued to the unprecedented depth of thirteen hundred feet. It took him more than a year but he brought in valuable wells and the prospect was a success.

After pioneering in Peru, Mr. Kingsley returned to the United States and became associated with an old friend, Billie Vandervent, to drill in a new oil field between Casey and Robinson, Illinois. Each put in \$2,500; they secured a lease; struck a rich oil pool, and brought in wells, the first averaging about a hundred barrels per day, and the second, double that amount. Eight months later they sold their wells and holdings for \$80,000. Mr. Kingsley came back to Venango County, determined to take up agriculture. He purchased a farm and while traveling about this section of Pennsylvania seeking animals to stock his farm, became interested in oil operations in the Pineville area, and was back in the oil business once more. He bought a lease on the Dan Carson farm, near Pleasantville; added to this the Michael Jones farm, two miles closer to Pleasantville, and on these drilled about a half hundred producing wells. He kept adding others, until he was one of the leading petroleum producers in the Pleasantville district.

On February 6, 1907, Theodore C. Kingsley married Nellie DeArman, and they were the parents of eight children: Helen, Virginia, Theodore, Jeannette, Margaret, Martha and Brother (twins), and Louise.

Mrs. Theodore C. Kingsley died in 1938; Mr. Kingsley lived to October 19, 1939, his passing marking the loss of another notable from the fast diminishing line of pioneers in the oil industry, men who by their individual efforts contributed constructively to the wealth and progress of their day and generation.

SAMUEL N. MOYAR—During the greater part of his business career, Samuel N. Moyer has been active in the Pennsylvania oil industry. He is a producer in the Venango County fields, owner of a number of oil leases and sole proprietor of the Rouseville Supply Company, which he founded as an oil well supply business and has since operated.

Mr. Moyer was born in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, on June 26, 1860, son of John R. Moyer. He was the third of four children in this family, having an elder brother, William, and two sisters: Elizabeth Jane and

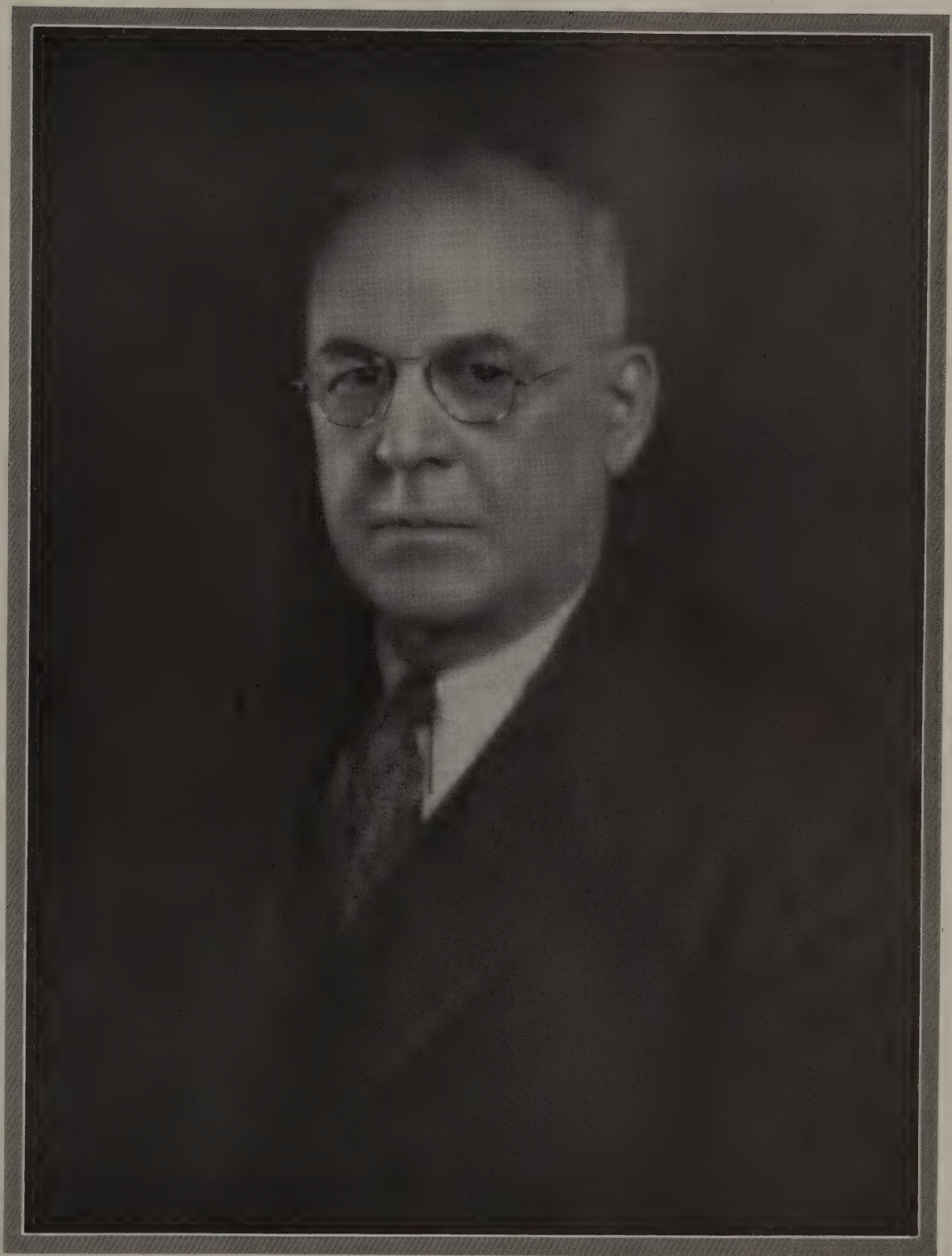
Martha. Samuel N. Moyer received a public school education, after which he studied in a commercial college at Titusville. During the oil excitement at Cherry Grove, he spent one year in Warren County and later entered the drilling business which he followed for three years at President and for two years at Petroleum Center. At the end of this time he settled at Rouseville, where he was originally engaged in the coal and lumber business, but in time became interested in the oil well supply business, which he has carried on up to the present under the name of the Rouseville Supply Company. He has been sole owner and for many years has developed the enterprise on an extensive scale. Meanwhile, Mr. Moyer also acquired large interests as an oil producer and is today the owner of a number of oil leases, besides the several which he operates on his own farm in Oakland Township. His long connection with the Pennsylvania oil industry makes him one of its veteran figures in point of service.

As a resident of Rouseville, Mr. Moyer has also taken an active part in the civic and social life of his community and in matters of general importance to its welfare. For several years he served as president of the local school board and has always had a leading rôle in every movement to further the progress and development of Rouseville and the county. He is affiliated with Fraternal Lodge, No. 483, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is Past Master, and is active in the higher bodies of the order, in both York and Scottish rites, including Oil City Chapter, No. 236, Royal Arch Masons; Talbot Commandery, No. 43, Knights Templar; Venango Lodge of Perfection, of which he is a charter member; and Pittsburgh Consistory. He is also a member of Syria Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Moyer is well known in northwest Pennsylvania, and the respect in which his name is held reflects the substantial interests and public spirit which have marked his career.

He married Mary R. Smith, daughter of William Smith, and they became the parents of seven children: Eugene S.; Mary Evangeline; Samuel W.; Garnet Jane; Sarah Helen; Mabel Catherine, and William H.

JOHN L. YERDON—There are few industries which hold so strongly those who become connected with it as the oil business. John L. Yerdon, of Bradford, is an exemplification of this fact, for while he engaged in other businesses, he ultimately came back to the oil fields and has a half century of activities along this line to his credit.

He was born at Coleville, McKean County, Pennsylvania, September 12, 1868, son of Peter and Louisa (Helmer) Yerdon, both natives of White Plains, New York, and both now deceased. His father, a carpenter, was a veteran of the War Between the States, having served with the Union forces.



J. L. Gordon



John J. Yerdon was only about fourteen years of age when he began earning his own livelihood. He held various jobs open to a boy, but before he became twenty, he was working for others on leases in the Bradford oil district. In 1891 he quit the business to go with Wright & Miller, dealers in lumber, at Rixford, Pennsylvania, but after four years returned to the oil business as a producer. That was in 1895 and he has been actively identified with the production of petroleum. In 1921 he became associated with the United Refinery Company as a purchaser in the Bradford district. He is president of the J. L. Yerdon Company, which specializes in the purchasing of crude oil and directs the operations in his numerous and various properties.

Mr. Yerdon is a member of the Independent Producers Association, Bradford District Producers Association, and the Pennsylvania Grade Crude Oil Association. He is a Republican in politics, a member of the Rotary Club, and serves on the board of the Chamber of Commerce, of which he is a past director. Fraternally, Mr. Yerdon is affiliated with Bradford Lodge, No. 749, Free and Accepted Masons; Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and for fifty-two years has been affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a communicant of the Presbyterian Church, of which he is also a deacon.

On December 30, 1891, John L. Yerdon married Edith Hyatt, of Triumph Hill, Warren County, Pennsylvania, and they became the parents of three children: 1. Archie L., graduate of the local schools and of Penn State College, and now engaged in the oil business. He married Belle Laughlin, of Bradford, and they have five children: Mary, Virginia, Christine, Gloria, and James. 2. Harold J., attended Culver Military Academy, and is a graduate of Kiski College; now associated in business with his father. He married Dorothy Sprout, of St. Mary's, Pennsylvania. 3. Elizabeth, a graduate of Grove City College, who married William Hyde.

GROVE CITY NATIONAL BANK—By Morgan Barnes—In writing the story of the Grove City National Bank the chronicler chooses to heed the admonition of Lord Bacon who says in his "Advancement of Learning":

It is the true office of history to represent the events themselves, together with the counsels, and to leave the observations and conclusions thereupon to the liberty and faculty of every man's judgment.

Therefore the historian submits this record of the bank's activity covering a period of more than four decades of mutually profitable service to itself and the community, leaving "the observations and conclusions thereupon" to the discerning deduction of those to whose eyes the account may come.

It is hoped that mere arid chronicle and statistical data may be kept to a minimum, though in the nature of the case figures and personalia are properly both essential and illuminating. It is also of the essence of any adequate treatment of the development of the institution under discussion that the outwardly anomalous combination of soundly conservative financial practice and adventurously daring leadership toward better rural living be particularly stressed. The ministry of Grove City National Bank in promoting improvement in agricultural and dairy operations in the community that it serves has long been an object lesson throughout Pennsylvania and the Nation. The position that the bank has achieved as a focus of both banking and farming interest is conspicuous and enviable. Of this special field of the bank's functioning more will be said further on.

Its Ancestry—The four years' operation of the Gealy banking house in Pine Grove, founded in 1881 as the first institution of its kind in the community, constitutes an episode in local financial history with which neither of the two Grove City banks now active had any association whatever. The Grove City Banking Company, established by the late A. E. Graham, soon after the closing of the Gealy venture, was the predecessor of the Grove City National Bank's honored and friendly rival, the present First National Bank, which thus has had a continuous existence for more than fifty years. In 1900 the first of the two forerunners of the Grove City National Bank, the

Peoples National Bank was organized with these directors and officers: Charles W. Forrest, president; A. K. McCandless, vice-president; A. A. McKinney, cashier; A. M. Allen, W. A. Redmond, W. J. Wilson, D. J. Washabaugh and W. L. Wilson. A year later, Isaac C. Ketter and J. C. Glenn were added to the board of directors. Its location was the building now (1941) occupied by Baker's haberdashery and owned by the Grove City National Bank. In 1903 the town's expanding business and increasing population invited and justified the organization of the

Grove City Savings and Trust Company, and accordingly on March eighteenth of that year these applicants received a charter for the new enterprise: Samuel Meals, Horace J. Thomas, Stewart M. Cunningham, Samuel R. McClure, Adam Carlin, W. J. Harshaw, E. J. Fithian, Thomas M. Gealey and John P. Barr. These were the directors: John A. Bell, E. J. Fithian, Elmer W. Moore, T. B. De Armit, W. J. Harshaw, John P. Barr and R. J. Breckenridge. At the meeting for organization a plan for joint operation with the Peoples National Bank was effected and the business of both institutions was carried on in the banking rooms of the latter. The immediate prosperity and steadily increasing volume of business that began to flow through the channels of the new concern rendered it expedient, in the interests of more concentrated and efficient management, to liquidate the trust

company and absorb its resources and personnel into one unified organization. Thus, in 1908, came into being

The Grove City National Bank—Its first board of directors was composed of: John A. Bell, president; E. J. Fithian, vice-president; T. B. De Armit, John P. Barr, W. J. Harshaw, Ira C. Black, R. J. Breckenridge, William S. Bell and T. M. Patterson. Of these the only survivor still associated officially with the bank is the president, E. J. Fithian. The others, with the exception of I. C. Black, now living in Boston, are all deceased. Edwin B. Harshaw, whose name was later to bulk so large in the annals of the bank's widened activities, was called from his post in a Scottdale bank to become the cashier, and Charles H. Wilson, whose present service to the bank as director is of long standing, was made assistant cashier. Throughout the years places on the directorate made vacant by deaths have been filled successively by E. B. Harshaw, C. G. Harshaw, Morgan Barnes, John McCune, Jr., R. E. English and C. H. Wilson, already mentioned. These directors, with the president, Dr. E. J. Fithian, compose the present board. The trust department has long been competently directed by J. S. Armstrong. In 1930 the Grove City State Bank that had been in operation for some years was taken over.

The Bank's Modern Home—All Grove City residents of yesteryear recall the Filer hotel corner on which stood the old frame hostelry and an adjoining brick drug store. This property the bank acquired by purchase soon after the merger mentioned above, razed the structures that occupied it and in 1910 erected the present impressive and commodious building that is now its home. The exterior remains (this is written, as elsewhere stated, in 1941) unchanged, but extensive and thoroughgoing interior remodeling, rearrangement of departments and installation of modern fixtures and equipment made it one of the most artistic and convenient banking houses in the country. The great chiming clock above the street, kept meticulously accurate, and a Community Meeting Room, the use of which is free for both urban and rural gatherings, are appreciated public conveniences. The window boxes on the Broad and Pine streets sides, with their varying display of spring and summer bloom and of winter evergreens are a subject of repeated favorable comment.

Distinctive Activities—The Grove City National Bank has always been not only promptly and cordially coöperative in every general regional and community enterprise, but it has also been a pioneer in many movements designed to promote specific projects in improving the standards of livestock breeding and in furthering dairy development. It lent initiative and effective influence to the coöperative creamery idea and to the effort that induced the United States Department of Agriculture to transfer to Grove City the laboratories of the Bureau of Animal Industry's Dairy Division in the operation of a Government Experimental Creamery to afford a ready

and remunerative market for local milk production. The creamery once established and engaged in the manufacture of butter, various types of cheese, casein and by-products, the bank not only granted loans to farmers of the surrounding townships for the purchase of pure bred dairy animals but actually brought in many carloads of these and sold them in the community at cost and on generous terms. Cashier E. B. Harshaw and R. R. Welch, a representative of the Federal Dairy Division, assigned to this field, personally selected these animals from the most approved and best known Guernsey, Holstein and Jersey herds in the country. The bank further in this connection distributed pure bred calves among the boys and girls in the creamery area on the same terms upon which their elders received their cows and herd sires. Perhaps no region in the United States has received more wholesome and more favorable publicity than the bulletins of the Federal Bureau of Animal Industry, the national farm and dairy periodicals and less widely circulated prints have given to the Grove City community in consequence of the Grove City National Bank's pure bred cattle project and the affiliated activities that grew out of it, the several breeders' associations, and the Grove City Accredited Cattle Sales Association. In its issue of December 19, 1919, "The Country Gentlemen" devoted a number of pages to the story, "A Milk-made Community," dealing with Grove City's boldly unique and successful experiment in "Better ways for better living" through dairying. A special exhibit of the Department of Agriculture at the National Livestock Show in Chicago publicized the bank's procedure to this end.

Publishes a Farm Paper—For a number of years the bank published under the editorship of one of its directors a monthly paper, "The Grove City National," devoted to the interests of its rural constituency. The motto of the magazine, "For a More Profitable and Interesting Country Life," indicates the comprehensive purpose of its carefully selected apposite verse, pertinent discussions, contributed articles and correspondence. It was distributed to patrons of the bank and of the creamery without charge. Its widely accepted offer to provide personal printed stationery free to any resident of the region who would give a name to his farmstead had the intended result of deepening the owner's pride of possession and of inducing more attention to the amenities of rural living. The paper's reports of the annual Creamery Patrons' Picnic, and of the Purebred Cattle Shows constitute an interesting record of these memorable occasions which are exactly what they called themselves, and were kept absolutely free from the amusement features of county fairs and from any form of commercial exploitation.

The Institution—The Man—Emerson's often quoted, dictum, "An institution is the lengthened shadow of one man," finds ample verification in the story of the Grove City National Bank. To the public-spirited, forward-

looking, sanely adventurous, wisely competent leadership of its vice-president and cashier, Edwin B. Harshaw, officers, directors, stockholders and patrons owe an acknowledged debt of profound gratitude. That he has administered the affairs of the bank with conspicuous success is attested by the statistical record which he who runs may read. The service that he has unselfishly and unfailingly given to the community in the way of discerning individual helpfulness, wise counsel, and friendly personal interest is not so readily assessed, but perhaps even outvalues the more material aspects of his official administration. He has had the distinguished honor of being president of the Pennsylvania Bankers Association, and has for many years been chairman of the Association's Agricultural Committee, as well as a member of the Agricultural Commission of the American Bankers Association. Under his leadership the banks of Pennsylvania have for the current year (1940) attained the honor roll of the Agricultural Commission of the American Bankers Association, achieving the one thousand point goal of the commission's requirements. This honor won by Mr. Harshaw's group is shared this year by the banks of the three states of Illinois, Mississippi and Montana. Mr. Harshaw was in direct charge of 1,644 contacts made by the bankers of the states covering farm inventories, farm account credit statements, farm budgets, soil conservation projects, 4-H Club work, scholarship prizes, trophies and certificates, aid to boys and girls attending camps, stock exhibitions, leadership schools, etc. Mr. Harshaw's most recent distinction, the honor of which the bank allows itself to share, is election as a director of The Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, Pittsburgh Branch. Certainly if "Tis not in mortals to command success," Edwin B. Harshaw more than exemplifies the conclusion of that familiar couplet. He has abundantly "deserved it."

Steadily Increasing Resources—The growth of Grove City's banks, as indeed of any bank, is a generally fair index of the prosperity of the community that they serve. The material well-being of financial institutions and of their clientele are mutually inclusive. The figures, therefore, that appear below are significant and conclusive. The record of Grove City National Bank for the past four decades, as shown by its called statements of condition is:

	April, 1911	April, 1921	April, 1931	April, 1941
Deposits:				
	\$449,664.32	\$1,777,892.14	\$2,089,949.04	\$2,901,048.99
Resources:				
	674,795.25	2,178,444.49	2,575,541.70	3,265,764.21

Personnel—Officers: Edwin J. Fithian, president; E. B. Harshaw, vice-president and cashier. Directors: Edwin J. Fithian, E. B. Harshaw, C. G. Harshaw, Morgan Barnes, John McCune, Jr., C. H. Wilson, R. E. English. Staff: J. S. Armstrong, assistant cashier and trust officer; J. R. Barber, Norman S. Crill, E. J. Porter, tellers;

Lillian Mulqueen, stenographer; Jane Harshaw, Leandra Gills, Dorothy Eberle, Merle R. Shorts, Ruth Hulbert, Helen Beatty, bookkeepers.

And So—the liberal policies and progressive spirit of Grove City National Bank have served to broaden banking horizons, to lay emphasis upon a wider conception of a bank's function as an agency of regional prosperity. While scrupulously and zealously safeguarding every interest of its shareholders and depositors, it has not hesitated to point and to lead the way to a practical adventure in community ministry that has been and is both fine and fruitful.

"The future she may face, now she has proved the past."

EDWIN B. HARSHAW—Grove City's business and civic institutions have been substantially enriched by the work of Edwin B. Harshaw, vice-president and cashier of the Grove City National Bank. Not only has he served effectively as an officer of this important financial institution, but he has taken part in banking affairs of State-wide and national scope, has helped bring new industries to Mercer County, and has figured most influentially in the life of this district of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Harshaw was born December 31, 1869, in Brady's Bend, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, son of W. J. Harshaw. His parents came to Grove City in 1882, since which time the Harshaw family have figured prominently here. The paternal grandparents were Andrew and Martha (Cathcart) Harshaw, who were married in Mercer County. Andrew Harshaw came from Ireland, where he was born December 29, 1799, arriving in America in 1823. The grandmother was a native of Greene Township, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, and died in 1845, aged thirty-two years. They had three sons and a daughter. Andrew Harshaw was a farmer in Mercer County all his life in the New World, but died February 9, 1883, in Brady's Bend, Armstrong County, aged eighty-four years. William J. Harshaw, one of the sons, and father of E. B. Harshaw, was born March 7, 1841, on a farm near Greenville, Mercer County, and died August 11, 1908, in Canyon City, Colorado. He studied at Jamestown Academy, at Jamestown, Pennsylvania, and in August, 1861, he enlisted in Company F, 83d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, for Civil War service. A physical disability led to his honorable discharge a year later, and he taught school for a time, held a clerical post in a Meadville store in 1864, and in 1865 had similar employment in Greenville. In February, 1865, he established his own business at Brady's Bend, where the firm of Harshaw & Templeton was widely known as a general mercantile establishment. In 1876 his partner sold his holdings to a Mr. Wilson, whereupon the firm continued as Harshaw & Wilson until 1882. In that year W. J. Harshaw settled in Grove City as a member of this same firm, Harshaw

& Wilson, but in 1884 purchased his partner's share of the enterprise. He ran the business independently then, until 1898, except for a five-year period in which his son, F. B. Harshaw, was associated with him. In 1898 he quit this business, but in 1899 established a real estate and insurance firm that he operated until his death nine years later. W. J. Harshaw was a director of the First National Bank of Grove City until 1903, in which year he and others promoted the Grove City Savings & Trust Company, taking over the business of the People's National Bank. He was a member of the Grove City Trust Company board until the close of his life. In addition to his other attainments, W. J. Harshaw served in the lower house of the Pennsylvania Legislature in the sessions of 1890-92 and 1904-05. He was elected a justice of the peace in 1902 and was so serving at the close of his life, and was also a member of the school board. He was active in the United Presbyterian Church in both Brady's Bend and Grove City. William J. Harshaw married, April 1, 1869, Emily Hill, a native of Mercer County. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Edwin B. Harshaw, of further mention. 2. Mamie Harshaw, died at the age of twelve years. 3. Augustus C. Harshaw, entered business in Cincinnati. 4. William R. Harshaw, died at the age of eighteen years. 5. Gertrude Harshaw, of Grove City. 6. Clifford G. Harshaw, of Harshaw's Real Estate & Insurance, Grove City, celebrating their fiftieth anniversary this year (1941), a notary public, member of the Grove City Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, the New Castle Consistory, Independent Order of Odd Fellows and a director of the George Junior Republic of Grove City, Pennsylvania.

Of these, Edwin B. Harshaw, the first-named, was thirteen years old when he came with his family to Grove City to make his home. He received his formal education in Brady's Bend and Grove City, and attended Grove City College. While still young, he worked in his father's store and acquired some knowledge of business methods, and for two years he was cashier of the Broadway National Bank in Scottdale, Westmoreland County, this State. In 1903 he became secretary and treasurer of the Grove City Savings & Trust Company, which his father and others organized, as mentioned above, and which, on August 1, 1908, was converted into the Grove City National Bank.

Down to the present time Mr. Harshaw has continued his official services with the Grove City National Bank, of which he is now vice-president and cashier. His standing in the banking fraternity is indicated, not only in his service in these offices, which he has held since 1925, but in his many important affiliations. He was president of the Pennsylvania Bankers' Association in the year 1924-1925. He is a director of the Pittsburgh Branch, Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, a member of the Agricul-

tural Commission of the American Bankers Association, and a member of the committee on agricultural development of the Pennsylvania Bankers Association. He is a director of the Grove City Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Rotary Club and the Grove City Country Club. He is also treasurer of Grove City College. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Sons of Veterans, and the Commercial Club. In the Masonic Order, he holds the thirty-second degree of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, New Castle Consistory.

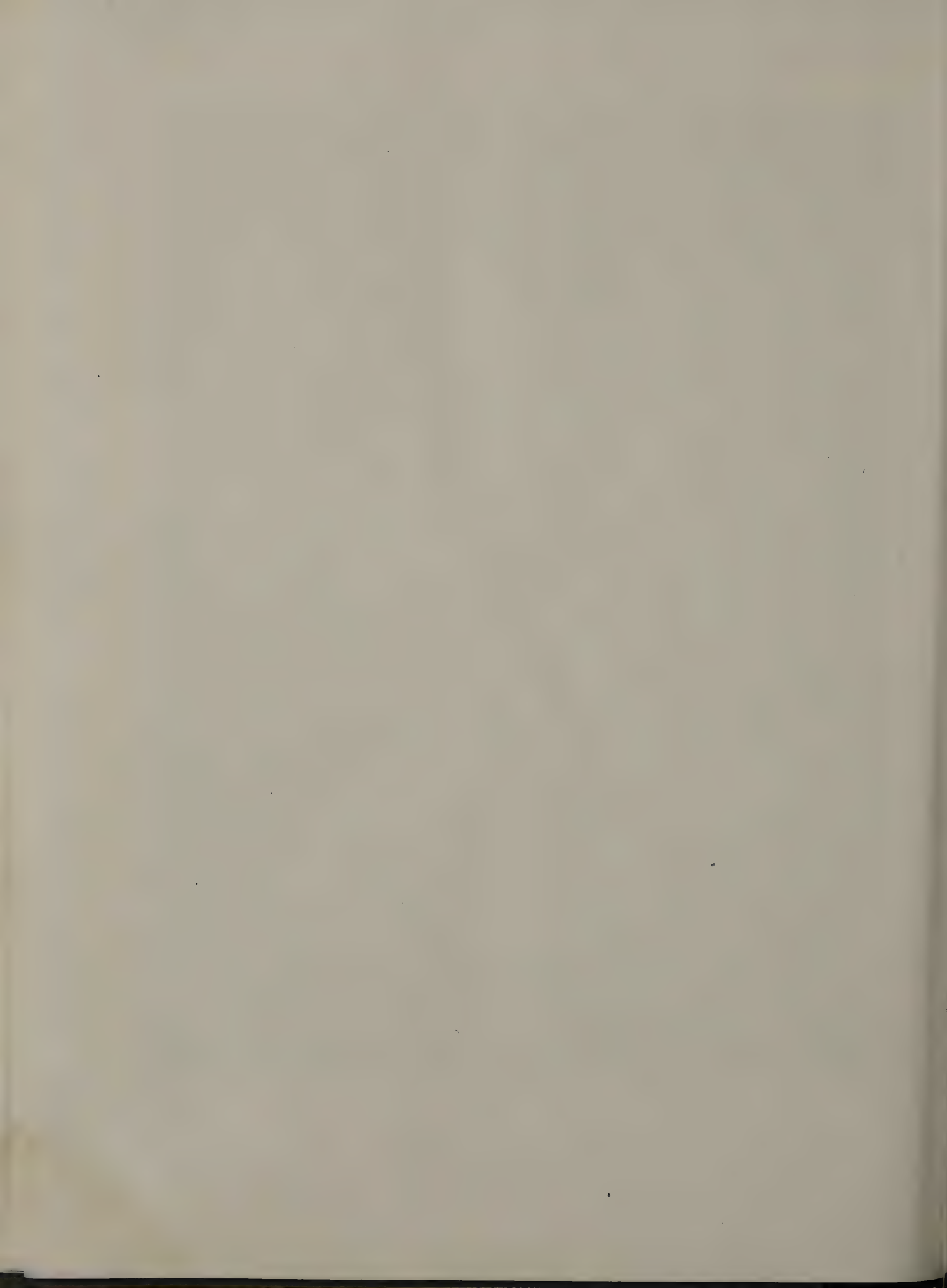
Edwin B. Harshaw married, in 1901, Besse Barbor, of Grove City, daughter of the Rev. J. P. Barbor. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Elizabeth Harshaw, born April 10, 1902, graduated from Grove City College, took a library course at Columbia University, in New York City, now head librarian at Peabody High School, Pittsburgh. 2. Marian Harshaw, born August 14, 1904, graduated from Grove City College, became the wife of Alexander P. MacPhee, who is associated with the cost department of the Cooper-Bessemer Corporation; they live in Grove City and have two children: i. Jane MacPhee, born in 1929. ii. Marian MacPhee, born in 1931. 3. Gertrude Harshaw, born June 17, 1908, graduated from Grove City College; is the wife of H. Ward Lewis, superintendent of the Pittsburgh Limestone Company at Brady's Bend, where they reside; they have two children: i. Edwin Lewis, born in 1933. ii. Hamilton Lewis, born in 1934. 4. Jane Harshaw, born December 14, 1911, graduated from Grove City College, now employed by the Grove City National Bank. 5. Katherine Harshaw, born January 22, 1915, graduated from Grove City College; is the wife of David Hoag, assistant manager of the Pittsburgh office of the Singer Sewing Machine Company; they have one son, David Hoag, Jr., born in 1939.

GEORGE G. BLAISDELL—The oft-told story of the maker of the better mouse trap and the path folk made to his door has been exemplified in the career of George G. Blaisdell, of Bradford, McKean County. A well-experienced industrialist who had been active in the fields of machinery and oil production, he nevertheless found time to concern himself with a very common need—a better mechanical cigarette lighter. By inventive genius and extensive experimenting he produced a lighter that could be used out-of-doors—one the wind would not blow out. Since it has proved its worth there has been a constant stream of orders flowing to his factory.

Mr. Blaisdell is a native of Bradford, Pennsylvania, born June 5, 1895, son of Philo C. and Sarah (Grant) Blaisdell, both originally of Winneport, Maine, and both now deceased. His father, a manufacturer, took his son in business with him when the youth was ready. The firm



G. G. Blandell



was known as the Blaisdell Machinery Company, founded by the older man at the beginning of the present century. Eventually the concern was sold to the United States and Cuban Allied Engineering Company, which later disposed of it to the Hanley Brick Company, engaged in the manufacture of brick-making machines. At present the establishment is owned by the Northeastern Container Company.

In 1920, George G. Blaisdell and his brother went into the oil business, under the trade name of the Blaisdell Oil Company, which has since operated in the Pennsylvania field as producers. Sometime in 1932, Mr. Blaisdell became thoroughly dissatisfied with the cigarette lighters then on the market. He tried many, but all had faults, the chief of which was that not one of them was of any service in a draft or wind. It required a lot of work and numerous experiments to achieve what he wanted, but in 1933 he had produced a lighter that satisfied the most exacting demands. He called it the Zippo, and put it in production in a small single room. At the beginning he had the usual difficulty of persuading people to try any new thing. But the device was good and so were his methods of introduction and guarantee. Then and since the promise has been, "If Zippo is not all you ask for in a lighter, return it and get your money back." Also "any breakdown of the lighter will gladly be repaired without cost." The main point, of course, is that the lighter is guaranteed wind-proof. Sales increased by leaps and bounds. In 1938 the plant of the Bradford Sales Company was secured to manufacture the Zippo in the larger quantities required by the trade. Sizes, shapes, designs, metals have been multiplied; one can buy a Zippo for \$2.00 or pay \$200 for a masterpiece. More than half a hundred people are employed in manufacturing. George G. Blaisdell remains the president and treasurer of the company.

He was in the Aviation Service of the United States Army during the World War. Numbered among his clubs are the Bradford, the Pennhills Country, the Valley Hunt, and he is a popular figure in the Chamber of Commerce.

On February 21, 1922, George G. Blaisdell married Miriam Barcroft, of Bradford, daughter of H. G. Barcroft, and they are the parents of two daughters: 1. Harriett Ann. 2. Sarah Grant. Both are students in the local schools.

GEORGE H. DAGGETT—With more than twenty years of experience in the accountancy field, George H. Daggett enjoys a high reputation in this profession, and for the past eight years he has been conducting his own private business as a public accountant and tax consultant.

Mr. Daggett was born at Bolivar, New York, October 30, 1901, the son of Roswell W. and Angie (Peet) Daggett. Roswell W. Daggett, a native of Daggett Hollow, New York, was engaged for many years as a farmer and merchant and died in 1937. Angie (Peet) Daggett, a native of Bolivar, New York, is also deceased. After completing his high school studies, George H. Daggett entered the employ of the McKean Trust Company at Bradford, Pennsylvania, and in the evenings furthered his education by taking special courses in the School of Economics at the University of Pittsburgh. In 1920 he launched his career as an accountant, becoming associated with the Interstate Window Glass Company, and he remained with this firm until 1928, when he was associated with the firm of Ernst & Ernst, public accountants, of Buffalo, New York. Two years later he became associated with Bovaird & Company, oil well supply dealers at Bradford, and he remained there until 1933. At this time he opened his present independent business, which has proved satisfactory during the eight years of its existence. He caters to an extensive and select clientele as a public accountant and tax consultant, and in addition to this work, serves as director and secretary of the Phoenix Oil Company. Mr. Daggett is also engaged in the oil production business, being associated with Don T. Andrus and L. Gerald Lent.

Mr. Daggett is a member of the First Baptist Church, and an active Republican, serving for years as a school director in Bradford Township. He is also treasurer of the Bradford District Pennsylvania Oil Producers Association, and fraternally, is affiliated with Union Lodge, No. 334, Free and Accepted Masons.

On September 2, 1924, he married Sydney Brown, of Bradford, daughter of Lewis E., a pioneer in this section, and Mary Mahala (Barr) Brown. Mr. and Mrs. Daggett are the parents of three children: 1. William R., born November 21, 1925. 2. Richard L., born January 9, 1931, both attending the local schools. 3. George H., Jr., born April 25, 1938.

FRANK H. MIDDLEBROUGH—Learning all phases of the oil business in his youth, Frank H. Middlebrough has spent his entire career in this industry and is now one of the established producers in the Bradford field.

He was born at Knox, Clarion County, on May 30, 1878, son of Edward and Hannah Jane (Thompson) Middlebrough. His father, one of Pennsylvania's pioneer oil men, was born in England, came to the United States when he was nineteen years old and began oil operations at Oil Creek. In 1879 he shifted his activities to the Bradford field, in which he was one of the first producers. Hannah Jane (Thompson) Middlebrough, the mother, was born in Venango County.

Frank H. Middlebrough received a common school education. He grew up in the oil industry, working with his father while he was still a boy as pumper, roustabout and tool dresser, then acquiring property of his own. He has been an independent producer now for many years, expanding his holdings gradually, and now has about twenty-two producing wells.

Mr. Middlebrough, who makes his home in Dallas City, is a member of the Bradford District Branch of the Pennsylvania Oil Producers Association. He has been associated with various community enterprises as a resident of Dallas City and is a Republican in politics. For many years, woodworking has been one of his principal hobbies, and he has a modern shop, fully equipped, in a building near his home and another in the basement of the house he occupies. Mr. Middlebrough has also made a hobby of bee culture. In past years he had a large apiary and still keeps a few hives.

On September 26, 1901, he married Clara Woodward, who was born in Buffalo, New York, and moved with her parents to McKean County as a girl.

FRANK HARVEY GIBSON—The Gibson family has long been represented in the Pennsylvania oil industry. Frank Harvey Gibson, one of three brothers now continuing the family tradition, is an active operator in the Bradford and neighboring fields.

Mr. Gibson was born at Dallas City on August 28, 1896, son of James Harvey and Lydia Catharine (Gilbert) Gibson. His father was one of the early oil men of the State. Born on a farm in Allegheny Township, Butler County, on March 28, 1851, son of George G. and Nancy (Anderson) Gibson, he left home at the age of seventeen, entered the oil industry and pumped the first well in Butler County. In 1879 he removed to Bradford, served as a pumper in this field for a year and then entered the employ of the Forest Oil Company, which later became the South Penn Oil Company, for which he acted as lease foreman during a period of ten years. At the end of this time he began operations as an independent producer on a lease located at Dallas City in McKean County, first of many holdings which he built up gradually and to which he devoted himself during the remainder of his career. Mr. Gibson was widely known in all the Pennsylvania production centers and over a long period was one of Bradford's prominent citizens.

He married, on November 14, 1883, Lydia Catharine Gilbert, born in Clarion County on November 26, 1862, daughter of David and Amanda (Wile) Gilbert. They became the parents of the following children: Edith, who married Clifton Day of Franklinville; Mabel A., who married J. L. Thompson, of Dallas City; James George (*q. v.*); Norman D., of Dallas City; Frank Harvey, of this record; Katharine, who married E. A. Walldorf, of

Dunkirk, New York; Beulah; Ruth; and Fred, who died in his twelfth year.

Frank Harvey Gibson was educated in the public schools of Dallas City. Because of his father's interests and his own early attraction to the oil industry he grew up in this business and has followed it throughout his life. Since his father's death, Mr. Gibson and his two brothers have operated the properties contained in this estate. In addition, he has his own production and as a result devotes his entire time to the oil business. He is a member of the Bradford District, Pennsylvania Oil Producers' Association and a number of Bradford organizations, including the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge and Bradford Lodge, No. 749, Free and Accepted Masons. In the Masonic Order, Mr. Gibson is also a member of various higher bodies, including Bradford Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. During the World War, he enlisted in the United States Army and served in Company A, 125th Engineers. Mr. Gibson is a Republican in politics. He has never entered public life, but has followed community affairs with interest and has always been willing to do his share to promote the welfare of his city and its institutions.

On December 8, 1920, Frank Harvey Gibson married Lillian Burrell, of Rew City. They are the parents of one son, Harvey Richard, born September 7, 1923, now attending the Bradford public schools.

KELSE MONJAN HOFFMAN, M. D.—In Franklin and vicinity, Dr. Kelse Monjan Hoffman has performed a valuable work, not only as a medical practitioner, but as an administrator of hospital and institutional departments here.

Dr. Hoffman was born January 21, 1902, in Venango County, Pennsylvania, son of Samuel B. and Etta (Gilmore) Hoffman, both of this county, both now deceased. His father was engaged in farming.

Kelse M. Hoffman, representing the fourth generation of his family in this county, attended public schools at Clintonville and Evans City; took a pre-medical course at Grove City College, in Grove City; then became a medical student at the University of Pittsburgh, where he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1928. Afterward he had postgraduate studies in cardiology and allergy at the Harvard Medical School, in Cambridge, Massachusetts, as well as at the University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Hoffman served an internship at the Medical Center of the University of Pittsburgh, where he remained for one year. Then, in 1929, he started his own general medical practice in Franklin, conducting his work along general lines for five years and then beginning, in 1934, to specialize more and more in internal medicine. Down to the time of writing he has continued this specialty, while



J. G. Gibson



Jennie M. Gibson.

his practice has become ever more specialized in that branch of medicine dealing with cardiac disorders. Doing this kind of work almost exclusively, Dr. Hoffman is said to be one of the outstanding heart specialists in this region of Pennsylvania.

Not only do patients come to him from a wide area, but Dr. Hoffman is also popular among his medical colleagues and his talents and attainments have won their recognition. He has served as president of the Venango County Medical Society and as chief of pneumonia control in the Eighth Consular District of the Pennsylvania Medical Society. He also belongs to the American Medical Association, is a member of the American Heart Association, and is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians. Dr. Hoffman is a demonstrator in medicine at the University of Pittsburgh, a member of the Falk Clinic in Pittsburgh and a member of the staff of Franklin Hospital. He serves as clerical director of the operation department of this hospital, as well as director of the laboratory.

Active also in community affairs in Franklin, Dr. Hoffman is a Republican in politics, a member of the local Rod and Gun Club, and a leader in the Free and Accepted Masons, in which his affiliation is with Alleghany Valley Lodge. He belongs to the Presbyterian Church.

In July, 1929, Dr. Kelse M. Hoffman married Jean W. Walthower, of Westmoreland County, this State.

ISAAC OSMER BELL—As sheriff of Venango County, Isaac Osmer Bell makes his headquarters at the Courthouse in Franklin. He has made a notable contribution to the public life of his county, and is honored, respected and trusted in an ever-widening circle of acquaintance.

Mr. Bell was born February 11, 1892, in Rockland Township, Venango County, Pennsylvania, son of Charles Harvey and Rachel Leah (Osmer) Bell, both now deceased. Both his parents were natives of this county, where his father was widely known as a farmer.

Public and high schools of Rockland Township provided Isaac Osmer Bell's early formal education, and in young manhood he started work in the oil industry as a helper with a drilling contractor's organization. Later he turned his attention to the mercantile business at Barrs Corners, in Rockland Township, operating a general store there for six years. Entering upon his activities in the gas fields, he remained so engaged for two years. Then, in 1926, he was elected tax collector and assessor, offices that he held for twelve years. In 1937 he was elected Venango County's sheriff. He continues as sheriff today, and has proven himself a gifted law enforcement officer, devoted to the best interests of his constituents.

In his political views Mr. Bell is a Republican. He belongs to the Kiwanis Club and to the Free and Accepted Masons. In the Masonic Order he is affiliated with Emlenton Lodge, Oil City Lodge of Perfection, Franklin Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and New Castle Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. Aside from his regular duties, Mr. Bell devotes his attention to the raising of beagle hounds, and some of his dogs have won ribbons and high honors. Mr. Bell is a steward in the Methodist Church.

On February 23, 1917, Isaac Osmer Bell married Melissa May Rockwell, also of Rockland Township, Venango County. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Isaac Osmer, Jr., a graduate of Rockland High School. 2. Clara Louise, a graduate of the Franklin schools. 3. Eugene Rockwell, also in school in Franklin. 4. Cornelia Lucille, in school here.

JAMES GEORGE GIBSON—As a successful oil producer and drilling contractor, James George Gibson follows the example of his father, one of the pioneers of the Pennsylvania industry. He has been active in the industry since he was thirteen, gradually developing the extensive holdings which he now operates.

Mr. Gibson was born at Sawyer City, Pennsylvania, on August 29, 1888, son of James Harvey and Lydia Catharine (Gilbert) Gibson and grandson of George G. and Nancy (Anderson) Gibson, farmers in Allegheny Township, Butler County. His father, who was born there on March 28, 1851, received a public school education and after reaching his seventeenth year, left the home farm to launch his career in the oil industry. James Harvey Gibson pumped the first well in Butler County. In 1879 he removed to Bradford and after a year as a pumper there, entered the employ of the Forest Oil Company, which later became the South Penn Oil Company. During the following decade he served as lease foreman for this company, then began to produce on his own account on a modest scale. His first lease was located at Dallas City in McKean County. It was followed by the development of extensive and valuable holdings in this section and in the Alleghany field, all successfully operated by Mr. Gibson until the close of his active career. He became a leading figure in the Bradford area, where his many connections brought him a wide influence.

On November 14, 1883, James Harvey Gibson married Lydia Catharine Gilbert, born in Clarion County on November 26, 1862; daughter of David and Amanda (Wile) Gilbert. They became the parents of the following children: Edith, who married Clifton Day of Franklinville; Mabel A., who married J. L. Thompson, of

Dallas City; James George, of this record; Norman D., of Dallas City; Frank Harvey (*q. v.*); Katharine, who married E. A. Walldorf, of Dunkirk, New York; Beulah; Ruth; and Fred, who died in his twelfth year.

James George Gibson received a public school education in the schools of McKean County and at the age of thirteen joined his father in the oil industry, working on the lease until 1910. During this period he secured a sound practical experience in production and operation as carried on in the industry. After two years spent in the California oil fields, Mr. Gibson returned to the Bradford field in 1912 and bought his first property. Since that time he has been active as a producer without interruption. In addition, as a drilling contractor, he has operated many strings of tools and in recent years, with his brothers, had taken over the operation of their father's leases. Besides his extensive properties in the Bradford field, he has large holdings in the Allegany field and the lower field in Venango and Clarion counties, and additional holdings in the West. His long record and present position as a leading independent operator have made him widely known in the oil industry.

Mr. Gibson is a member of the Bradford District branch of the Pennsylvania Oil Producers' Association, the Pennsylvania Grade Crude Oil Association, the Gibson Wade Gas Company, of Clarion County, of which he is owner, and of various organizations in other fields. Fraternally he is affiliated with Bradford Lodge, No. 749, Free and Accepted Masons, and in this order is also a member of all higher bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including Coudersport Consistory. Mr. Gibson is a Republican in politics. He makes his home in Sawyer City.

In 1915 he married (first) Genevieve Adelaide Messimer and they became the parents of two sons: 1. James, born May 13, 1916, educated in public school and high school and married Eleanor Snyder. They have one daughter, Marjorie. 2. Hiram, born March 1, 1918, also educated in the local schools. Both sons are now associated with their father in the oil business. On June 10, 1929, Mr. Gibson married (second) Jennie Swanson, of Mount Jewett, Pennsylvania.

JOHN FRANCIS MCCOOL—After farming as a young man, John Francis McCool turned to the oil industry, in which he is now active as an independent producer. He is one of the best known residents of Rew City.

Mr. McCool was born at Ten Mile Bottom, now Vann, in Venango County, Pennsylvania, November 1, 1871. He is a son of Perry McCool, a farmer in Venango County, who died at the age of eighty-one, and Margot

(Stover) McCool, who had reached the age of ninety-one at the time of her death.

John Francis McCool received a public school education and worked on the family farm with his parents at what was then known as Ten Mile Bottom, Venango County, until his marriage. Seeking larger opportunities, he then came to the northwest Pennsylvania oil fields and entered the employ of the Wolfe Oil Company, owned by J. D. Wolfe, also the proprietor of a Venango County farm located near the McCool homestead. In his new vocation, Mr. McCool began as a roustabout and gradually learned all aspects of production work through practical experience. He remained with the Wolfe Oil Company for fifteen years, following which he was associated with the South Penn Oil Company for six years. At the end of that time he returned to the Wolfe Oil Company as lease foreman. Meanwhile, however, he had acquired a lease of his own, which he gradually began to develop. After ten years with the Wolfe Oil Company following his return to that organization, he resigned to devote all his time to his own producing operations, in which he has since been successfully engaged.

As a resident of Rew City, Mr. McCool is very active in community affairs. He has been particularly interested in education and over a period of a quarter of a century has served continuously on the Foster Township Board of Education. For several years he was also a member of the County Board of Education. Mr. McCool is affiliated fraternally with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he has been a member for forty years, and with the Knights of the Maccabees. He is a Republican in politics and is one of the most active figures in the United Brethren Church at Rew City, which he was largely instrumental in building.

Mr. McCool married Frances Edna Fox, of Venango County, daughter of Joseph Fox, who died at the age of sixty, and Catherine Fox, who reached the age of eighty-nine. Mr. and Mrs. McCool became the parents of the following children: 1. Charles Leslie, a graduate of local public schools, now an oil producer at Clarendon, Pennsylvania. He married Ruth Kapp and has two children: Jack Edward, now attending Pennsylvania State College; and Mary Jane, a student in Warren High School. 2. Donald Wesley, a graduate of local schools and a business college in Warren; married Hazel Kapp; died in the World War. 3. Clarence Theodore, a graduate of local schools and business college, now an oil producer with his brother, Charles Leslie, in Clarendon. He married Elizabeth Hubbard. 4. Dorothy, who was educated in the local public schools, Bradford High School, Edinboro Teachers' College, Indiana Teachers' College, Columbia University and Saint Bonaventure's College. She has taken the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts and is now a teacher in the Sixth Ward Public



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School at Bradford. 5. J. Frank, a graduate of the local schools and Bradford High School and a graduate of Pennsylvania State College in electrical engineering. He is now associated with the Kendall Refining Company.

ROBERT E. HUNGIVILLE—When he drilled the discovery well in the Potter County gas field in 1931-1932, Robert E. Hungiville helped to write a new and important chapter in the history of the Pennsylvania oil and gas industry. He has been associated with the industry throughout his career and has been an independent producer during the past quarter of a century.

Mr. Hungiville was born in Rixford on March 17, 1896, son of Maurice and Mary (McNally) Hungiville, both natives of McKean County and both now deceased. His father was also an oil producer in the areas in which Robert E. Hungiville now operates. After a public school education, he entered the oil industry immediately and for a number of years was employed by various producers, acquiring a broad background of operating experience. In 1915 he acquired his first lease and has since been engaged in business as an independent producer on an expanding scale. His drilling of the discovery well in the Potter County gas field was one of the notable incidents of a successful career.

Mr. Hungiville is a member of the Penn Grade Crude Oil Association and the Bradford District branch of the American Petroleum Institute. During the World War, he interrupted his operations in the Pennsylvania oil fields to serve in the United States Army Air Corps and since the war has been a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Mr. Hungiville is also affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in Bradford. He is independent in politics and a member of St. John's Roman Catholic Church in Duke Center.

In October, 1919, Mr. Hungiville married Florence M. Park, of Bradford. They are the parents of three sons: Robert, William, and Jack, all attending the Rixford public schools.

HJALMAR S. ANDERSON, M. D.—In 1933, Dr. Hjalmar S. Anderson began his professional career in Titusville and has since devoted himself without interruption to its responsibilities. He is engaged in the general practice of medicine, with considerable specialization in surgery, a field in which he is well known throughout this area.

Dr. Anderson was born in Oil City on October 23, 1902, son of A. Martin and Louisa (Johnson) Anderson, both born in Sweden in 1868 and now living in Oil City. His father, before his retirement, was associated for many years with the Oil Well Supply Company of Oil City. He is active in the Zion Lutheran Church of his

community, which he serves as trustee and financial secretary.

Hjalmar S. Anderson received his preliminary education in the Oil City public schools, where he completed the high school course in 1921. In 1925 he was graduated from Allegheny College with the degree of Bachelor of Science and subsequently entered Johns Hopkins Medical School to prepare for his professional career. From this institution he was graduated in 1929, taking the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Dr. Anderson served for three years as interne at St. Agnes Hospital in Baltimore and for one year was resident surgeon in McClung Hospital at Richwood, West Virginia. At the end of that time he came to Titusville and launched his private practice, which he has continued here since July, 1933. Although he has never strictly limited his professional interests, he has always devoted special attention to surgery and is a member of the surgical staff of Titusville Hospital.

Dr. Anderson is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, a distinction reflecting his professional standing. He is also a member of the American Medical Association, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the Crawford County Medical Society, as well as various non-professional organizations. Prominent among these is the Masonic Order, in which he is affiliated with Shepherd Lodge, No. 463, Free and Accepted Masons, at Titusville, and with all higher bodies of both York and Scottish rites, including the Commandery, Knights Templar, and Coudersport Consistory. Dr. Anderson is also a member of the Titusville Chamber of Commerce, the Young Men's Christian Association and the Lions Club. He is a member of the Zion Lutheran Church, of Oil City, Pennsylvania.

On October 15, 1938, he married Mary T. Smith, who was born in Titusville, daughter of William and Elizabeth (McDonald) Smith. Her father, born in McClintock and now deceased, was a plumbing contractor. Her mother was born in Titusville and still resides here. Mrs. Anderson is a graduate of St. Titus Parochial High School and of Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh, where she completed her training as a nurse in 1932 and afterward was active in her profession until her marriage. She is a member of St. Titus Roman Catholic Church in this community.

ROBERT E. HOLLAND—As postmaster of Kane, Robert E. Holland occupies a position of leadership in his community, where his business, civic and public activities have been many-sided and contributive.

Mr. Holland was born May 18, 1900, in Keating, Clinton County, Pennsylvania, son of Patrick J. and Margaret (Grove) Holland. His father, who came from Ridgway, Pennsylvania, was for thirty-three years associated with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company until his death,

which occurred when Robert E. Holland was only fourteen years old. The mother, Mrs. Margaret (Grove) Holland, came from Brookville, Pennsylvania; she died July 9, 1933.

Public schools of Renova and Kane provided Robert E. Holland's early formal education, and after graduation from Kane High School he entered the employ of the Kane Trust & Savings Bank as an errand boy. Then eighteen years of age, he gained valuable experience in the time that followed, remaining with that banking institution for several years and serving it in many capacities until at length he became secretary, assistant treasurer and a director. Holding that office for some years, he withdrew from banking activity when, in 1934, he was appointed postmaster of Kane. Down to the time of writing he has continued his service as postmaster, now being under civil service and permanently established in his work with the post office.

Interesting himself actively in civic affairs in Kane, Mr. Holland is a staunch Democrat and has served as chairman of his party's McKean County committee. He has aided in many boys' work programs, notably as Scoutmaster, and is at the time of writing a member of the tri-county executive committee of the Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Holland has played baseball locally for a number of years. When softball became popular, he was one of the first to become an active player in Kane, pitching at one time for two consecutive seasons without being defeated. Assisting with the work of Kane Summit Hospital, he is president of the board there. He is a trustee of the Knights of Columbus, treasurer of his lodges in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and a member of the Loyal Order of Moose. He became an early member of the Kane Rotary Club. He also is a member of St. Calistus' Roman Catholic Church.

On July 4, 1938, Robert E. Holland married Kathryn R. Siecker, of St. Marys, Pennsylvania. They became the parents of one daughter, Margaret E. Holland, who was born July 11, 1939.

R. GROVER TUTTLE—For many years R. Grover Tuttle, of Derrick City, has been active as a producer in the Pennsylvania oil fields.

Mr. Tuttle was born April 8, 1893, in Oil City, Venango County, Pennsylvania, son of George and Mary R. (Garganious) Tuttle. His father, born in the Finger Lakes district of New York State, started work in the oil trade at the age of twelve years at Titusville, learning all the details and ramifications of the business and eventually becoming a producer in his own right. He removed to Red Rock shortly after the turn of the century, where he still lives at the time of writing, aged

eighty-three years. His wife, mother of R. Grover Tuttle, is now deceased. She came from North Carolina.

Graded and high schools of Derrick City furnished R. Grover Tuttle's early formal education. He came here to live while still very young, and practically grew up in the oil business. At the age of eighteen years he went to the western oil fields, working in California, Arizona, Texas and Kansas to gain needed experience. Until he reached the age of twenty-two he continued there, then returned to Red Rock, where he has remained down to the time of writing. Since 1922 he has been an active producer, operating the family lease as an estate. He is prominent in the Penn Grade Crude Oil Association and is a leader in oil industry affairs.

Politically Mr. Tuttle is a Democrat. He belongs to the Derrick City Methodist Church, in which he is one of the most active members of the congregation, serving as Sunday school superintendent, church treasurer and a member of the official board.

On October 21, 1916, R. Grover Tuttle married Myrtle Schroeder, of Kalamazoo, Michigan, daughter of John and Margaret (Young) Schroeder. They became the parents of one child, Lavelle Tuttle, who was born in Kalamazoo, was graduated from Bradford High School and the Warren General Hospital Nursing School, and was a registered nurse at that hospital until 1941, when she enlisted in the Army Medical Corps, and is now stationed at Stark Hospital, Charleston, South Carolina.

WILLIAM VINCENT HAYS—Operating the Young Men's Christian Association Cafeteria in Oil City, William Vincent Hays has distinguished himself by the production of good and tasty food, with the result that this particular "Y" cafeteria is known and favorably regarded far and wide.

Mr. Hays was born July 15, 1895, in Oakland Township, Venango County, Pennsylvania, son of Hugh M. and Eleanor (Riddle) Hays. His grandfather, William Hays, was born and died in that same township. His maternal grandparents, James and Eleanor (Perry) Riddle, were both born near Clintonville and both died there, where James Riddle was a farmer and at one time county commissioner. Hugh M. Hays, William Vincent Hays' father, was born in 1849 in Oakland Township, Venango County, and died there March 6, 1907. He was long successfully engaged in farming, and was a member of the Oil City United Presbyterian Church. His wife, Mrs. Eleanor (Riddle) Hays, William Vincent Hays' mother, was born August 23, 1850, and now lives in the old Hays homestead in Oakland Township.

William Vincent Hays attended public schools at Lamey, Pennsylvania, and Oil City High School, then became a student at the Pennsylvania State Teachers' College in Edinboro, where he was graduated in 1914.

He taught school at the Foster Hill and Hasson Heights schools in Oil City for two years, then became a student at Allegheny College, in Meadville. After a year there, he associated himself with Base Hospital No. 4, serving under Dr. Crile, of Cleveland, Ohio, and was attached to the British Army in France during his two and one-half years of wartime service. Honorably discharged with the rank of first lieutenant in the Army Medical Corps, he returned to Allegheny College, where he spent one year more. Then he became associated with his brother in the Hays Baking Company, in Oil City, so continuing for two years. On January 1, 1923, William Vincent Hays took over the lease of the Young Men's Christian Association Cafeteria, which constitutes his present business and which he has so successfully conducted down to the time of writing.

The traveling public going through Oil City have learned to appreciate the kindly attentiveness of Mr. Hays and those who work under his direction, and they often seek the "Y" when again in the city and desiring a good meal. Many patrons who drop in casually the first time become consistent boosters for the cafeteria and remain its warm friends. Oil City people, of course, know the cafeteria well and enthusiastically patronize it. In addition to this cafeteria, Mr. Hays operates an institution known as the Club House, which likewise attracts large numbers of Oil City people and outsiders. As caterer to both these flourishing institutions, Mr. Hays contributes substantially to the advancement of good business here and wherever he is known.

He is a Republican in politics, a member of the Oil City Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, the Young Men's Christian Association, James M. Henderson Post of the American Legion, the Wanango Country Club, and Rouseville Lodge, No. 453, and the Valley of Venango Lodge of Perfection of the Free and Accepted Masons. He belongs also to the First United Presbyterian Church. In leisure time he is fond of golf and other healthful recreations.

William Vincent Hays married, July 31, 1921, Marguerite Diefenderfer, a native of Conneaut, Ohio, daughter of Augustus and Florence (Ball) Diefenderfer. Her father is now deceased. Her mother resides in Oil City. Mrs. Hays was graduated from Allegheny College in 1920 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. She is a member of the Belles Lettres Club, the Wanango Country Club, the American Association of University Women and the First United Presbyterian Church. Mr. and Mrs. Hays became the parents of one son, William Vincent Hays, Jr., born June 30, 1922, died August 23, 1925.

ALEXANDER CLARENCE FLICK, Jr.—Although a comparatively recent citizen of Warren, Pennsylvania, Alexander Clarence Flick, Jr. has proven himself a most

valuable addition to its professional, cultural, and social groups. Against his background of family, education and experience, his activities in Warren stand out, and his endeavors as lawyer, political leader and public-spirited member of the community contribute constructively to local development and welfare.

Alexander Clarence Flick, Jr., was born in Syracuse, New York, October 31, 1903, son of Dr. Alexander C. Flick and Mrs. Laura Tomlinson (Page) Flick. His father, born in Galion, Ohio, a Bachelor of Arts of Otterbein College, Doctor of Philosophy of Columbia University, and the holder of honorary degrees from Alfred College and Syracuse University, is now living retired at Santa Rosa, Florida. He taught European history as head of the History Department at Syracuse University for twenty-eight years, and for about sixteen years was New York State Historian. Dr. Flick is the author of "Rise of the Medieval Church," "Decline of the Medieval Church," "History of the Loyalists of New York State," "Modern World History—Since 1775"; and was editor-in-chief of a "History of the State of New York," published in twelve volumes. His latest book is a "Biography of Samuel J. Tilden." At the beginning of the present century, Dr. Flick organized the University Travel Study Club, and for the following twenty-three years he took students abroad. Later his sons continued this business.

Alexander C. Flick, Jr., is of the sixth generation from the American progenitor of his family, the lineage being as follows: Dr. Alexander C. Flick, Sr., was the son of Enos Henry Flick, a native of Galion, Ohio, who died in Alberta, Canada, after owning and operating an Ohio sandstone quarry at Galion. Enos Henry Flick was the son of Abraham F. Flick, born near Flicksville, Pennsylvania, and died in Ohio, a pioneer farmer. Abraham F. Flick was the son of Paul Flick, who owned and operated gristmills near Flicksville, Pennsylvania, the place being named after his brother, John, who founded the Flicksville Milling Company, which is still doing business. Paul Flick was the son of Paul Flick, a captain in the Revolutionary War, who was born in Basil, Switzerland. There is a monument erected to Captain Paul Flick near Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Some of the members of this same family in Holland manufacture Flick's chocolates, which were exhibited at the World's Fair in New York City, and the San Francisco World's Fair. Laura Tomlinson (Page) Flick, mother of Alexander C. Flick, Jr., is a native of Syracuse, New York, the daughter of John Williston and Minerva (Bassett) Page. Her father, born in Milford, Pennsylvania, and who died in Syracuse, was long engaged in the insurance business. John W. Page was the son of Levi Page and Priscilla (Ingalls) Page and grandson of Peter Page, a farmer, who served as a captain in the Revolutionary War. Both he and his wife are descendants of many generations of early English

settlers in New England. Roger Ludlow was one of their ancestors. Minerva (Bassett) Page born in Connecticut, died in Syracuse, was the daughter of George Bassett and Laura (Tomlinson) Bassett.

Alexander Clarence Flick, Jr., attended Syracuse schools and in 1922 was graduated from Loomis School at Windsor, Connecticut. He then was a student at Syracuse University for two years prior to transferring to Columbia University, New York City, where, in 1927, he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Three years later he was graduated a Bachelor of Laws from Columbia University Law School. During his college and law school summer vacations, he was associated with his father and brothers in conducting student tours through European countries, an experience of exceptional value in later activities. After being admitted to the bar he became associated with the law firm of Richards and Affeld, New York City, with whom he remained for three years. In 1933 Mr. Flick pursued postgraduate courses at Columbia University, completing residence and language requirements in International Law (1934).

Coming to Warren, Pennsylvania, in June of 1934 Mr. Flick became associated with his brother-in-law, Warren M. Stone. Later a partnership was formed under the name, Stone and Flick, which has won fine repute and serves a large clientele. At Philadelphia, on June 14, 1935, he was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania and to the Warren County bar in 1935. A Republican in politics, Mr. Flick is regional director for Warren of Forest and McKean counties, and vice-chairman of his county executive committee of the Young Republican organization of Pennsylvania. He is a member and treasurer of Warren County Bar Association; solicitor of the school district of Warren Borough; local attorney for the Department of Justice for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and member of the Board of Road Reviewers for Warren County. His college and professional fraternities are Psi Upsilon and Phi Delta Phi. Numbered among his organizational connections are the Conewango Club of Warren, the Warren County Historical Society, and he formerly was an active member of the Warren Players Club. Mr. Flick is widely traveled, does a good deal of fishing and enjoys winter sports. His religious affiliations are with the First Presbyterian Church of which he is president of the Ushers Association, and a past trustee.

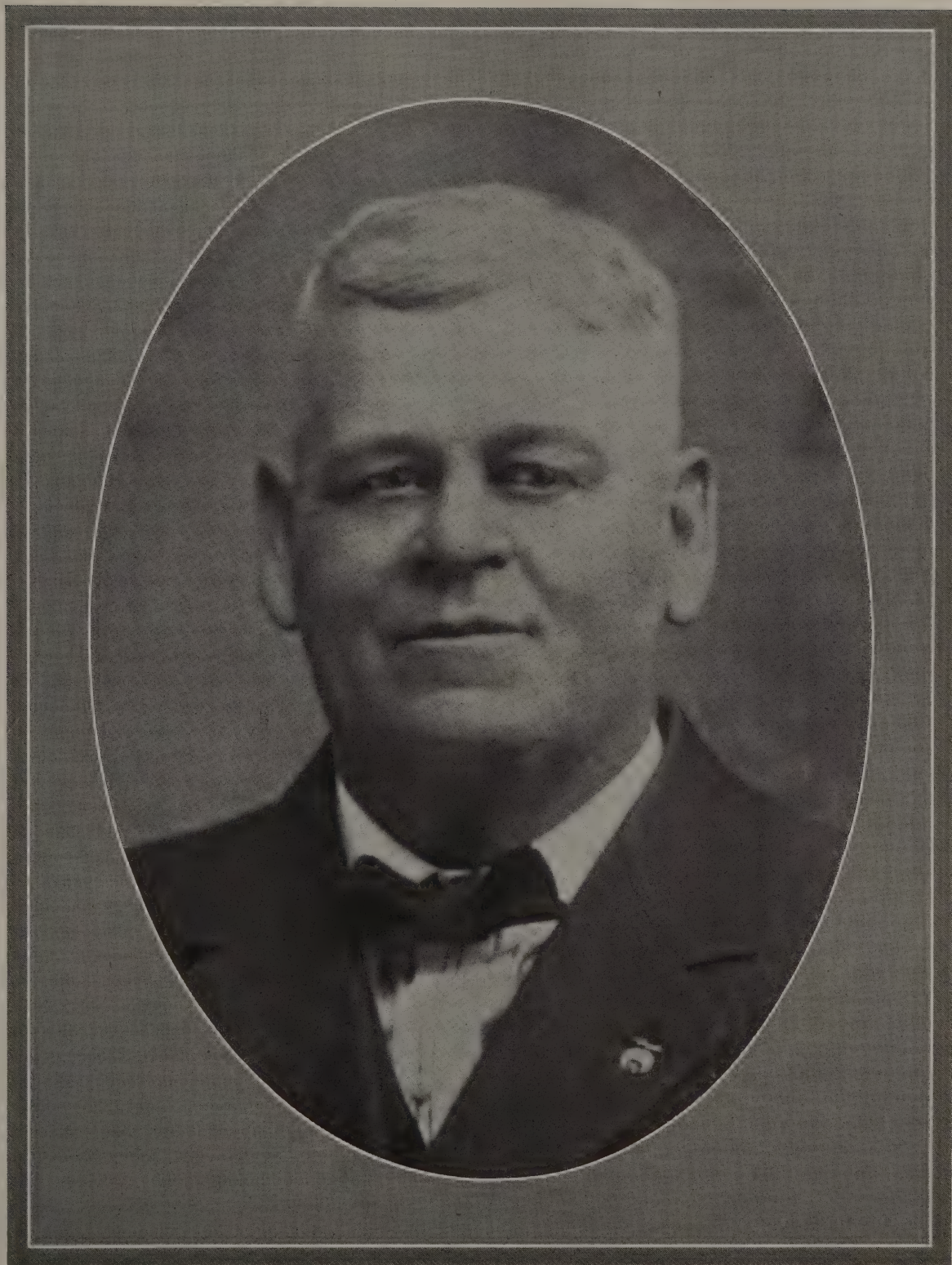
On October 7, 1933, Alexander Clarence Flick, Jr., married Annette Stone, born in Warren, daughter of the late Ralph Warren and May (Ruland) Stone, of this city, and granddaughter of Charles W. Stone, former Lieutenant-Governor of Pennsylvania and member of Congress. Mrs. Flick is a graduate of Vassar College, class of 1927, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. She is

active in church, club and civic circles of Warren, a member of the First Presbyterian Church, the Women's Republican Club, the Blue Stocking Club, and the Woman's Club of Pennsylvania.

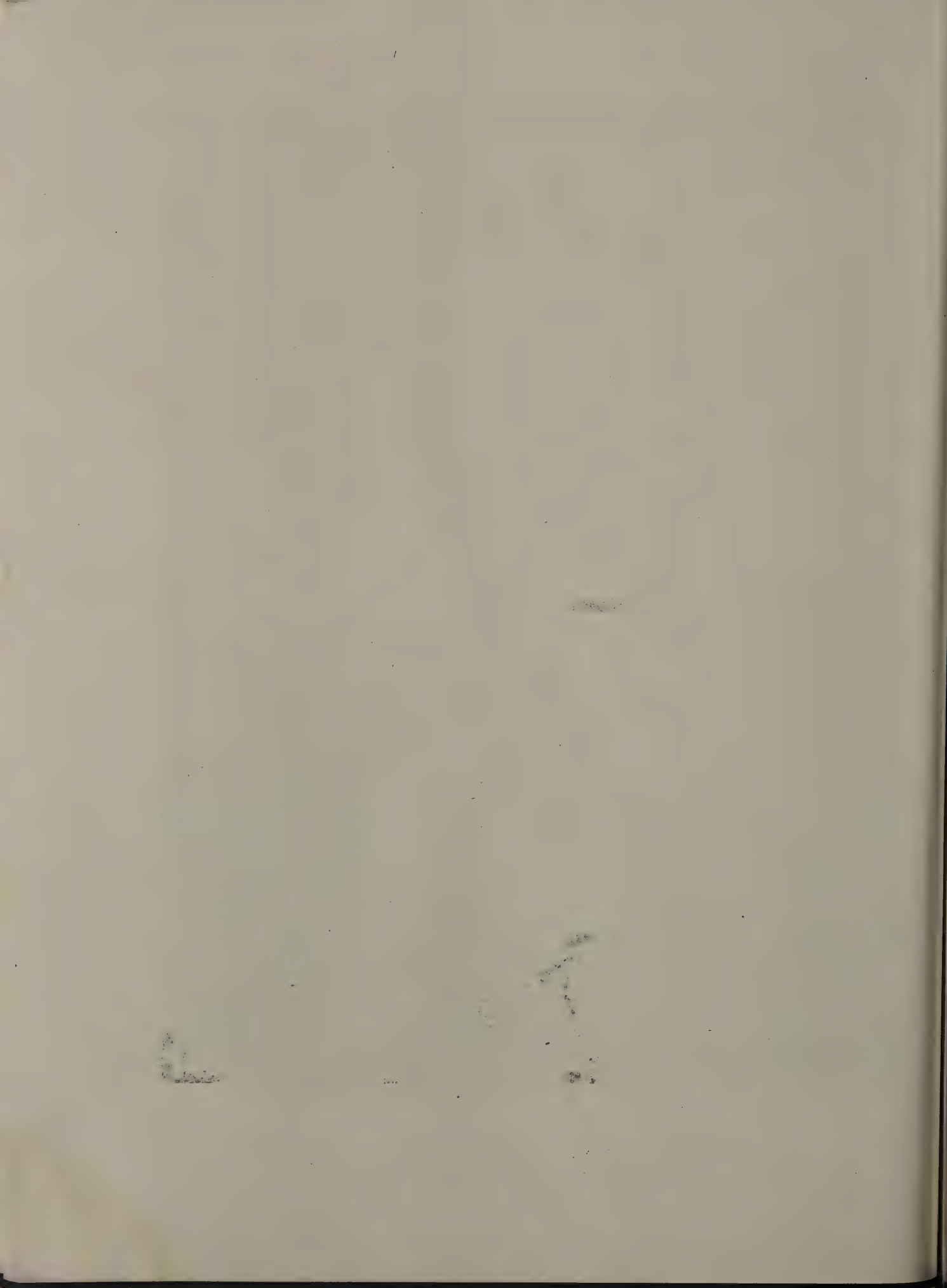
ENOS H. SAGE—Active in oil production, cattle raising and farming, Enos H. Sage occupies a position of leadership and high standing in the Bradford area and in the community of Red Rock, where he centers his work and makes his home.

Mr. Sage was born October 14, 1890, in Red Rock, Pennsylvania, son of Enos B. and Josephine (Harrington) Sage. His father, who came from Windsor, New York, and who died in 1928, came to the Bradford oil field in the early eighties of the last century and became engaged in business as a teaming contractor. Soon he acquired property and became an active producer of oil, so continuing throughout the remainder of his life. He was also a leader in local affairs in Bradford and this district of Pennsylvania, and was a leading fraternalist. Affiliated with different branches of the Free and Accepted Masons, he was a member of Bradford Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Bradford Council, Royal and Select Masters; Trinity Commandery, Knights Templar; Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (Buffalo). In the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias, Mr. Sage was also an active worker. His wife, Mrs. Josephine (Harrington) Sage, of Bradford, was a native of Venango County, Pennsylvania. She died in 1900. Enos B. and Josephine (Harrington) Sage were the parents of three children: 1. Enos H. Sage, of further mention. 2. Josephine Sage, died in 1931. 3. Paul Sage, a resident of Florida.

Schools of his native district provided Enos H. Sage's early formal education, and he was graduated from Bradford High School. In boyhood he was closely connected with the oil business through the activities of his father, and he learned all the manifold details of the industry while still very young. When the time came for him to begin his own active career, he associated himself with his father, so continuing until the elder man's death in 1928. Since that time Enos H. Sage has been an active producer in his own right in the Bradford field. He early showed an interest in farming, which he carried on along with his work as an oil producer. He now has a fine herd of pure-bred Ayrshires—sixty head in all. Mr. Sage also raises roughage for the animals on his 187 acres of land, but usually has to buy more than he can himself raise before the season is over. His herd includes many fine milk producers. All the barns and equipment are entirely up-to-date.



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E. A. Sage

Mr. Sage is active in the Bradford district organization of the Pennsylvania Oil Producers' Association. He is an "independent" Republican in his political views, casting his vote for men and measures rather than on the basis of any blind partisanship. He has served as auditor of Foster Township for a number of years. He belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In leisure time he enjoys nothing more than studying and working with his cattle, which comprise his major hobby.

On August 19, 1912, Enos H. Sage married Margaret Bovaird, of Bradford, Pennsylvania, who was formerly a teacher in rural district grammar schools. She was a daughter of William Bovaird, Jr., of Bradford. Mr. and Mrs. Sage became the parents of the following children: 1. Margaret Jane Sage, who was graduated from local schools and from Bradford High School, and later from Marjory Webster College; she became the wife of John Bryner, of Custer City, and they are the parents of one child, Sarah Bryner. 2. Joan Sage, graduated from local schools, Bradford High School and Allegheny College; she afterward had postgraduate studies at the State Teachers' College, at Lock Haven, and is now engaged in teaching. 3. Nancy Sage, graduated from local schools and Bradford High School, now a student at Beaver College. 4. Enos B. Sage, Jr., attending local schools. 5. Robert H. Sage, also a school student. 6. Carolyn R. Sage, also attending school here.

LLOYD ELEXIS SCHERER—The life story of Lloyd Elexis Scherer, of Port Allegany, has features of more than usual interest because it has been identified with the automobile for almost thirty years, or just about the length of time it took the motor car to develop from a luxury of doubtful utility to a popular necessity used by millions. As a young man, just past his majority, he established the first garage in the eastern section of McKean County where there were not fifty cars within a circle surrounding Port Allegany, thirty miles across.

Mr. Scherer is not, as many suppose, a native of Port Allegany, for he was born at Royersford, Pennsylvania, November 3, 1890, son of Robert and Fyeatta (Driesbach) Scherer, of Mauch Chunk, Pennsylvania. He was educated in the public schools of Norristown, Pennsylvania, and in this same place served a thorough apprenticeship in plumbing. The "horseless carriage" interested him intensely as a boy, and he was constantly learning all he could about this machine which a few rich people in Norristown bought relatively early in the history of the automobile.

In October, 1912, Mr. Scherer came to Port Allegany and started the Keystone Garage, or what came to be known under that name. There apparently was not enough motor car business in the whole district to require

the services of any such establishment, which was the first in this part of the county. There was always plumbing to fall back upon, if necessary, and he was a skilled mechanic. Later Mr. Scherer went to Philadelphia and was employed at the Bristol Shipyard until 1919, but in July of that year, returned to Port Allegany and started in the garage business once more.

In 1920 Mr. Scherer formed a partnership with J. A. Carlson, under the style, Scherer & Carlson, that was continued until May 1, 1938, when Mr. Carlson retired. Frank Townsend purchased the Carlson interest and the concern has since been known as Scherer & Townsend. During the most of his years in business, Mr. Scherer has held the agency for the Chevrolet automobile, his quota being ninety-five cars annually. The garage is modern in every respect, especially equipment, and ten people are employed. Mr. Scherer and Mr. Carlson have been partners in the firm of Scherer & Carlson since 1922, distributors of petroleum products over a wide territory. The concern has its own delivery trucks upon the road, owns a fifty thousand gallon storage tank, and a large warehouse.

Active in civic affairs, Mr. Scherer is burgess of Port Allegany, elected in 1937, and prior to this was a member of the town council. Fraternally he is affiliated with Liberty Lodge, No. 505, Free and Accepted Masons; Port Allegany Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and the Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He attends the Presbyterian Church.

Lloyd Elexis Scherer married Edith Carlson, of Port Allegany, and they are the parents of three children: 1. Jean, born March 22, 1916, a graduate of local schools, who married Dr. William Casey, of Buffalo, New York. 2. Lloyd Elexis Scherer, Jr., born November 12, 1918, attending Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. 3. Lois, born May 26, 1922, attending Ohio State University.

JAMES ALFRED BLOMQUIST—In the business life of North Warren, the Blomquist Furniture Store plays a conspicuous part. To its owner, James Alfred Blomquist, whose business foresight and policy of honest and fair dealing have been such a great contribution to the development of this institution, the people of this area have demonstrated their appreciation, patronizing the shop in such large numbers that it has been found necessary to enlarge the floor space twice in the ten years of its existence.

Mr. Blomquist is a native son, having been born here January 24, 1899, the son of Gustaf A. and Alice Amelia (Olsen) Blomquist. The Blomquist descent is as follows: Charles Blomquist, a native of Sweden, died in North Warren, Pennsylvania; he married Mary B., also a native of Sweden, who also died in North Warren; their son

was Gustaf A. Gustaf A. Blomquist was born at Parkers Landing, May 4, 1877; he has served as a traveling salesman for the Abbott Paper Company of Jamestown and other companies in New York for thirty-eight years; he married Alice Amelia Olsen, and their son is the subject of this sketch.

The Olsen line descends from Hans Olsen, a sea captain, who married Elizabeth Schlamaker. They had a son, Samuel, born in Sweden, who was a veteran of the Civil War. Samuel Olsen's wife was Amelia (Irwin) Olsen, who was born in Lancaster County and died at North Warren, Pennsylvania, as did her husband; their daughter was Alice Amelia Olsen, born in Dauphin County.

After graduating from Warren High School, in 1919, James Alfred Blomquist entered the employ of the Bashlin Company at North Warren, valve manufacturers, and continued there for three years. In 1922 he was connected with the G. Gifford Smith Furniture Company, of Warren, Pennsylvania. Next he went to Pittsburgh and became associated with the James McCreery Department Store, as a salesman in the furniture department. Two years later he accepted a position as buyer for Gimbel Brothers in Pittsburgh and remained in this post until 1930, when he came to North Warren and launched his career in his own furniture store. When business was first started, the store embraced only one room, twenty-eight by forty feet, with a modest assortment on display of everything needed in the furnishing of a home. Business increased rapidly, and in 1935 Mr. Blomquist added a basement, practically doubling the size of the floor space. However, it was soon realized that even this increased size would soon be inadequate to care for the business, and in 1940 Mr. Blomquist rented the second and third floors of the Bashlin Company. Today this modern furniture store with nine thousand three hundred and sixty square feet of floor space, augmented by two other buildings of smaller size, can adequately take care of its voluminous business. When the formal opening of the enlarged store was held on February 28, 1941, more than two thousand visited the store and were amazed at the extensive variety of merchandise displayed in an unusual manner. The low prices have made the reputation of the Blomquist Shop synonymous with real economy and the highest of quality.

Mr. Blomquist is affiliated with Joseph Warren Lodge, No. 726, Free and Accepted Masons; Warren Commandery, No. 63; Occidental Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and Coudersport Consistory. He is also active in local civic affairs, being a prominent member of the Kiwanis Club, and a member and past president of the Civic Club of North Warren. He is a member of the United Commercial Travelers Association, and an active member and trustee of the Presbyterian Church.

He married, February 20, 1924, Audrey Sears, native of Frewsburg, New York, daughter of Glenn and Bertha (Sutton) Sears. Mr. and Mrs. Blomquist have three children: 1. Rachel Audrey, born January 5, 1926, a senior in the local high school. 2. Barbara Alice, born September 12, 1930. 3. Nancy Carolyn, born May 22, 1937.

CONEWANGO CLUB—Forty-five years ago (1896) twelve of the leading business and professional men of Warren, Pennsylvania, met in a small, frame, one and one-half story, empty house at the northwest corner of Market Street and Second Avenue, to consider the formation of a city club for gentlemen. Their meeting place was known to the older inhabitants of Warren as the John F. Davis home, and the founding members then present were: E. D. Wetmore, F. H. Rockwell, W. H. Filler, W. H. Allen, A. T. Scofield, W. A. Talbott, J. B. Mullen, S. G. Allen, J. P. Jefferson, F. E. Hertz, W. E. Rice and R. F. Van Doorn. The club was forthwith organized under its present name of Conewango Club, a lease taken of the Davis site, and the dwelling thereon, with some remodeling and additions, became the original home of Warren's city club.

From the outset its usefulness and social entertainment possibilities were recognized and by 1900 the Conewango Club was established on a solid foundation, was duly incorporated and a charter issued to it on September third of that year by the Court of Common Pleas of Warren County, and the property which it had theretofore leased was purchased at a cost of \$6,500.

In 1906 a new and modern three-story brick club house was erected upon the same site in accordance with the plans of E. A. Phillips, architect, and under the building supervision of C. W. Uhdey, complete in every way from its spacious ballroom on the third floor to its bowling alleys, squash court and heating plant in the basement.

On January 10, 1915, a disastrous fire gutted the building, and during the work of restoration and refurnishing, the Eliza I. Henry residence, then standing on the present Public Library site, became the club's temporary home.

The faith of the twelve founding members in Warren and in the successful future of the Conewango Club has been more than realized. From an active resident membership of sixty members no later than eight years ago, the list has grown until today the full membership of one hundred and fifty authorized by the by-laws is completely filled, with a waiting list of applicants. The replacement value of the club house and contents is over \$50,000 with all indebtedness paid and free of liens.

The ballroom occupying the entire third floor is roomy and attractive in design; the second floor is given over to a dining room adequate for the club's needs, kitchen,



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lounge and rest rooms, and steward's quarters at the rear; the first floor is particularly attractive with its office, reading and card rooms, and a lounge extending from the front through the broad and open billiard and pool room to a welcoming deep fireplace at the center in the rear. The basement is occupied by new and modern bowling alleys, a grill room and kitchen, tap-room and the club's heating plant.

Since its organization there have been, to date, thirty presidents of the club whose names and tenure of office are as follows: F. H. Rockwell, 1896-1900; W. E. Rice, 1901-02; Jerry Crary, 1903; L. S. Clough, 1904-05; F. G. King, 1906-07; J. P. Jefferson, 1908; F. P. Hue, 1909; E. D. Wetmore, 1910; W. M. Lindsay, 1911-12; R. B. Briggs, 1913-14; L. R. Freeman, 1915-16; E. W. Parshall, 1917-18; L. W. Dennison, 1919; E. E. Allen, 1920-21; R. G. Chapel, 1922-23; H. D. Kopf, 1924-25; H. M. Putnam, 1926; W. H. Filler, 1927; J. H. Alexander, 1928; R. S. Hall, 1929; H. A. Crary, 1930; A. G. Eldred, 1931; P. A. Gilbert, 1932; A. A. Printz, 1933; W. J. Richards, 1934; J. A. Rockwell, 1935; L. C. Jamieson, 1936-37; H. A. Logan, 1938; John L. Blair, 1939; and Harry W. Conarro, 1940-41.

ALBERT M. OSTRANDER—Engaged in business as a contractor in the Bradford oil field, Albert M. Ostrander has gradually acquired both oil and gas properties in this region of Pennsylvania and is recognized as one of Bradford's leading citizens.

Mr. Ostrander was born October 14, 1870, in Hebron Township, Potter County, Pennsylvania, son of Egbert Daniel and Alma (Gibbs) Ostrander. His father, born in 1848, was long engaged in farming and lumbering operations, but is now retired from his active endeavors and living with the son in Bradford at the time of writing (1941). He is Bradford's only living veteran of the Civil War. The mother, Mrs. Alma (Gibbs) Ostrander, also from Potter County, is now deceased.

Common schools provided Albert M. Ostrander's early formal education, and he learned, as a boy, all the details of rigorous farm work. He worked on the home farm of his family in spring and summer months and in the woods, lumbering, in the winter. When he was twenty years of age he went into lumbering operations on his own account, so continuing for about ten years. Next he proceeded to the Allegany oil field, working as a driller there until about 1910. In that year he came to the Bradford field, bought tools of his own, and went into the contracting business. To this business he has added the activities that he has undertaken through acquisition of numerous oil and gas properties, so that he is now one of the district's active producers.

In politics Mr. Ostrander is a Republican. He takes a lively interest in community affairs, and is widely honored and respected for his splendid public spirit.

On October 28, 1898, Albert M. Ostrander married Emma Jones, of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania; and, though they had no children of their own, the Ostranders reared a cousin, Edna Meek, who has always made her home with them. Mrs. Ostrander died in 1926.

CARL FREDERICK NORBECK—Recognized as one of the leading developers of land in this section of Pennsylvania, Carl Frederick Norbeck now operates a farm of one hundred and eighty-five acres, outside of Grove City, and his grove of approximately sixteen hundred sugar trees is considered among the finest in this region.

Mr. Norbeck was born in Sugar Grove Township April 8, 1889, son of the late Charles A. and Olivia (Otander) Norbeck, both natives of Sweden. Charles A. Norbeck, born July 13, 1845, migrated to America at the age of twenty-three years, and entered upon a career as a farmer, purchasing a tract of land in Sugar Grove Township. He was a member of the Swedish Methodist Church, and active in Democratic politics, serving at one time as township road supervisor. He died here, July 8, 1905. His wife, born May 17, 1859, is now a resident of Lakeland, Florida.

Carl Frederick Norbeck studied in the Patch Hollow Township schools, and for one year attended the public school at Chandlers Valley. However, the death of his father curtailed his education, because he was only sixteen years of age at the time and being the eldest of six children, it was necessary for him to assist in their support. He worked on a farm for five years, and then he purchased the homestead farm, later disposing of it, and purchasing the D. H. Hagerty farm of one hundred and sixty acres, which he still operates, although by additional purchases, he has increased his holdings to their present size. In addition, he is the owner of two other small farms. While engaged in general farming, he specializes in dairy and poultry farming, owning eighty-two head of cattle, five horses, and usually between six hundred and eight hundred chickens.

Mr. Norbeck is a member of the board of directors of the Sugar Grove Savings Bank, a director of Warren County Agricultural Extension Service and a director of Sugar Grove County Fair. He is a member of the Free Methodist Church, a Democrat, and a member of the Chandlers Valley Grange. He is also treasurer of the Sugar Grove Township School Board.

He married, June 26, 1915, Sadie J. Swanson, daughter of Ernest Christian and Augusta Caroline (Peterson)

Swanson. Ernest Swanson was born in Sweden October 17, 1850, and died in Youngsville, Pennsylvania, August 5, 1937. Early in life he was engaged as a farmer and sawmill operator, but later entered the contracting and building field. He was an active member of the United Brethern Church of Christ, and a well-known Democrat, holding various local offices, including school director. He was the son of Swan and Greta Lisa (Palm) Swanson, both natives of Sweden, both of whom died in Sugar Grove Township. While in Sweden, Swan Swanson was a stone mason, but after migrating to America, he became a charcoal manufacturer in this section. Augusta Caroline (Peterson) Swanson, born in Sweden, November 25, 1850, died in Youngsville, Pennsylvania, June 11, 1924. Sadie J. (Swanson) Norbeck received her early education in the local public schools, and after graduating from Youngsville High School, she studied voice and piano at Sugar Grove Seminary. She is an active member of the Free Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Norbeck are the parents of five children: 1. Marian Louise, born April 14, 1918, at present engaged in a clerical capacity at the office of the Warren County Agricultural Extension. 2. Curtis Charles, born March 13, 1920, a member of the sophomore class at Penn State College. 3. Marie Evelyn, born May 13, 1923, now a senior at Sugar Grove High School. 4. Doris Margaret, born August 15, 1929. 5. June Carol, born June 10, 1931.

HUGH RADLE ROBERTSON, M. D.—As a physician and surgeon at Warren, Dr. Hugh Radle Robertson represents the second generation of his family to engage in the practice of medicine in this city. He began his active career here some fifteen years ago and is today widely known in his profession.

Dr. Robertson was born in Warren on September 2, 1899, son of Dr. William M. Robertson and Agnes (Radle) Robertson. He is a grandson of the Rev. John L. Robertson, born in Canada, who came to Pennsylvania and was for some years pastor of the United Presbyterian Church at Clarendon, continuing his service there until the close of his career. He died at Emporium, while a resident of Clarendon. His wife, whose maiden name was Russell, was born and died in Ontario, Canada. Dr. William M. Robertson, father of Dr. Hugh Radle Robertson, was born in Plumer, Pennsylvania, and studied medicine in Canada, at the University of Toronto, where he took his medical degree in 1893. During the remainder of his life he was engaged in the practice of his profession at Warren. Dr. William M. Robertson was a Republican in politics and a member of Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church. His wife, Agnes (Radle) Robertson, was born in Guys Mills, Pennsylvania, and is still living in Warren.

Hugh Radle Robertson received his preliminary education in the public schools of Warren, where he completed the high school course in 1917. Subsequently, he entered the University of Pennsylvania, where he served in the Student Army Training Corps during the World War period, and was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1921. In 1924 he took the degree of Doctor of Medicine at the same institution. In 1924-25 he was interne at Misericordia Hospital, Philadelphia, and after three months of postgraduate work in England, returned to Warren, where he was associated in practice with his father until the death of Dr. William M. Robertson, who died in Warren in 1936. Since that time Dr. Robertson has successfully continued the practice alone. His election as president of the Warren County Medical Society several years ago evidences the standing he has won in his profession.

Dr. Robertson is also a member of the Pennsylvania State Medical Association and the American Medical Association. He is a member of the board of directors of the Warren General Hospital and in addition to these professional connections, served from 1934 to 1940 as school director for the borough of Warren. He is a member of the social science section of the Warren Academy of Science, the Conewango Club of Warren, the Conewango Valley Country Club, the American Legion; Warren Lodge, No. 223, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and the Sigma Chi and Phi Alpha Sigma fraternities. Dr. Robertson is a Republican in politics and a member of Trinity Memorial Church in Warren. He is fond of sports and finds his principal recreation in hunting and fishing, bowling and golf.

On September 24, 1927, he married Catherine Lampe, who was born in Warren, daughter of Emil H. Lampe, an investment banker and broker of this city, and Florence (Meacham) Lampe, who was born in Warren and is now deceased. Mrs. Robertson, who taught school prior to her marriage, was educated at Warren High School, the National Cathedral School in Washington, District of Columbia, from which she was graduated in 1919, and Drexel Institute at Philadelphia, from which she was graduated in 1922. She is a member of Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church, the Warren Women's Club and other local women's organizations.

Dr. and Mrs. Robertson are the parents of three children: John Lampe, born January 1, 1929; Susan Weston, born August 9, 1935; and Florence Emily, born November 28, 1938.

FRITZ A. SCHOONOVER—With an established furniture and undertaking business in Sugar Grove, Fritz A. Schoonover has been one of the leading business men in this locality for more than a quarter century, and he has also been a prominent figure in civic affairs.

Mr. Schoonover was born near Port Allegany, Pennsylvania, October 3, 1888, the son of Samuel and Mina (Fitch) Schoonover. Samuel Schoonover was born in Tioga County, New York, September 23, 1854, and in his early life was employed as a lumberman. He later entered the farming industry in Port Allegany, in which he was engaged until two years before his death at Sugar Grove, July 17, 1926. He was a member of the Methodist Church, a Democrat, and a former school director of Liberty Township. He was the son of George Schoonover, a native of New York State, who for many years was engaged as a lumberman and sawmill operator. Mina (Fitch) Schoonover was born near Port Allegany, October 27, 1865, the daughter of Albert and Mary (Fortner) Fitch. Albert Fitch, a native of Port Allegany, spent many years erecting sawmills. He was the son of Ephram Fitch who lived near Port Allegany, and who was engaged in the farming industry.

Fritz A. Schoonover received his early education in the local schools, and after graduating from Port Allegany High School in 1906, he enrolled at the Cincinnati College of Embalming, graduating February 23, 1909. He then became associated with the Gallup Funeral Home at Port Allegany, and later assumed the managership of the furniture and undertaking establishment of G. S. Wallace. This business was later purchased by Herman Grabe, but Mr. Schoonover retained his position as manager until nine months later, when he entered into business for himself, purchasing the firm of M. W. Harrington & Son at Sugar Grove, July 10, 1914. Mr. Schoonover has been sole owner of this business to the present day, and as a result of his great effort and hard work he has made this firm one of the most modern of its kind in this region, maintaining a casket showroom, full equipment for cemetery use, and a fleet of funeral cars.

Mr. Schoonover is a prominent member of the Methodist Church, being financial secretary, a member of the official board, and a teacher in the men's Bible class. He is an ardent Republican, having served for sixteen years as a member of the Sugar Grove Borough Council, and his civic pride is manifested by his membership on the executive board of Warren County Council of Boy Scouts of America, and as treasurer of the Sugar Grove Civic Club. He is also a director of the Warren County Motor Club and an affiliate of Cold Brook Lodge, No. 1124, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Fritz A. Schoonover married Louella Olive Burt, native of Potter County, daughter of Asher and Catherine (Lampe) Burt, both deceased. Mr. Burt, a native of Potter County was born February 17, 1852. He was a farmer for many years, and later caretaker of the John Weyman estate. His wife was born in Germany, December 12, 1859, and came to America when eighteen

years of age, settling in Oil City, where she was married. She died at Port Allegany, October 4, 1936. Louella Olive (Burt) Schoonover was educated in the public and high schools of Port Allegany. She is an active member of the Methodist Church, president of the Women's Division of the Christian Service, and a member of the Sugar Grove Garden Club. Mr. and Mrs. Schoonover are the parents of three children: 1. Burt A., born May 5, 1909, a graduate of the local schools, also of Jamestown Business College and the Cincinnati College of Embalming, now associated in business with his father; married Lois Brown, of Chandlers Valley, and they have a daughter, Nancy Lou Schoonover. 2. Florence Rita, born January 13, 1913, a graduate of Sugar Grove High School and Grove City College, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts and a former school teacher at Hamburg; married Howard Joss, a coal merchant of Rochester, New York. 3. Ruth Agnes, born August 31, 1920, a graduate of the local high school and the Rochester Business Institute, now associated with the Department of Forests and Waters at Harrisburg.

ALBERT J. BENDER, M. A.—Acting Principal Albert J. Bender, M. A., of the Meadville, Crawford County, High School has won reputation in both the fields of academic and physical education. He is a native of the Meadville section, born June 23, 1898, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Burkhardt) Bender.

Jacob Bender was born at Zweibrichen, Germany, September 19, 1871, son of Frederick and Elizabeth Bender, both natives of Germany, both of whom are now deceased. Frederick Bender engaged in the restaurant business in Meadville for many years. Jacob Bender, his son, was a railroad man prior to his death February 20, 1936, associated with the Erie Railroad system. His wife, also born in Germany, on May 25, 1872, is now a resident of Meadville. The family belonged to the Zion Evangelical Church of this city. The former Elizabeth Burkhardt is the daughter of Albert and Sophia Burkhardt, both natives of Germany, who died in Meadville. Albert Burkhardt was a well-known blacksmith and a skilled musician who played the clarinet, pipe organ and other instruments, a member of the old Northwestern Orchestra of Meadville.

Albert J. Bender was prepared for higher education in the Reisinger grade schools, and the Meadville High School, being graduated from the latter in 1918. Four years later he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts from Allegheny College, and became identified with the accounting department of the Erie Railroad in his birth city. After three years, however, he started teaching history in the Westfield, New York, High School, 1926 marking the year of his career as an educator. During the following years he did two years of summer post-

graduate work in Allegheny College, and in 1931 began studies in the Columbia University, New York City, Summer Schools, which led to the degree of Master of Arts, in 1936, from this institution.

In 1927 Mr. Bender returned to Meadville and began his association with the high school there, which has since been continued in various capacities. He taught in the class room, was assistant coach of athletics, and was head coach of the track teams for a decade. Since 1935 he has been faculty manager of the school teams. On November 11, 1940, he became acting principal of the Meadville High School, a position which he fills most capably. Besides being an exceptionally able educator, Mr. Bender is also active in many phases of Meadville life and affairs. Fraternally he is a member of Lodge No. 408, Free and Accepted Masons; Solomon Chapter, No. 191, Royal Arch Masons; Northwestern Commandery, No. 25, Knights Templar, which he served as Commander in 1938. While a student at Allegheny College, he was a member of the Students Auxiliary Training Corps. His college fraternities are Kappa Phi Kappa, honorary educational fraternity, and Delta Tau Delta. Like his family before him, he is a member of Zion Evangelical Church, Meadville. Tennis and golf are his favorite sports.

On June 12, 1929, Albert J. Bender married Evelyn Louise Hart, of Greenville, Pennsylvania, daughter of James and Catherine (Bromley) Hart, her mother born at Jackson Center, Pennsylvania. James Hart, a native of Washington, this State, is editor of the "Record Argus" in Greenville, and is a veteran of the Spanish-American War.

Mr. and Mrs. Bender are the parents of two sons: 1. Richard Albert, born July 7, 1934. 2. Thomas Jacob, born March 16, 1937.

OSCAR CARL CARLSON—Engaged in the oil industry throughout his active career, Oscar Carl Carlson, of Bradford, is division superintendent of the Bradford district of the South Penn Oil Company.

Mr. Carlson was born June 10, 1890, in Brookston, Pennsylvania, son of Charles A. and Anna (Anderson) Carlson. His parents were both natives of Sweden. The mother is deceased. The father, born in 1865 in that country, came in young manhood to the United States, here becoming a blacksmith and continuing in this work until his retirement.

Public schools provided the early education of Oscar Carl Carlson, who in boyhood went into the oil business as a roustabout. Learning the details of the industry through being employed by others, Mr. Carlson associated himself with the South Penn Oil Company in 1917. Shortly afterward he was called to the colors, however, for World War service, becoming gunner's mate, second

class, in the United States Navy, and so continuing until 1919. Honorably discharged from the navy at the conclusion of hostilities, Mr. Carlson reentered the employ of the South Penn Oil Company, coming in 1920 from Elk County to Bradford and here accepting a foremanship with the same organization. In 1925 he was advanced to the post of field superintendent, and in 1929 he became division superintendent of the Bradford district. He has held this superintendency down to the time of writing, and in these years has performed a work of value and distinction in the trade.

A Republican in politics, Mr. Carlson is active in fraternal quarters as a member of Bradford Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of Union Lodge, No. 334, Free and Accepted Masons. In the Masonic Order he is also affiliated with Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He belongs to the Lutheran Church.

WILLIAM C. TYLER, M. D.—Before the Civil War had run its course, Dr. William C. Tyler began the practice of medicine at Rouseville. For well over half a century he was a prominent physician of Venango County and a leading citizen of Rouseville, which fully shared in the constructive influence of his long and notable career.

Dr. Tyler was born in Portage County, Ohio, on January 6, 1838, son of Calvin and Emma (White) Tyler, and a descendant through his mother of Peregrine White (son of William White), who was born on the "Mayflower" on November 20, 1620, while the vessel lay at anchor in Cape Cod Harbor. As the first white child born in New England, Peregrine White received a grant of two hundred acres of land from the General Court. He became a prominent figure in the Massachusetts Colony.

William C. Tyler received his general education at Hiram College in Ohio and as a young man taught school in that State for five years, meanwhile reading medicine under Dr. John French. Eventually, he entered the medical department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and after a year of study was graduated with the class of 1863, taking the degree of Doctor of Medicine. During the following year he practiced his profession at Munson, Ohio, but in 1864, came to Rouseville, where his activities centered until the time of his death. At this period the country was little developed and during the first decade of his practice in Venango County, Dr. Tyler was obliged to visit his patients on horseback, riding much of the time through dense woods. Later, when improved roads came into existence, he was able to drive a rig. He lived to see the automobile become a commonplace of transportation, a symbol of progress which epitomized the growth of the county. During all these years, Dr. Tyler devoted himself faithfully to the responsibilities of



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his profession, in which he early established a wide reputation. He retained his position as one of Venango County's leading physicians until his death.

Dr. Tyler also acquired other interests. As early as 1869 he purchased an interest in a drug store at Rouseville and became sole owner of this enterprise in 1870, continuing its operation until his death. He had some holdings in oil lands and oil production and these, with the fruits of his professional service, enabled him to accumulate a substantial competence. Despite the arduous demands of his practice, he found time for public service in other spheres, and for a number of years held office, at various periods, as burgess, councilman and member of the Rouseville School Board. For two terms he also served as commissioner of Cornplanter Township. Dr. Tyler was one of the first thirty-second degree Masons in northwest Pennsylvania and was active in the order over a long period. His influence as a private citizen as well as a public official was always directed toward the end that his community and section might realize upon their potentialities for progress and that the general welfare of their people might be served.

On June 4, 1873, Dr. Tyler married, at Rouseville, Ella Conant, who died in the same year. On October 10, 1875, he married (second) Angelina Conant, sister of his first wife. Three daughters were born of the second marriage: 1. Ella T., widow of Fred J. Wilkins. 2. Rowena, who married Dr. C. C. Moyar. 3. Edith T., widow of Norman Howe McCormick, who was engaged in the grocery business until his death in 1930.

Dr. William C. Tyler died on January 22, 1928, at the advanced age of ninety years. He remained until the last an honored figure in the life of Rouseville, admired for his attainments as a physician, his devotion to the high ideals of his profession and his exemplification of every quality of good citizenship throughout his long career.

EMMONS JONES WADE—A descendant of a family which has for generations been identified with the oil producing business in this section of Pennsylvania, Emmons Jones Wade has been successfully engaged for years in this field, and at the present time operates, together with James G. Gibson, of Bradford, the Gibson Wade Company, one of the larger firms in Clarion County.

Mr. Wade was born at the Jones Homestead in Chandlers Valley, March 1, 1898, the son of Harrison Douglas and Alice Carrie (Jones) Wade. Harrison Douglas Wade, was born in Warren County, July 7, 1860, and during his early life he was engaged as a merchant in Chandlers Valley. He later operated a general store in Warren, and also entered the oil producing field, drilling one of the first wells in the Tiona oil field. He was a

member of the First Presbyterian Church, and politically, a Republican. His father, Harrison Wade, a native of Sherman, New York, was a member of the group which developed the Wardwell oil field in Warren County. Alice Carrie (Jones) Wade, daughter of August W. and Carrie (Lawson) Jones was born in Chandlers Valley, December 18, 1871, and died in Warren, June 29, 1935. She was a graduate of Sugar Grove Seminary, and for a time prior to her marriage she followed the teaching profession, and also acted as her father's secretary, when he served as treasurer of Warren County. August W. Jones, a native of Warren County, died at the Wade home on Hickory Street, in Warren. In his early life he was a lumberman in Chandlers Valley, and was appointed a justice of the peace. Later he became a merchant in North Warren, was elected treasurer of Warren County. A veteran of the Civil War, he was a member of the Pennsylvania Cavalry, and during a battle at Hancock, Pennsylvania, he suffered the loss of the lobe of an ear. His father, a native of Sweden, migrated to this country with five thousand dollars and purchased a farm near Chandlers Valley where he spent the rest of his life. Emmons Jones Wade received his early education at the Warren schools, after which he enrolled at Old Dominion College at Berkely Springs, West Virginia, graduating with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. For the next two years he was associated with his father in the oil producing business, and then he purchased two parcels of his father's property, continuing in the oil and gas producing business. He also established the Jones Pool in Davies County, Kentucky, in 1928, and at present he owns a two-thirds interest in this business together with his oil interests, which are now operated with James G. Gibson as the Gibson Wade Company.

Mr. Wade is a Republican, an affiliate of Warren Lodge, No. 726, Free and Accepted Masons, and a member of Conewango Club, Warren, Pennsylvania. He also holds membership in the Pennsylvania Crude Oil Association. His chief diversions are fishing and hunting.

On October 25, 1933, he married Harriett Hinton Haines, a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, daughter of Dr. William Hoggan and Harriett Estelle (Brown) Haines. Dr. Haines was born in Lloydsville, Ohio, October 18, 1866. He was a doctor of dental surgery and practiced in Pittsburgh for many years. He retired for eight years, after which he resumed practice in Warren, continuing until his death, December 10, 1937. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, and a follower of the Republican party. His wife, born in New York City, January 9, 1869, died in Yonkers, New York, August 4, 1905. She was the daughter of Thomas J. and Harriett W. (Hinton) Brown, of New York City, and Yonkers. The Brown family owned the horse-drawn

street railway system in New York City from Twelfth Street, downtown. Dr. Haines remarried in 1914, Mabelle Bemis, of Warren, who departed this life, August 3, 1928. Harriett Hinton (Haines) Wade attended the public schools at Yonkers, New York, and the Winchester School at Pittsburgh. She later enrolled at the Shipley School for one year and then entered the Knox School at Cooperstown, New York, from which institution she was graduated, and began teaching school at Knox, New York. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church, the Lotta Durham Missionary Society, and the Daughters of the American Revolution. She is fond of hunting, and frequently joins with her husband in this sport.

HARRY WILLIAM SCHMIDT—Active in the business life of Warren and this district of Pennsylvania, Harry William Schmidt is secretary, assistant treasurer and a director of the United Refining Company, of this city, and an officer of a number of affiliated organizations.

Mr. Schmidt was born January 19, 1887, in Shenandoah, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, son of Max and Mary Elizabeth (Sneddon) Schmidt. His father now resides in Shamokin, Pennsylvania, where he is treasurer of the F. & S. Brewing Company.

Shamokin schools provided Harry William Schmidt's early formal education, and in 1907 he was graduated from Shamokin High School. In 1911 he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Architecture from the University of Pennsylvania. Then, becoming advertising manager with Snead & Company, of Jersey City, New Jersey, he served in that capacity for two years. He next associated himself with the New Process Company, in Warren, of which he was for six years vice-president. In 1920 Mr. Schmidt became connected with the United Refining Company, also in this city, with which he continues today as secretary, assistant treasurer and a director, as indicated above. Mr. Schmidt's business affiliations include official positions in certain affiliates of the United Refining Company, as well as the parent organization.

He is also active in the business, civic and social life of Warren. He is a member of the Conewango Club, of this city, and of the Conewango Valley Country Club and the Warren Chamber of Commerce. In student days he joined the Sigma Chi fraternity, of which he is still a member, and he is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in Shamokin. His favorite diversion is horseback riding, and he is a recognized judge of the American Horse Show Association.

Harry William Schmidt married, February 22, 1916, Mary Frances Hanna, of Cadiz, Ohio, daughter of John and Nancy (Copeland) Hanna, both now deceased, long prominent residents of Cadiz. Her father was a contractor and builder by occupation, and was a soldier in the

Union forces during the Civil War. Mrs. Schmidt herself was formally educated in the grammar and high schools of Cadiz and at Oberlin College, and she is a member of the Presbyterian Church, the Conewango Country Club and the Daughters of the American Revolution. Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt became the parents of two sons: 1. Harry William, born in June, 1919, graduated from Warren High School, attended the University of Pennsylvania, Cornell University, and the New York School of Fine and Applied Arts. 2. Copeland Hanna, born in June, 1927, a student at Warren High School.

HOWARD A. PARSONS—In 1924, after many years of industrial experience, Howard A. Parsons entered the trucking business, in which he has since been engaged. His activities now center in the Bradford oil fields, where he does all types of hauling for the oil industry, operating a fleet of trucks and two tanks.

Mr. Parsons was born in Wayne County, Pennsylvania, near the town of Hancock, New York, on May 21, 1883. He is a son of Richard A. Parsons, born in Broome County, New York, and Mary E. (Davall) Parsons, of Preston, Wayne County, Pennsylvania, both now deceased, and a direct descendant of Coronet Joseph Parsons, of an early day in the history of the country. His father was a lumberman and a veteran of the Civil War who enlisted on August 14, 1862, in Company I, New York State Artillery, and served with the Union forces throughout the remainder of that conflict.

Howard A. Parsons spent much of his boyhood at Coudersport, where he attended the common schools and at an early age began repairing bicycles with his brother. Gradually they developed a considerable business in the Coudersport area and even undertook the manufacture of bicycles. After a few years, however, Mr. Parsons learned the machinist's trade and came to Bradford, where he entered the employ of the Bovaird & Seyfang Manufacturing Company, manufacturers of oil well supplies. Beginning as a machinist, he was made foreman of the machine shop in 1914 and continued in charge of that department until 1924, at which time he had rounded out more than twenty years of service with the company. Throughout the World War period, the machine shop of the company, under his direction, was engaged in the manufacture of gun-boring lathes for the government.

In 1924 Mr. Parsons decided to enter business for himself and at this time acquired a number of trucks and began hauling materials for road-building contractors. His business rapidly expanded until he was operating a fleet of twenty-three trucks all over the State of Pennsylvania. Eventually, however, he reached a decision to limit his operations to the Bradford oil fields. As a consequence he altered his equipment so that he could do any



Howard A. Parsons



type of oil field hauling and now has eight trucks working all the time, besides two tanks, with which he hauls petroleum products for the Kendall Refining Company.

Mr. Parsons' business is his principal interest, and his leisure time is devoted chiefly to his home. He is a member, however, of the Bradford Board of Commerce, the Business Men's Council and the McKean County Motor Club and is affiliated fraternally with the Masonic Order, in which he is a member of Union Lodge, No. 334, Free and Accepted Masons; Bradford Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Bradford Council, Royal and Select Masters; Trinity Commandery, Knights Templar; Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and Zem Zem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Parsons is a Republican in politics and a member of East End Presbyterian Church in Bradford.

In 1904 he married (first) Sarah Smith, who died at Bradford, Pennsylvania, in 1912. He married (second), on November 4, 1914, Mabel Violet Wedge, of Bolivar, New York, daughter of David Wedge. Mr. Parsons has one daughter, Helen, a graduate of the Bradford schools, who married Clarence Wesmiller and has two children: Dean and Jay, both in school. Two other children of Mr. Parsons died in early life: Gerald, at the age of ten years, and Margaret, at the age of eight years.

WATSON MEMORIAL HOME, Warren, Pennsylvania—Watson Memorial Home is a charitable corporation established by the bequest of Mrs. Caroline E. Watson. Mrs. Watson was the widow of Colonel Lewis Findlay Watson, an early oil and lumber operator, prominent in the business and social life of Warren County from the time he came here as a young man in 1835 until his death on August 25, 1890. At one time he represented this district in the Congress of the United States. He accumulated a considerable fortune out of his enterprises, and Mrs. Watson conserved his estate, so that it increased in value during her remaining years, and amounted to more than \$600,000 at her death on January 6, 1919.

Thrifty by nature, and yet generous to her relatives and friends, and helpful to those in need, Mrs. Watson, having no direct heirs, left nearly all of her estate, excepting some trusts created for the life use of a relative, for the following purpose, as quoted from her will and the codicils thereto:

... to found, build and maintain, a home for indigent gentlewomen, either widowed or unmarried, who have reached the age of sixty-five years, such home to be located in the vicinity of Warren, but outside the borough of Warren; not to exceed thirty thousand (\$30,000.00) dollars thereof to be devoted to the construction and furnishing of the building, which must be substantial but

plain, avoiding extravagance in its construction—and it is my explicit wish that preference shall be given to worthy needy members of the Presbyterian Church to be admitted to the home in case where there are more applicants for admission than the home can accommodate.

Mrs. Watson appointed as her executors and trustees Freeman E. Hertzell and the Rev. Mr. J. W. Smith. As stated in her will, she said, "for the purpose of carrying this bequest into effect, I direct a charter under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to be procured under the direction of my executors, of which corporation Freeman E. Hertzell, Arthur Gordon Eldred and John Albert Rockwell shall be on the board of directors or trustees, and Anna G. Rockwell and Josephine B. Freeman shall be of its members," and further, in a codicil, "I wish my executors to name the other directors or trustees of said charter besides the three named by me in said will."

The incorporators joined in obtaining a charter, which was granted by the Court of Common Pleas of Warren County on March 1, 1920, and they elected F. E. Hertzell as president and J. M. Sonne as secretary. The principal of the estate was invested wisely by Freeman E. Hertzell, the active executor, and the income allowed to accumulate for several years, so that ample capital would be available, not only to build the home, but also to maintain it permanently, as it was Mrs. Watson's expressed desire that the public should never be called upon for support.

When the funds of the estate were eventually turned over to the board of directors for their use, a total of approximately \$750,000 was available, and another \$150,000 has since come into their hands out of trust funds set aside to provide a life income for Mrs. Watson's niece, Mrs. Josephine B. Freeman, who died on August 30, 1940. As it was necessary to build the home outside the borough of Warren, the directors purchased the old fair grounds property on Conewango Avenue extension, immediately adjoining the borough, with borough water, fire protection and other facilities nearby. They also obtained the legal right to increase adequately the cost of building and furnishings to \$150,000.

Consequently, the present attractive home was begun in 1934, and opened for occupancy in July, 1935. There are accommodations for thirty guests, each having a comfortable room, with no two rooms furnished exactly alike. Four large living rooms, a pleasant dining room, a suitable kitchen and other facilities, with beautifully landscaped grounds, provide a homelike and restful atmosphere. A superintendent, nurse, cook, waitresses, caretaker and others form a staff which endeavors to carry out the objective of the board of directors in making this a real home and not an institution. Wages, purchases of supplies, utility and other services are an important adjunct to Warren's business life, and all are derived from

the income out of conservative investments in the best securities.

Once admitted as a guest, the home assumes all responsibility for support, including medical and hospital attention and every necessary care. No distinction is made as to religion or other considerations except those of good health and compatibility with other guests, but the board has established a rule giving preference to residents of Warren and Warren County. Guests who have a small amount of property, insufficient for living, turn this over to the home at the time of admission, and it is held in trust for them during their life time, with the income up to a stated maximum payable to them, and the principal eventually reverting to the home.

Arthur G. Eldred served as president of the corporation from 1932 until his death on November 17, 1937, and devoted much time and thought to its affairs, especially during the building of the home and making it ready for use. J. M. Sonne served as secretary until his death on December 12, 1937, and he with Mrs. Josephine B. Freeman, who was not a resident of Warren, continued their interest in the corporation from the time of its inception. The present management of the home is directed by Albert Rockwell, president, and Robert W. Mackay, secretary and treasurer, who with the Rev. Mr. Harold C. Warren, vice-president, Anna G. Rockwell, Ella M. Tybout, and the Rev. Mr. Thomas S. Dickson, constitute the board of directors. The maintenance of this home and the comfort provided to its elderly guests form an outstanding example of the benevolent use of accumulated wealth, as bequeathed by the donor for this purpose.

ROBERT WEST MACKAY—One of the leading bank officials of Warren County, Pennsylvania, Robert West Mackay, of Warren, is also very active in various civic and social organizations of his city, and is prominent both as a school director and as a member of the Presbyterian Church.

He was born at Warren, Pennsylvania, August 19, 1889, a son of Robert and Joanna (Lind) Mackay. Robert Mackay, who was born in the Province of Ontario, Canada, and died at Warren, October 27, 1920, at the age of seventy-five, was a sales engineer, being a vice-president of the Struthers-Wells-Titusville Corporation; he was active in the life of Warren, having served as a member of the borough council and as a member of the board of trustees of the First Presbyterian Church. Joanna (Lind) Mackay, his wife, who was born in Sweden, March 2, 1844, and died at Warren, November 1, 1919, came to America with her parents as a child, and was adopted after her parents' death by Joshua D. and Alma Summerton, of Warren. Mr. Summerton, now deceased, was a general merchant of his city and also served as postmaster of Warren and as a justice of the peace.

After graduating from the Warren High School in 1909, Robert West Mackay, becoming interested in a career as a banker, continued his education by means of courses with the American Institute of Banking and by attending the Graduate School of Banking of the American Bankers' Association at Rutgers University. His first employment was as a messenger boy in the Warren National Bank, a position which he obtained in 1905 while still in high school. In 1908 he was promoted by the bank to be a bookkeeper, work which he discharged faithfully until 1912 when he was appointed head bookkeeper and teller of the institution. While in this position, the United States entered the World War and Mr. Mackay at once volunteered for the United States Army, going to the Officers' Training Camp at Fort Niagara, where, after being commissioned a first lieutenant of infantry, he was assigned to Camp Lee, Virginia. There he was placed in charge of the mustering office and shortly assigned to be assistant camp personnel adjutant, being commissioned a captain in July of 1918; he held this rank until his honorable discharge from the service on September 11, 1919. Returning home, he rejoined the staff of the Warren National Bank as assistant trust officer and was elected cashier in January, of 1923, a position which he has held through the present time, in addition to being a director of the institution since 1934. Taking a keen interest in civic affairs, Mr. Mackay has been an active Republican politically, serving on the Warren School Board since 1929 and as treasurer of the board since 1934. A member of the First Presbyterian Church of Warren, he is prominent in its affairs, and has been its treasurer since 1921, as well as being the secretary and treasurer. He is a director of the Watson Memorial Home of Warren, and of the Young Men's Christian Association of Warren, and belongs to the Warren Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Mackay also sustains his military relationships through membership in Chief Cornplanter Post, No. 135, American Legion. He is active in the affairs of the Allegheny Hiking Club, which was organized by him and his wife, Louise. In Masonry, Mr. Mackay is interested as a member of North Star Lodge, No. 241, Free and Accepted Masons, Occidental Chapter, No. 235, Royal Arch Masons, and Warren Commandery, No. 63, Knights Templar, as well as belonging to Warren Lodge, No. 223, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Robert West Mackay married, January 27, 1921, Louise Johnson Rogers, a native of Warren and daughter of Llewlyn and Rose (Dyer) Rogers. Llewlyn Rogers and his wife were both natives of Warren. Mr. Rogers, who died at Warren, was a veteran of the Spanish-American War. Mr. and Mrs. Mackay are the parents of two children: 1. Robert West, Jr., born November 14, 1921, and died August 1, 1935. 2. Joanna Louise, born June 9, 1924, now a student at Oberlin College, after graduating from Warren High School in 1941.

AARON ANTHONY PRINTZ—As vice-president of the Printz Company, Inc., of Warren, Pennsylvania, Aaron Anthony Printz holds a position of leadership in the life of his city. The story of his life in its human qualities, is one that could well serve as an example and inspiration of any youth, for it is the tale of a self-made man, who, starting out without any advantages of wealth or influential friends, achieved greatly through the simple old-fashioned virtues of enterprise, thrift, honesty and never a fear of hard work. In after years when success had crowned his efforts, he did not forget the hardships and difficulties of his young manhood, and constantly helped to ease the way of ambitious youths, and to contribute generously to the aid of the less fortunate and underprivileged.

Mr. Printz was born February 28, 1866, in Youngstown, Ohio, son of Abram and Rosa (Walgomuth) Printz. His father, a native Austrian, who died in Youngstown in 1910, came to America in young manhood, settled in Youngstown and there became a merchant tailor. He was a Republican in politics. The mother, Mrs. Rosa (Walgomuth) Printz, was born in Austria, and died November 25, 1886, in Youngstown.

The public schools of Youngstown provided Aaron Anthony Printz's education, and after completing his high school studies there he entered the employ of the dry goods firm of Strouss & Hirshberg, also in that city, as an errand boy. He was fifteen years old at this time but he thoroughly well earned his wage of three dollars a week, and won the approval of those with whom he was associated. His abilities and industry gained him promotions in quick succession and he progressed through several sections until he was placed in charge of one of the most important departments of the store, that of silk and dress goods.

After four years, or when he was about nineteen years of age, Mr. Printz resigned from his position with Strouss & Hirshberg, and joined his brother, B. H. Printz, to start a clothing and men's furnishings establishment in Sharon, Pennsylvania. He had practically no capital to invest, and the first years of the firm were marked by difficulties growing out of a lack of funds. But neither young man lacked courage, foresight and good judgment. Hard work and long hours paid dividends and placed the firm on a safe and sound basis.

The brother, B. H. Printz, opened the store in Sharon on April 17, 1886, under his own name. In 1888 together they bought the clothing store of Jerre Hurley, in Franklin, and conducted it as Printz Brothers. In 1896 the brothers bought the business of J. D. Woodward, at No. 214 Second Avenue, Warren, whereupon A. A. Printz became a resident of Warren. The firm opened still another store at Oil City, then one in Kane, then one in Jamestown, New York, then one in Youngstown, and

finally another in Warren, Ohio. In 1921 they incorporated all stores as Printz Company, Inc., with A. A. Printz as vice-president of all of these stores, which are conducted under this same firm name and all handle men's and boys' clothing and furnishings. The associated establishments do an annual business of more than a million dollars and employ some one hundred and twenty-five people.

In addition to his other activities, Mr. Printz is a director of the Community Consumer Discount Company, of Warren, Pennsylvania. He is active in a number of civic and social organizations, being a life member of Myrtle Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, in Franklin, and of Zem Zem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in Erie, as well as a member of other Masonic bodies, including the Scottish Rite Consistory at Coudersport, with which he has been connected for forty years. Mr. Printz is the only living charter member of Franklin Lodge, No. 110, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member and founder of the Conewango Valley Country Club, a charter member of the Rotary Club, and a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Young Men's Christian Association and the Conewango Club of Warren. During the first World War he was a leader in Red Cross and Liberty Loan drives. One of the most charitable of men, but always shunning the limelight of publicity, few know the extent of his generosity to the needy.

Aaron Anthony Printz married, June 25, 1895, Sarah Plumer Moorhead, a native of Franklin, daughter of J. B. and Myra (Plumer) Moorhead, both of whom are now deceased. Her father was an accountant and a veteran of the War Between the States. Mr. and Mrs. Printz became the parents of the following children: 1. Plumer M., born February 15, 1901, graduated from Culver Military Academy, associated with his father in Warren, Pennsylvania; he married Ila Culbertson, of this place, and they became the parents of a daughter, Sarah Patricia Printz. 2. Frederick A., born May 21, 1906, graduated from the Kiskiminetas School, associated in business with his father; he married Evelyn Merz, of Jamestown, New York, and they are the parents of two children: Frederick A. Printz, Jr., and Sallie Printz. 3. Helen Rose, educated in Warren schools, and, after completing her high school work in Warren, graduated from Walnut Lane School in Philadelphia; she became the wife of Louis P. Davis, of Warren, Pennsylvania, and mother of their two sons: i. John Plumer Davis, a student at Princeton University. ii. Richard Printz Davis, a student at Warren High School.

JOHN DAVID BAINER—As a young college student, John David Bainer decided to make a career of accounting. He became a public accountant and the years

that followed were notable for colorful and important experiences, and the filling of responsible posts—State, Federal and Foreign. Since 1936 he has been identified as an official with the Merchants National Bank & Trust Company of Meadville, Pennsylvania, and active in several phases of the life and affairs of Meadville.

Mr. Bainer was born in Chicago, Illinois, June 17, 1887, son of Joseph M. and Mary (Gunderman) Bainer. His mother was the daughter of John and Elizabeth Gunderman, of Marysville, Ohio. She was born there January 6, 1861, and died there October 10, 1928. Joseph (Joe) M. Bainer was a native of Tiffin, Ohio, born February 18, 1859, and died at Marysville, same State, May 27, 1939. Prior to his retirement he was associated with the Marysville Cabinet Company, and was one of the founders and original incorporators of the Citizens Savings & Loan Association, which he also served as president. He was, at one time, a member of the city council, and was a member and elder of Trinity Lutheran Church, of Marysville.

The first business in the life of John David Bainer, of this record, was acquiring an elementary education, which he did in the public schools of Marysville. He prepared for higher education in Oberlin Academy, from which he was graduated in 1909. That same year he entered the University of Illinois, but in 1910 left college to become identified with Ernest Reckett & Company, certified public accountants of Chicago. After about a year he accepted an appointment as auditor of the Forest City Park, Chicago, Illinois, remaining until July, 1911, when he resigned to go with the Ohio State Banking Department as examiner, a post he held until April 1, 1918, when he became auditor of the Cleveland National Bank of Cleveland, Ohio. After a full year he became chief accountant for the Guardian Trust Company, of Cleveland, from April, 1919, to December, 1920. During this same period he went on a special mission for Newton D. Baker, of World War note, then Secretary of War, to examine the status of the Philippine National Bank on the Islands on the far side of the world. From December 1, 1920, to March 1, 1936, Mr. Bainer was identified with the Cleveland Clearing House Examination Department. During 1935 and 1936, he also was secretary, treasurer and manager of the Cleveland Clearing House Association. From February to April, 1932, he was agency examiner of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, the first large scale Federal action to relieve a national depression and the most successful.

On March 1, 1936, Mr. Bainer came with the Merchants National Bank & Trust Company, of Meadville, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, first as cashier, and later becoming vice-president and a director of the institution. The breadth of his interests and activities are indicated

by his connection with various organizations. Fraternally he is affiliated with Gaston Allen Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Cleveland, the Royal Order of Jesters, and Al Koran Temple, Cleveland, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Rotary Club, the Young Men's Christian Association, the Meadville Country Club, Bankers' Club of Pittsburgh, and his college fraternity is Sigma Alpha Epsilon. He is also a member of the Meadville Historical Society, the Taylor Hose Company, and the Iroquois Club. He is a past president and director of the Meadville Chamber of Commerce and a trustee of the Presbyterian Church. He was chairman of the 1942 Meadville Community Chest campaign.

On October 31, 1911, John David Bainer married Otelia N. Fox, born in Marysville, Ohio, daughter of Emanuel E. and Josephine M. (Kuhlman) Fox, both now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Bainer are the parents of two children: 1. Mary Josephine, born August 22, 1912, who married Leland C. Griggs, of Millersburg, Ohio, and is the mother of a daughter, Nancy Lee Griggs; Mr. Griggs is deceased. 2. Joe E. Bainer, born August 28, 1914, associated with Maynard H. March Company, of Cleveland, Ohio; now in military service as a member of Troop A, 107th Cavalry of Cleveland.

FRANK MINTON SCHELL—The oil industry of Pennsylvania and West Virginia has occupied the efforts of Frank Minton Schell during his entire active career. He is now general superintendent of the Northern Forest Division of the South Penn Oil Company, with headquarters at Bradford, which has been his home during the past fourteen years.

Mr. Schell was born in Clarion County on June 8, 1880, a son of Frank V. and Alice (Griggs) Schell. He is a grandson of Valentine Schell, who was born in Germany, came to this country in early life and was a building contractor and merchant here. During the Civil War he served in the Union Army as a captain of cavalry. His wife was born in Alliance, France. Mr. Schell's maternal grandfather, who was of Scotch-Irish descent, was born in Ohio. He was a soldier in the War of 1812 and after the outbreak of the Civil War, organized a company at Conneaut Lake, Crawford County, for the Union Army, although he himself did not serve because of his age. He was a farmer. His wife, Christina (Wetzel) Griggs, was born in Berks County and moved west to Crawford County with her people when she married. She was a direct descendant of Louis and Jacob Wetzel. Frank V. Schell, father of Frank Minton Schell, was born aboard ship in New York Harbor and was an oil producer in Pennsylvania during the greater part of his career. Alice



Frank M. Schell

(Griggs) Schell, the mother, was born in Crawford County. Both parents are now deceased.

Frank Minton Schell received a public school education and began his active connection with the oil industry while he was still a boy. He worked in various capacities in Washington and Allegheny counties, Pennsylvania, and Brooks and Hancock counties, West Virginia, for the old Forest Oil Company and Logan Oil Company, which later became the South Penn Oil Company. As he gained in experience, he rose to responsible positions and since the organization of the South Penn Oil Company he has served this corporation in many capacities. After a number of years as superintendent of production, he was appointed superintendent of drilling in September, 1927, and during the past several years has been general superintendent of the Northern Forest Division of the South Penn Oil Company. To this office he brings the qualifications offered by his long experience and successful record. Mr. Schell, who is one of the industry's leading production men, is chairman of the cable tool and drilling committee of the American Petroleum Institute. He is considered an authority in his field and assisted in preparing a number of articles on drilling, written for petroleum trade journals.

In addition to his long connection with the oil industry, Mr. Schell was for several years a director of the McDonald Trust & Savings Bank, of McDonald, Washington County. A Republican in politics, he has taken an active interest in the affairs of those communities in which he has made his home and during his residence in McDonald he served for fourteen years as a member of the local board of education and had been elected for another six-year term when he resigned in 1927 because of his removal to Bradford. He is affiliated fraternally with Garfield Lodge, No. 604, Free and Accepted Masons, and is a member of the Olean Sportsmen's Club. Mr. Schell attends the United Presbyterian Church. Hunting and fishing are his favorite recreations, when he can find time for them, and he has always had a fondness for fast horses.

Mr. Schell married Sadie McDowell, of Allegheny County, daughter of Samuel Lee and Jane (Andrews) McDowell. They have one adopted daughter, Hilda K., who married Howard L. Thomas and has one son, Frank L. Thomas, now attending the Homestead schools. Mr. and Mrs. Schell in recent years have taken into their home a grandniece of Mrs. Schell, a child whose parents died when she was an infant, and have made themselves responsible for her upbringing.

ERNEST E. SLINGERLAND—For more than seventy years, the Slingerland name has been a prominent one in the Pennsylvania oil industry. Ernest E. Slinger-

land, son of a pioneer operator in the oil fields of this State, has developed his interests to a point where they make him one of the leading independent producers and refiners of Pennsylvania, with holdings which include several hundred producing oil and gas wells and the principal stock interest in the Bradford Oil Refining Company. He is one of the leading figures in the life of the Bradford area.

Mr. Slingerland was born at the famous "Pit Hole," in Venango County, on September 3, 1873, son of George W. Slingerland, who had recently entered the oil fields there, and Ellen (Sadler) Slingerland. He is descended from an old family in the Netherlands which was established in this country by his grandfather, who came from Holland as a young man and settled at Fabius, Onondaga County, New York. Here he bought a farm and operated a tannery. He married Lovina Woodruff, born in Vermont, and they became the parents of nine children. Three of their sons became successful oil producers.

George W. Slingerland, father of Ernest E. Slingerland, was one of this family of nine. He was born on his father's farm at Fabius, New York, on September 27, 1846, and died on February 9, 1928, after a long and successful career. In his youth he became a lumberman and mill hand and in 1863, at the age of seventeen, left that employment to enlist in Company D, 15th New York Cavalry, at Syracuse, for Civil War service. He was with the Union armies for almost two years, saw much active fighting under Sheridan and Custer at Winchester, Cedar Creek, Antietam and the battle of the Wilderness and witnessed the surrender of General Lee to General Grant. In June, 1865, he was mustered out of the service at Elmira, New York, and upon his return to civil life, resumed his work in the sawmills. In 1870 the riches of the Pennsylvania oil fields brought him to Venango County, where his brothers, Benjamin Franklin and Peter Slingerland were already operating. The industry was then in its infancy, but stood upon the threshold of its first great period of development. For five years, George W. Slingerland worked for his brothers at Oil City, Pit Hole and Rouseville. Having thus acquired a thorough knowledge of oil production, he decided to enter business for himself and came to the Bradford field, where he was a successful producer for many years, having his principal lease at Dallas City. Mr. Slingerland made his home in Bradford. He married Ellen Sadler, who died on April 24, 1909, and they became the parents of six children: 1. William E., who died on May 5, 1910. 2. Cora, who married Charles Doty, of Charleston, West Virginia. 3. Ernest E., of this record. 4. Joseph, who died on November 27, 1908. 5. Herbert, a resident of Dallas City. 6. George E., who also makes his home at Dallas City.

Ernest E. Slingerland was the third child and second son of this marriage. His earliest years were spent at Pit Hole, but when he reached the age of six, his parents moved to the Bradford section, where his own interests and activities have largely centered. Educated in the public schools of Sawyer City and Red Rock, he began to work in the oil fields while he was still a boy, learned the business thoroughly and at the turn of the century launched his career as an independent operator. Since 1900 he has been a successful producer in the Bradford field. Mr. Slingerland's first holding was the Chamberlain farm at Dallas City, which he still owns. He has greatly expanded his interests through the acquisition of other leases, notably the very valuable property at Red Rock, formerly held by Rogers and Jackson; the Crane Hollow lease; a part of an old gas lease; and finally an area of 345 acres on Friendship Road, Richburg. Today he owns and operates seventy-five wells at Red Rock, eighty at Gilmore, forty-five at Dallas City, and twenty-five in the Richburg field. On his Richburg property he brought in a celebrated gas well in September, 1928.

He was one of the original stockholders and directors of the Bradford Oil Refining Company, which he helped to organize in order to find facilities for the more economical refining of his own production, and today has the controlling interest in the company. Few operators can match Mr. Slingerland's long and successful record. He is not only one of the largest producers in the Bradford fields, but one of the influential, and has frequently exercised his faculty of leadership to the benefit of the industry as a whole. One of the outstanding accomplishments of his career was the successful flooding of the Bradford lands about 1898, a strong stimulus to oil production in the Bradford area, in which he was a pioneer. He has given counsel and financial assistance to many who became established operators through his aid, and with characteristic generosity has always been ready to back his judgment of character and ability in others to the limit. In addition to his petroleum interests, Mr. Slingerland has been associated from time to time with other commercial and financial institutions of the section, which have benefited largely through his balanced judgment and broad experience as applied to their affairs and equally through his reputation for strict integrity and the prestige attaching to his name.

Mr. Slingerland has also been active socially. He is affiliated fraternally with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Knights of the Maccabees, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Loyal Order of Moose and Knights of Pythias and is a member of the Bradford Club and the National Aeronautical Association. His civic interests have been broad and his influence in community affairs extensive, although he has always remained by preference

in the background. In politics, Mr. Slingerland is an independent voter. He is a Methodist in religious faith.

In 1893 Ernest E. Slingerland married Jessie M. Dutcher, daughter of William and Emily Dutcher, of Derrick City. They became the parents of two sons: Elmer, who died at the age of twenty-one years; and Leroy L., who is associated in business with his father. The Slingerlands have one of the beautiful homes of this section at Gilmore, near Derrick City.

Leroy L. Slingerland, who represents the third generation of his family in the Pennsylvania oil industry, was born at Red Rock, McKean County, on July 14, 1897. He is the only surviving child of Ernest E. and Jessie M. (Dutcher) Slingerland. After a public school education at Dallas City and Derrick City, he entered the oil industry, with which he had been closely associated since childhood through his father's interests. Thus, at the outset of his career, he had a firm grasp of the business, soon supplemented by a wealth of practical experience under his father's direction. Mr. Slingerland has been continuously associated with his father's oil interests and has taken over the responsibilities of management in a number of his holdings. He is well known in production circles at Bradford, where his record evidences the capabilities and enterprising spirit long associated here with the family name.

Leroy L. Slingerland is affiliated fraternally with Tuna Valley Lodge, No. 453, Knights of Pythias, and is a past officer of the organization.

He married Ruth Wilson, of Bradford, daughter of Parker W. Wilson, and they reside in this city.

GEORGE EDWARD SLINGERLAND—For years active in the McKean County oil industry, George Edward Slingerland, of Dallas City, operates twenty-five producing wells. Always intensely interested in the development of radio, he was one of the first students of wireless communication and today has a special radio shack on his property.

Mr. Slingerland was born January 19, 1886, in Foster Township, McKean County, Pennsylvania, brother of E. E. Slingerland (*q. v.*). He attended common schools, and in boyhood went to work at the St. James Hotel, operating its private electric plant. In 1908 he went to work for James George, a lawyer, whose chauffeur he was—one of the first private chauffeurs in this region. After a year he worked for others for a short time, then entered the oil industry. He has concerned himself mainly with the oil trade since that time. At first he bought a ten-acre abandoned oil-producing property in Dallas City, developing it under modern methods and gradually acquiring additional adjacent lands. He has operated these

properties down to the time of writing, twenty-five producing wells in all.

He is a member of the Penn Grade Crude Oil Association and a leader in his industry. His studies in radio broadcasting and communication began back in his boyhood. He was one of the first radio "hams" in the United States, and this interest continues today through his work in his own radio shack. Photography is another art, or science, that fascinates Mr. Slingerland in his leisure moments, and he has learned many of the finer details of the art of catching a picture in just the right moment, as well as of the techniques of developing, printing and the like. Mr. Slingerland is a staunch Democrat and a member of the Loyal Order of Moose and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

On December 24, 1907, George Edward Slingerland married Maude E. Thomas, of Dallas City, Pennsylvania, daughter of Joseph and Cordelia (Reed) Thomas. They became the parents of two children: 1. Gerald Arthur Slingerland, graduated from Bradford High School, worked with his father on the lease, until his death in 1941. 2. Hazel Marie Slingerland, graduated from Bradford High School, living at home in Dallas City.

HERBERT POTTER STONE—Making a notable contribution to the business life of Warren, Herbert Potter Stone is president of the Warren Axe & Tool Company and of the De Luxe Metal Furniture Company.

Mr. Stone was born August 20, 1869, in South Mills, New York, son of Jeremiah and Catherine Jane (Potter) Stone. His paternal grandfather, Chauncey Stone, a native of New York State, who died in Angola, that State, was long a merchant in Angola and at one time owned several farms. His maternal grandparents, Isaac and Catherine (Terhune) Potter, also lived in Angola for some years, where Isaac Potter was a justice of the peace and handled much of the important legal work done in his district. He was a highly influential citizen. Catherine (Terhune) Potter, a native of New Jersey, died in Angola. Jeremiah Stone, Herbert Potter Stone's father, was born September 3, 1832, in Angola, New York, and died June 12, 1914, in Corry, Pennsylvania. He was a dealer in carriages and wagons, saddlery, plows and related products, and was a Republican in politics. During the Civil War he was drafted for military service, but did not serve for a great length of time, being honorably discharged because of illness. His wife, Catherine Jane (Potter) Stone, Herbert Potter Stone's mother, was born May 14, 1837, and died February 8, 1908, in Corry.

Herbert Potter Stone attended public schools in Corry, and early in his career became associated with the First National Bank of that place, serving for eighteen months as a clerk. He was then a clerk in the office of the Clark

& Warren Refining Company, of Corry, for a similar period of time. Coming to Warren in 1888 as bookkeeper for the Warren Refining Company, he remained for about two years with that company, then associated himself with the Cornplanter Refining Company, also of Warren. After two years as a bookkeeper with that organization, Mr. Stone left Warren and went to St. Paul, Minnesota, where he was secretary and treasurer with the Cornplanter Oil Company. That company had branches in Minneapolis, St. Paul, Duluth (Minnesota) and Superior (Wisconsin); and, though he was active in all of these, Mr. Stone made his headquarters in St. Paul and remained in that position from 1892 to 1899.

He then returned to Warren as treasurer and general manager of the Warren Axe & Tool Company, so serving until he was made president in 1921. He continues today as president of this organization, which manufactures axes and logging tools and ships its products to all parts of the world. Mr. Stone is also president of the De Luxe Metal Furniture Company, as indicated above, having so served since it was organized in 1926. He has also served for many years on the board of directors of Struthers-Wells-Titusville Corporation. A leading figure in Warren, Mr. Stone is a Republican in his political views. He was a borough councilman from 1907 to 1910, and for about eighteen months, until his resignation, served as administrator of the CWA in Warren.

Mr. Stone is a member and past president of the Warren Chamber of Commerce, a member and past secretary of the Conewango Club of Warren, a charter member of the Rotary Club, a former trustee and director of the Young Men's Christian Association, and an ex-president of the Warren Council of Boy Scouts. He held the presidency of the local Scout organization for years, and was a director of the Warren Community Chest from its inception until he resigned. He was early active in Masonry, belonging to North Star Lodge, No. 241, of Warren, and to Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and coördinate bodies. He is, among his other activities, president of the G. G. G. Metal Stamping Company, of Warren. Though he makes his home in Warren, he also has a summer place along the Conewango Creek.

Herbert Potter Stone married (first) Alice G. Thompson, a native of Warren, who died March 24, 1900. He married (second), June 1, 1905, Ethel Holliday, of Warren, who died March 30, 1925. To the second marriage three children were born, two daughters and a son: 1. Katharine H., who became the wife of Henry Ross Fisher, manager of the Piso Company, of Warren; they have two sons, Henry Ross Fisher, Jr., and Jeremy Stone Fisher. 2. Mary L., wife of Thomas Pressel, of Meadville, who is associated with the Talon Hookless Fastener Company, as a sales correspondent; they have a daughter, Mary

Katharine Pressel. 3. Herbert Potter, Jr., sales engineer with the Combustion Company, at New York City; unmarried. Herbert Potter Stone married (third), May 29, 1926, Florence Cook, of Warren.

EDWARD NELSON WOOD—The activities of Edward Nelson Wood as a drilling contractor and oil producer in the Bradford and Bolivar fields center in the operations of the firm of Wood Brothers, which he owns and manages with his brother. He has been engaged in this business during the past thirty years.

Mr. Wood was born in Eldred on September 11, 1876, son of David C. Wood, a native of Canada, who came to the United States in early life and became a lumberman and farmer in McKean County, and Hannah (Barkas) Wood, born in England, whose father, Thomas Barkas, served in the Civil War. Mrs. David C. Wood died in her ninety-first year.

Edward Nelson Wood received a public school education, remained for some years on the family farm, where he spent his boyhood, and subsequently entered the lumber business, first with his father, and then as a partner of his brother, Ernest Elmer Wood (*q. v.*). After ten years of lumbering in McKean and Potter counties, the firm of Wood Brothers turned to oil operations, beginning as drilling contractors and soon acquiring a lease, the first of many they have held as producers in the Bradford and Bolivar fields. Both phases of this successful business are still continued and in addition to their production interests the Wood Brothers now operate eight strings of tools.

Edward Nelson Wood is widely known as one of Eldred's substantial citizens and shares with his brother the tradition of civic leadership associated with the family name. He has been a member of the local school board for two terms and has also served two terms as a member of the town council. Mr. Wood is a Republican in politics and is affiliated fraternally with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In addition to these connections he is a member of the Eldred Men's Club. Sports have been his particular hobby.

On May 1, 1897, he married May Barton, of Eldred, daughter of Albert and Julia (Simpson) Barton, both deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Wood have three children: 1. Irma May, a graduate of the Eldred public schools and Westbrook Academy. She married George Atwell, manager of the Bradford Supply Company store in Eldred and they have one daughter, Janet Ruth. 2. Glenn Edwin, educated in the local schools and at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, now associated with his father as a driller. He married Theresa Leak. 3. Richard Carl, who was educated in the Eldred schools and at Westbrook Academy, and is associated with the Bradford Supply Company.

RUE ABNER WHITE—Assistant general manager of the Bradford Penn Refining Corporation at Clarendon, Pennsylvania, Rue Abner White, of Clarendon, is not only well known among oil men in northwestern Pennsylvania but has also a host of friends among railroaders from his years of service as a telegrapher and train dispatcher for the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Rue Abner White was born at Spartansburg, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, July 10, 1889, son of Morton L. and Lois (Titus) White. Morton L. White, who was born at Spartansburg and died at Pensacola, North Carolina, in 1915, was for many years associated with the Wheeler & Dusenberry Lumber Company as their superintendent in northwestern Pennsylvania and the State of Washington, in addition to being associated with lumbering activities in North Carolina at the time of his death. A Republican and a member of the Baptist Church, he was a son of Horace L. and Fannie (Woodin) White. Horace L. White, who was a millwright and a carpenter and passed his life at Spartansburg, was a son of Abner White, a native of Spartansburg. Lois (Titus) White, wife of Morton L. White, was a daughter of James and Elvira (Miller) Titus. James Titus, a native of Crawford County, Pennsylvania, spent his life as a farmer, passing away at Cambridge Springs. His wife was also a native of Crawford County.

After graduating from the Spartansburg High School in 1904, Rue Abner White learned telegraphy and found employment in that capacity with the Pennsylvania Railroad, being operator from Buffalo to Pittsburgh. In 1917 he was promoted to the post of train dispatcher on the Allegheny, Buffalo & Conemaugh Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad, holding the post through 1932. In that year he resigned from the railroad to become associated with the Bradford Penn Refining Corporation at Clarendon, Pennsylvania, beginning his employment as a tester in the company's laboratory and passing through various positions and the several departments of the plant until he was appointed to his present position of assistant to the general manager. A member of the Republican party and belonging to the First Baptist Church of Spartansburg, Pennsylvania, he worships in Clarendon at the First Methodist Church because there is no church of the Baptist denomination in that city as yet. From his duties and responsibilities at the refinery, Mr. White finds a means of relaxation in woodworking, being an expert if amateur furniture maker and a capable carpenter in home repairs. He also devotes himself to fishing, whipping the streams of northwestern Pennsylvania for trout in season and going out to the ocean for deep sea fishing whenever opportunity makes this diversion possible.

Rue Abner White married, on June 16, 1910, Mabel C. Carlson, a native of Titusville and a daughter of the late



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Charles A. Carlson, of Titusville, a contractor and builder. Mrs. White, who is a graduate of Titusville High School and a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Titusville, worships at the First Methodist Church of Clarendon, in which organization she is very active.

LUDWIG A. PETERSON—Widely known as one of Warren's leading building contractors, Ludwig A. Peterson has built some of the outstanding business and residential structures of this region of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Peterson was born July 2, 1886, in Sweden, son of Per Johan and Charlotte (Anderson) Peterson. His father, born July 2, 1855, in Sweden, and died there in 1926, was long engaged in lumbering and farming. He was a member of the Lutheran Church and president of his congregation, and also owned two farms. The mother, Charlotte (Anderson) Peterson, was also born in 1855 in Sweden, and died there in 1897.

Public schools of Sweden furnished Ludwig A. Peterson's early formal education. He was nineteen years old when he came to America, landing in New York City on September 9, 1905, and settling first at Jamestown, New York. On June 1, 1906, he came to Warren, Pennsylvania, becoming associated here with J. Arndt Swanson, a contractor and builder. For fifteen years he continued with Mr. Swanson, spending the last ten of those years as foreman. In 1921 Mr. Peterson entered the contracting business on his own account, so continuing down to the time of writing. He has been the builder of some of the outstanding edifices of the district, as already indicated, among them the Irvindale School, the Pleasantville Township School, the Freeman O. Peterson residence in Hertzel Street, the home of Dr. Robert S. Gibb on Pleasant Park and also Dr. Gibb's office in Market Street. Mr. Peterson has remodeled some of the largest business blocks in Warren, and has remodeled the Warren County Home for Aged People, at Youngsville. He has likewise remodeled the Warren High School Building, the Warren Betty School, the Jefferson Street School and several homes in State Street. The local hospital grounds and many of the city's better homes reflect Mr. Peterson's handiwork, and he has also erected a number of buildings for the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania and remodeled others, including the Bell Telephone Company Building in Kane.

To his professional achievements, Mr. Peterson has added other activities. He is a member and past president of the Swedish Fraternity of America, a member of the Chamber of Commerce of Warren, and a Republican in his political views. Long prominent in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Mr. Peterson was for twenty-one years a trustee of the congregation and for twenty years treasurer. In

leisure time he enjoys outdoor recreations, notably swimming, picnicking, touring and the like.

Ludwig A. Peterson married, June 14, 1913, Ida Jacobson, a native of Ludlow, Pennsylvania, daughter of Alfred and Hulda (Anderson) Jacobson, both natives of Sweden. Her father, who was long associated with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, died in Warren. Her mother lives now in this city. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson became the parents of three children, two sons and a daughter: 1. Walter L., born April 7, 1914, graduated in 1933 from Warren High School and in 1937 from Pennsylvania State College as a Bachelor of Arts, now associated with his father in the contracting and building business. 2. Dorothy May, born February 28, 1922, graduated in 1940 from Warren High School, a student at Grove City College, in Grove City, at the time of writing. 3. Carl Adrian, born December 21, 1930.

CHARLES ROY McNEAL—President of the Forest Chemical Company at Barnes, Pennsylvania, Charles Roy McNeal, who makes his home in the city of Barnes and has his office at Sheffield, Warren County, is not only an outstanding industrialist of northwestern Pennsylvania but also active as an officer of such organizations as the Sheffield National Bank and the Sheffield Oil & Gas Company.

He was born at Sigel, Jefferson County, Pennsylvania, on December 26, 1882, the son of James Frank and Martha (Neely) McNeal. James Frank McNeal, who was born in Jefferson County and died at Kane, December 17, 1927, at the age of seventy-three, had led a very active life, sharing in the modern development of northwestern Pennsylvania as a lumberman in Elk County and also as a chemical manufacturer and an oil refiner. A prominent Republican and a member of the Methodist Church, he was a son of James McNeal, of Sigel, who engaged in lumbering and farming. Martha (Neely) McNeal was a daughter of Joseph Neely, a native of Clarion County, Pennsylvania, who passed his life as a farmer.

After passing through the public schools of Elk County, Charles Roy McNeal began his career by going into the woods as a teamster and hauling timber for his father when but fifteen years of age. This experience was followed by periods of employment in a sawmill and then in a shingle mill, employments which were exchanged for several years of work as a clerk in a country store at Forest. Thus given a varied groundwork in the business conditions of the region in which his father was active, Mr. McNeal joined his father at Blue Jay, Forest County, where James Frank McNeal was building a chemical works. A second period of storekeeping followed this construction activity and then Mr. McNeal went to work

for the Forest Chemical Company at Barnes, a company of which his father was then president, and was placed in charge of grading and foundation work preliminary to construction of buildings. In less than a year, Mr. McNeal was made foreman of the work but resigned shortly to accept a similar position at the Blue Jay plant of the Forest Chemical Company. This position was held only briefly, for he returned to Barnes and before long became manager of the Forest Chemical Company with his headquarters at Barnes. He held this position until January of 1928, when he was appointed to his present office as president of the organization. In addition to his responsibilities as head of the chemical company, he is also president of the Sheffield National Bank, a position to which he was elected in July of 1922, and treasurer of the Sheffield Oil & Gas Company. Deeply interested in civic and political affairs, Mr. McNeal is active as a member of the Republican party, and has been a member of the Pennsylvania State Committee as well as having served locally as road supervisor and school director. A member of the First Methodist Church at Barnes, Mr. McNeal belongs to Kane Lodge, No. 366, Free and Accepted Masons, and such other Masonic bodies as Warren Commandery and Zem Zem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Erie. Fond of hunting as a means of recreation, he is also a member of the Kane Country Club, the Conewango Club of Warren and the Warren Valley Country Club.

Charles Roy McNeal married, on February 21, 1906, Bessie Traver, a native of Chautauqua, New York, and a daughter of Charles and Rosetta (Bennett) Traver. Charles Traver was a farmer and a veteran of the Civil War. Mr. and Mrs. McNeal are the parents of three children: 1. Charles F., born August 31, 1909. An oil producer and also vice-president of the Forest Chemical Company, he married Mary Albaugh, of Warren, Pennsylvania, and is the father of a son, Thomas. 2. Margaret, who married Ernest Blair, of Allentown, Pennsylvania, where he is associated with the Texas Oil Company. 3. Elizabeth. She married Curwin McDowell, of Sheffield, associated with the Sheffield Bottle Works at Sheffield, and is the mother of a son, Curwin Charles McDowell.

MACLEAN HOUSTON—In the development of the petroleum industry in the United States a great many of the older generation of northwestern Pennsylvania were involved, especially when production spread to the Southwest United States. Occasionally there has come to the Pennsylvania oil district some representative of the western country, such as MacLean Houston, of Texas, for the past fifteen years an oil man and executive of the United Refining Company, at Warren, Pennsylvania. He is a Texan in birth and a member of long established

Texas families, representatives of which have played notable rôles in the professions in several states. His own choice of a profession was an exception to tradition, since he has made a career of industrial engineering, rather than of the law or medicine.

Born in San Antonio, Texas, April 18, 1892, MacLean Houston is the son of Regan and Martha (Green) Houston. Regan Houston, son of a San Antonio physician, was born in Bexar County, Texas, and died in San Antonio, where he was a prominent lawyer. He was a Democrat and member of the Episcopal Church which he served as vestryman. Martha (Green) Houston was the daughter of the Hon. Nathan and Betty (MacLean) Green, natives of Tennessee, who both died in Lebanon, this State. Hon. Nathan Green was an attorney who later became a justice of the Supreme Court of Tennessee; he was a veteran of the War Between the States with the rank of major. Grafton Green, son of the Hon. Nathan Green, is now serving as successor to his father as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Tennessee.

MacLean Houston was graduated from San Antonio Academy in 1908, and from the University of Wisconsin, in 1914, with the degree of Bachelor of Science, receiving the degree of Electrical Engineer with the class of 1916. After graduation he became associated with the City Service Company of New York, acquiring training and experience in their school of practice at Denver, Colorado, and was connected with the Appraisal Department of the Refining Department in Oklahoma. Then he was head of the Refining Department in New York City until 1919, when he was made resident manager of western Pennsylvania operations of this concern. For two years MacLean Houston served as engineer for the Franklin Quality Refining Company, at Franklin, Pennsylvania, and in 1924 came to Warren, this State, as engineer for the Warren Refining Company, remaining here for one year, when he became associated with the United Refining Company. He is now production manager of the United Refining Company, at Warren.

On July 5, 1917, MacLean Houston married Mary Young, born in Alpena, Michigan, daughter of B. R. and Ella (Miles) Young. B. R. Young, a veteran of the Civil War, was a merchant in Alpena prior to his death; Mrs. Young resides in Alpena. Mrs. Houston attended the University of Wisconsin for three years and is a graduate of Columbia University, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Journalism. Mr. and Mrs. Houston are the parents of four children: 1. Jane Hunt Houston, a graduate of Duke University, class of 1941, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. 2. Regan Houston, student at Pennsylvania State College. 3. William Miles Houston, attending local schools. 4. Mary Young Houston, also attending the local schools.



Gregory Edward Tyler.

GREGORY EDWARD TYLER—As general superintendent of the Forest Oil Corporation, Gregory Edward Tyler continues his long association with the Pennsylvania oil industry. He is experienced in all phases of production and has risen to his present position on the basis of his successful record.

Mr. Tyler was born in Rixford, McKean County, on June 6, 1893, son of Albert Addison and Mary Ivy (Hays) Tyler. His father, who was born in Stockton, Chautauqua County, New York, and is now deceased, was a producer in the Pennsylvania fields and a well-known dog fancier and sportsman. The mother, Mary Ivy (Hays) Tyler, was born in Butler.

Gregory Edward Tyler received a public school education. He virtually grew up in the oil industry, working on the leases owned by his parents from the time he was a boy, and when they sold out to the Forest Oil Corporation in July, 1920, he entered the service of this company as a pumper. During the intervening years he has risen gradually in the organization, acting as lease foreman and later as superintendent until 1934, when he was appointed to his present position as general superintendent. In this capacity he is in charge of all eastern operations of the company.

During the World War, Mr. Tyler served in the United States Army, resuming his career in the oil industry following the Armistice. He is affiliated fraternally with Duke Center Lodge, No. 555, Free and Accepted Masons, and with the higher Scottish Rite bodies of the order, including Coudersport Consistory. In politics he is a Republican. Like his father, Mr. Tyler's principal hobbies are guns, hunting and dogs. He is active in a number of sportsmen's organizations, including the Bradford Field Trial Club, of which he is president, the Oswego Rod and Gun Club and the Oblong Rod and Gun Club of Illinois. In religious faith, he is a member of the United Brethren Church.

Mr. Tyler married, on November 22, 1922, Lucille Ella Palmerton, of Deposit, New York. They are the parents of one son, Gregory Palmerton, now three years old.

DAVID HENRY SIGGINS—Nationally prominent as a street car railway builder and executive, David Henry Siggins was not only an outstanding business man of his native Pennsylvania but also became a leader in the development of transportation in Kansas, following an early period of activity as a forester and as a river pilot on the Allegheny River.

He was born at Tidioute, Pennsylvania, December 8, 1846, the son of Henry Kinnear and Catherine (Lockhart) Siggins. Henry Kinnear Siggins, who was born at Youngsville, Pennsylvania, January 31, 1818, and died January 26, 1893, near Warren, Pennsylvania, followed the trade of blacksmithing for twenty-five years and then

passed the rest of his long life as a farmer near Russell, Pennsylvania. Catherine Lockhart Siggins was born near Philadelphia and died at Warren. Henry Kinnear Siggins was the eldest son of Alexander and Margaret Siggins, early settlers of northwestern Pennsylvania.

David Henry Siggins, after being educated in the public schools of Warren County, found his first regular employment as a lumber jobber for Colonel L. F. Watson and then became associated with Henry Brace of the Braceville lumbering interests, work in which Mr. Siggins earned an enviable reputation as one of the most accurate timber cruisers of his day in the Pennsylvania forests. Out of this employment, he developed an interest in the transportation of logs down river to the sawmills and so became a river pilot, being employed in taking huge rafts of timber downstream to such cities as Pittsburgh and Cincinnati, Ohio. Leaving the forests and the river in 1878, after making twenty-eight trips to the mills, Mr. Siggins opened a livery stable at Warren, a business which he developed rapidly, making it the largest livery stable in Warren. After fifteen years of this activity, he sold out to follow his new interest in the construction and operation of electric street railways, becoming president of the Warren Street Railway Company when that organization was established. Successful in this enterprise as in all things he undertook, the railway grew into one of the major systems in northwestern Pennsylvania, serving not merely Warren but reaching out to link Sheffield and Jamestown with Warren and also developing a subsidiary enterprise of providing electric light and power to the county. In 1906 his interests in the Warren Street Railway were taken over by his son, Hugh Siggins, who guided the destinies of the organization until it was purchased by the Pennsylvania Public Service Corporation at a price reported to be very satisfactory. David Henry Siggins' withdrawal was brought about by his interest in an offer to construct a city street car railway at Coffeyville, Kansas, an undertaking which under his leadership shortly grew into the huge Union Traction System of which he was president for many years. The growth of this system was featured by its various headquarters: the first office was in rented space in the Pfister Building, the second in the Plaza Building and the third in its own building on West Eight Street, with the fourth in the Terminal Building which Mr. Siggins designed and erected as a modern development of a complete transportation system for freight as well as passengers. Significantly, Mr. Siggins regarded the system's headquarters as his "home," being found in his office or in some of the various departments of the organization at almost any time of the day or night. Politically a Republican and worshipping in the Methodist Church, Mr. Siggins was a member of the Conewango Club of Warren and of the

Coffeyville, Kansas, lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

David Henry Siggins married on September 2, 1875, Julia Marietta Guignon, daughter of Joseph A. and Julia Ann (Runyon) Guignon. She was born at Wattsburg, Pennsylvania, May 3, 1852, and died at Warren, October 26, 1931. Her father died at San Francisco, California, and her mother at Sugar Grove, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Siggins were the parents of three children: 1. Julia Mable, born August 4, 1876, who resides in Warren. 2. Hugh A., born August 24, 1877, and died December 24, 1930. He succeeded his father in the Warren Street Railway Company and was in business in Warren for many years. He married Grace Todd, of Warren, and was the father of three children: Mrs. Martha Siggins MacLaren, deceased; David Henry, and Todd. 3. Maude, born July 18, 1882, who married Quinn Smith, of Warren, deceased. She was the mother of three children: Mrs. Catherine Smith Fabb, of London, Ohio, Mrs. Jane Smith Hetherington, and Sam Quinn Smith, both of Warren.

David Henry Siggins died at Hot Springs, Arkansas, September 28, 1924.

HARLEY D. CARPENTER—In the early years of the century, Harley D. Carpenter established the electrical supply shop, in Meadville, which he has since continued as an important wholesale and retail business. The success of this youthful enterprise was followed by his inauguration of electric lighting service at Conneaut Lake, a pioneer venture out of which has developed his present electric light and power system which serves four boroughs and ten townships. He is a well-known figure in the life of Crawford County.

Mr. Carpenter was born in Blooming Valley on April 25, 1884, son of L. M. and Mary A. (Davis) Carpenter and a descendant of the old American family established by Sir William Carpenter, who came to Massachusetts from England during the seventeenth century. Mr. Carpenter's great-great-grandfather, James Carpenter, was a soldier in the American Revolution, serving in Colonel Carpenter's regiment. From him the line is traced through Abner, his son, and Welcome, son of Abner, who was the grandfather of Harley D. Carpenter. Welcome Carpenter, a farmer, was born in Brattleboro, Vermont, and died in Guys Mills, Pennsylvania. His wife, whose maiden name was Dixon, was born in Massachusetts and also died in Guys Mills. L. M. Carpenter, the father, was born on January 31, 1847, at Guys Mills, and died in Meadville on June 16, 1920. He had been a school teacher and a general merchant at Blooming Valley before his retirement, postmaster of that community, a surveyor and for two terms, county auditor. Mary A. (Davis) Carpenter, the mother, was born in Youngsville, Pennsylvania, on

August 29, 1851, and died in Meadville on January 20, 1927. She was a daughter of John Andrews and Emily (Wright) Davis and a granddaughter of Isaac Davis, born in Philadelphia, died in Youngsville, whose brother, Elijah Davis, participated in the battle of Bunker Hill and built the first log cabin in Columbus, Erie County, near Corry, Pennsylvania. Her father, John Andrews Davis, was born in Youngsville and died at Meadville in 1907. A shoemaker in early life, he was later an oil producer at the mouth of Gordon Run on the Allegheny River near Tidioute and still later was engaged in the mercantile business with his son at Kerrtown, Pennsylvania. In his younger years he was a pilot on timber rafts from Warren County down the Allegheny River to Pittsburgh, walking back through the woods, a three days journey, after the timber was sold.

Harley D. Carpenter received his preliminary education in the Meadville public schools. After his graduation from Meadville High School in 1903, he spent three years as a student in Allegheny College and during his sophomore year there (1907) he established his electrical supply business in Meadville. The rapid development of this enterprise caused him to withdraw from college in May, 1908, in order to devote all his time to his business. On June 3, 1912, Mr. Carpenter secured a franchise for supplying electric current to the borough of Conneaut Lake. On July 13, 1912, he installed a thirty-kilowatt dynamo belted to a fifty-horsepower steam engine and began operations, serving eighteen customers initially. By August 12, 1912, his line was extended up the east side of the lake, serving many more customers, including the Oakland Hotel. Subsequent years brought still further extensions of service and in 1919, Hartstown, Adamsville and Atlantic, in West and East Fallowfield townships, were included. In 1920 Mr. Carpenter purchased the electric lighting system in the borough of Saegertown from Frank Fox and undertook its development. In 1921 he also installed an electric lighting system in the borough of Spartansburg and in 1922 began to supply electricity to patrons in the borough of Cochranton. For a quarter of a century he has consistently extended his lines in rural territory, bringing the great advantage of electric service to districts previously without it. At the present time the system which he has gradually built and continues to operate furnishes light and power to more than three thousand customers distributed through four boroughs and ten townships.

Mr. Carpenter also continues to operate his wholesale and retail electric supply store in Meadville, with a wholesale branch in Erie. During his long residence in Meadville he has been active in other phases of the city's life and in its principal institutions, including the Rotary Club, of which he is past president; the Chamber of Com-

merce; and the Round Table and Iroquois Club. He is a member of the Delta Tau Delta college fraternity and is affiliated with Meadville Lodge, No. 234, Free and Accepted Masons, and in this order is also a member of the Scottish Rite bodies of the Lodge of Perfection at Oil City. In earlier years he served an enlistment in Company D, 10th Regiment, Pennsylvania National Guard. Mr. Carpenter is a Republican in politics, a member of the First Methodist Church in Meadville, and a trustee and director of the Meadville Young Men's Christian Association in Meadville. Outdoor sports are his favorite diversion.

In the year 1918, Harley D. Carpenter married Mabel Waibel, of Mount Vernon, New York, daughter of Martin and Florence (Zimmerman) Waibel. Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter have three sons: 1. Harley D., Jr. 2. Paul La Martine. 3. John Henderson.

JOHN FRANKLIN HORNER—The career of John Franklin Horner is typical of many successful men of Pennsylvania who have confined their interests and investments largely to their own State and more particularly to their own localities and contiguous territory where they are familiar with all of the conditions involved.

He was born in Cranberry Township, Venango County, Pennsylvania, January 5, 1877, son of John Brandon and Mary (Boyer) Horner and the grandson of John Horner. The latter was the founder of the family in this county, coming from east of the mountains and settling in Cranberry Township. He married Nancy Brandon, and John Brandon Horner was their only child. The mother remarried after Mr. Horner's death, becoming the wife of Abner Kelley. There were two children of this marriage: James B., now deceased, was engaged in farming and lumbering, as well as in oil and gas production, married Celia Carey, daughter of Dr. George Carey; Elizabeth Kelley, now deceased, married William Daugherty, of Cranberry Township. John Brandon Horner was born December, 1845, in Cranberry Township, and passed practically all of his life on the same farm, dying in September, 1890. He followed farming and oil production, and was active in community affairs, being a member of the school board and the Methodist Episcopal Church. John Brandon Horner married Mary Boyer, who was born in August, 1848, in Richland Township, Clarion County, Pennsylvania. After the death of Mr. Horner, she married (second) Charles E. Miller, of Knox, Clarion County, farmer and oil producer, also engaged in the furniture and undertaking business at Knox. Children of first marriage: 1. William H. Horner, now engaged in the production of oil at Cleveland, Oklahoma; married

Leone Eaton, of Cranberry Township. 2. Hattie, married C. Milford Ziegler, of Oil City, now retired foreman of the National Transit Machine Company. 3. James L. Horner, deceased, who was an oil producer of Bradner, Ohio; married Minerva Zimmerman, of Bradner, Ohio. 4. John Franklin Horner, of whom further. 5. Nellie, married H. M. Barrett, of Oil City, Pennsylvania. Neri Boyer, father of Mrs. Mary (Boyer-Horner) Miller, was a mason and school teacher in Clarion County.

John Franklin Horner attended local schools and was only thirteen years old when his father died, and he gradually assumed an increasingly larger share of the responsibilities of running the home farm. It was a valuable tract, having several oil wells on the property, and in 1905 he purchased the interests of the other heirs. The original home was destroyed by fire in 1914, and the owner erected a modern brick building. In January, 1924, the place was sold except for the house and an acre of land. Mr. Horner did not get out of agriculture, however, but added lumbering, dealings in real estate and oil production to his interests. He has manufactured lumber from a very large acreage of timber in Cranberry and Pine Grove townships; marketed lumber from several parts of Venango and Clarion counties; and still holds heavy stands of timber. He has owned large farms in Cranberry and Pine Grove townships; was formerly the part-proprietor of the Oak Grove Dairy Farm, near Franklin, Sugar Creek Township, comprising some six hundred and fifty acres, and owned a four hundred and fifty acre dairy farm, at Randolph, New York. He has been a director of the Oil City National Bank since 1932.

Down the years Mr. Horner has manifested a hearty interest in local and county government. He was Cranberry Township auditor for two terms, and a school director for two terms, secretary of the board for a term, and treasurer for a term. It was during the time he served as school director that the consolidated schools were built at Sage Run and at Pinoak, and the Cranberry Township High School was built and organized. From 1916 until 1928, he served as the justice of the peace. In 1935 Mr. Horner was elected as county commissioner on the Republican ticket. Again in 1939 he was elected to the same position, and is now serving as chairman of that board. He carries the confidence and support of a host of voters.

Fraternally, Mr. Horner is affiliated with Petrolia Lodge, No. 363, Free and Accepted Masons, in which he has attained the thirty-second degree; Past High Priest, Oil City Chapter, No. 236, Royal Arch Masons; Commandery No. 78, Knights Templar; Venango Lodge of Perfection; and the Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, at New Castle. He also belongs to Tent No. 78, Knights of the Maccabees, of Cranberry. The family affili-

ations are with the Methodist Episcopal Church and Sunday school, of which Mr. Horner is a trustee.

On January 12, 1898, John Franklin Horner married Maud I. Porter, daughter of David and Elizabeth (Maxwell) Porter, of Rockland Township. Her father was a native of Ireland, and died when about sixty years old. He spent most of his life in Rockland Township where he was engaged in farming and was a well-known citizen, having served as school director of Rockland Township. Fraternally he was affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Free and Accepted Masons, Knights of the Maccabees, and held membership in the Presbyterian Church. David and Elizabeth (Maxwell) Porter, were the parents of the following children: Bessie, married John Adams, formerly of Colorado, now located in Delaware; Maud I. (wife of John Franklin Horner, of this record); Mina, who married Clark B. Sherman, deceased, formerly associated with the Kern Company, at Oil City; Pearl, married Gifford E. Exley, superintendent of the Brundred Oil Corporation. Maud I. (Porter) Horner was graduated from Clarion State Normal School in 1894, and taught school in Venango County prior to her marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Horner are the parents of eight children: 1. Adesse Leone, born June, 1899, who died in March, 1900. 2. Edgar E. Horner, born December 23, 1900, who attended the Oil City High School and Penn State College, and is president and general manager of the Horner Sales Corporation, Pittsburgh. He married Helen Eckmeder, of Oil City, and they have a son: i. Edgar Jack Horner, born October 17, 1925. 3. Florence W., born October 11, 1902, attended Oil City High School, Cornell University, Clarion County Teachers College, and the University of Pittsburgh; she taught school in Cranberry Township and in Oil City for thirteen years in the grade and high school; she married G. Albert Johnstone, associated with the Loose Wiles Biscuit Company. 4. Ralph P. Horner, born June 27, 1904, attended the Oil City High School and Welch's Business College, now manager of a S. S. Kresge Store, on Long Island, New York; he married Ruth W. Bartlett, of Oil City, formerly a teacher in the Oil City schools. 5. Naomi B., born May 29, 1908, attended Oil City High School and Indiana State Teachers' College, and taught in the Midland schools for four years; she married Dr. O. G. Morgan, of Oil City, and they reside in Philadelphia; children: i. Lois Ann, born April 25, 1934. ii. June, born June 30, 1938. 6. Ardelle, born October 3, 1910, attended Oil City High School and Indiana State Teachers' College, and taught in Cranberry and Sugar Creek townships for six years; she married William J. Bower, of Plum Township, now secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Clarion County, Pennsylvania. 7. Ruth C., born December 17, 1913, at-

tended Oil City High School and Indiana State Teachers' College; she taught in the Cranberry Consolidated School; she married Dr. Paul L. Curtis, of Oil City. 8. H. Opal, born March 28, 1916, attended Cranberry Township High School and Slippery Rock Teachers' College; a teacher in the Cornplanter Township School at Plumer.

NELS ANDERSON—In 1922, after extended experience in various fields of business activity, Nels Anderson established the Warren Baking Company, with several associates, including his brother, and has since been its manager. Meanwhile, the interests of the partners have been extended to several other cities, in all of which they control and operate baking plants.

Mr. Anderson was born near Youngsville, Pennsylvania, on May 19, 1882, son of August and Anna (Lauger) Anderson, both natives of Sweden and both now deceased. His father, who was a farmer, died in Youngsville, where he was an active member of the Swedish Lutheran Church. The mother died at her son's home in Bradford.

Nels Anderson was educated in the public schools of Warren County. He was one of nine children born to his parents and at the early age of twelve started out to earn a living. Until he was fourteen he worked at various jobs and during the following two winters went into the woods as a teamster, hauling logs to a sawmill. During the summers of these years he worked on the farm. At the age of seventeen, Mr. Anderson obtained employment in the furniture factory of the Youngsville Manufacturing Company, with whom he remained for seventeen and a half years. The first twelve years of this period he worked a spindle carving and the last five were employed in various capacities all over the plant. After leaving the Youngsville Manufacturing Company, he became a fireman for the Pennsylvania Railroad on the run between Erie and Kane, but in 1917 became associated with I. L. Anderson, of Youngsville, as clerk in his grocery store. Subsequently, I. L. Anderson went into the baking business. Nels Anderson remained with him as shipping clerk until May, 1922. At that time, with his brother, D. R. Anderson, and C. H. Kay, he formed a partnership and opened the Warren Baking Company. This organization developed successfully under enterprising management and in 1931 the Anderson-Kay interests established the Butter Crust Baking Company in Bradford, which D. R. Anderson now manages. In 1935 the brothers bought a plant in Dunkirk, New York, which they now operate under the name of the Lake Side Baking Company. A further expansion of their interests has made them owners and operators of the Youngsville Cookie Plant, which is known throughout several states as bakers of "Bill's Home Made Cookies." Nels Anderson remains at Warren as manager of the Warren Baking Company, which is under his direct supervision. In addition, he takes an



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active part in shaping operating policies in the other organizations now included in the Anderson interests.

Mr. Anderson, who is well known in the business life of Warren, also participates in other phases of community affairs. He is a director of the Warren Chamber of Commerce and the Warren Motor Club; member of the Warren Rotary Club, the Young Men's Christian Association, the Conewango Club of Warren and the Conewango Valley Country Club. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Warren Lodge, No. 223, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; with North Star Lodge, No. 241, Free and Accepted Masons, and various higher Masonic bodies, including Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Zem Zem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in Erie. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the First Methodist Church in Warren. Golf is his principal recreation.

Mr. Anderson married Hazel Sheahan, who was born in Warren and reared in Garland, Pennsylvania, daughter of Michael and Ellen (Hathaway) Sheahan. Her father, who is now deceased, was associated with the Pennsylvania Railroad. Her mother lives in Youngsville. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are the parents of three children: Doris, who married Wilbur Swanson, a college teacher at San Anselmo, California, and has one son, Milton Swanson; Fern A., who married Kenneth H. Byers, of Warren, associated with the Warren Baking Company; and Dean A., who is also associated with the Warren Baking Company and who married Helen S. Steibel, of Pittsburgh.

JOSEPH MICHAEL O'CONNOR—One of the leading business men of Sheffield, Warren County, Pennsylvania, Joseph Michael O'Connor is widely known, not only in the eastern forest region and in the Pacific Northwest, but also in Mexico and Brazil for his work as a construction engineer in building various sawmills and wood working establishments.

He was born at Wellesville, Allegheny County, New York, January 19, 1878, son of Patrick and Mary (O'Brien) O'Connor. Patrick O'Connor, who was born in County Kerry, Ireland, and died at Wellesville, New York, in 1911, at the age of seventy-eight, came to the United States when twenty and settled in Wellesville. Here he became an employee of the Erie Railroad, first as a laborer but soon becoming track supervisor and, finally, foreman. In addition, he owned and operated a large farm near Wellesville. He was a member of the Republican party and of the Roman Catholic Church. His wife, Mary (O'Brien) O'Connor, who was born in County Cork, Ireland, in 1843, died at Wellesville in 1921. She was a daughter of Timothy O'Brien, a school teacher, who passed his life as a native and resident of County Cork.

Joseph Michael O'Connor was educated in the parochial schools of Wellesville and later, while employed, completed a course in construction engineering with the International Correspondence Schools. He began his career with three years of service as an apprentice machinist with the firm of McEwen Brothers of Wellesville, New York, and then began his long period of association with Clark Brothers of Olean, New York. His first job was as a machinist but his remarkable abilities as a construction engineer soon attracted the attention of his employers and for sixteen years he was given the responsibilities of traveling about for the firm, building sawmills and large wood manufacturing establishments. His first assignment was at Hoquiam, Washington, and from there he went on to build a large sawmill at Deemer, Mississippi, with others at Mexico City for the Elora Mining & Railroad Company, with such others as a sawmill and box factory and planing mill at Tres-Barrus, State of Paragua, Brazil. Still another of the large construction projects for which he was responsible was the new machine shop for Clark Brothers, his employers, at Olean, New York. In 1918 Mr. O'Connor resigned from Clark Brothers and came to Sheffield, Pennsylvania, where he purchased an interest in the Sheffield Tool & Supply Company, finally, in 1928, purchasing the entire property in association with his wife, Gertrude, and developing the organization to one of the leading distributors of oil well machinery in northwestern Pennsylvania. A Democrat politically and a member of St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church of Sheffield. Mr. O'Connor, who is a member of the Sheffield Rotary Club, is an ardent football enthusiast and also finds a means of recreation in fishing.

Joseph Michael O'Connor married, December 19, 1907, at Philadelphia, Mississippi, Gertrude Ouenshire, a native of Barrington, Yates County, New York, and a daughter of Myron and Mariam (Fish) Ouenshire, both natives of Yates County, New York, where Mr. Ouenshire was occupied as a farmer and as a carriage builder. Mr. and Mrs. O'Connor are the parents of two children: 1. Joseph, born March 10, 1920, who is associated as a machinist and tool maker with his father in the O'Connor Machine Company. 2. Patricia, born January 19, 1924, a graduate of the Sheffield High School, now secretary for the company.

LEO D. GIBSON—The Gibson Funeral Home at Warren is owned and operated by Leo D. Gibson, a funeral director of long experience in this city. He has been engaged in business independently since 1927 and has occupied his present premises on East Street since 1935.

Mr. Gibson was born at Celoron, New York, on August 29, 1899, son of Emmett W. and Blanche (Johnson) Gibson. His father, who was born at Clymer, New

York, and is now retired, makes his home at Warren. In early life he was a hotel proprietor, but in later years was associated with various local manufacturers. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Warren. Blanche (Johnson) Gibson, the mother, was born in Garland, Warren County, and now resides in Warren.

Leo D. Gibson was educated in the public schools of Buffalo, New York, where he completed the high school course. At the outset of his career he was a salesman in several retail grocery stores at Warren during a period of some two years and then was connected for about three years with C. C. Smith Company, who were engaged in the draying business at Warren. Then for a time he was a clerk for the Pennsylvania Railroad at Warren. At the end of this period, he became associated with J. S. Bayer, a local furniture dealer and undertaker, acting as assistant in the undertaking business. After ten years of experience, he received his registration to start his own business, January 10, 1924, and established an undertaking parlor at No. 11 Water Street, where he was located from 1925 to 1927. During the following eight years he was located at No. 811 Pennsylvania Avenue East and in 1935 purchased his present property at No. 304 East Street from Jerome Smith. This was the George Ensworth property, the first funeral home in Warren and McKean County, and was well adapted to Mr. Gibson's needs, requiring but little alteration. Here he has since conducted a modern funeral home, completely equipped and furnished. Mr. Gibson supplies in his business every up-to-date accommodation and convenience. He has a complete line of caskets, a fleet of funeral cars and also maintains an ambulance service. His business enjoys an enviable reputation among the mortuary establishments of Warren County.

Mr. Gibson is a member of the National Association of Funeral Directors, as well as the Warren and McKean County Funeral Directors associations. He is a member of the Warren Chamber of Commerce and other local organizations, including Warren Lodge, No. 223, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Warren Lodge, No. 109, Loyal Order of Moose; and the Conewango Club of Warren. He is also an associate member of the Fraternal Order of Police Bucktails. Mr. Gibson is a Republican in politics and a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Warren. He is fond of outdoor sports, finding his principal recreation in hunting and fishing.

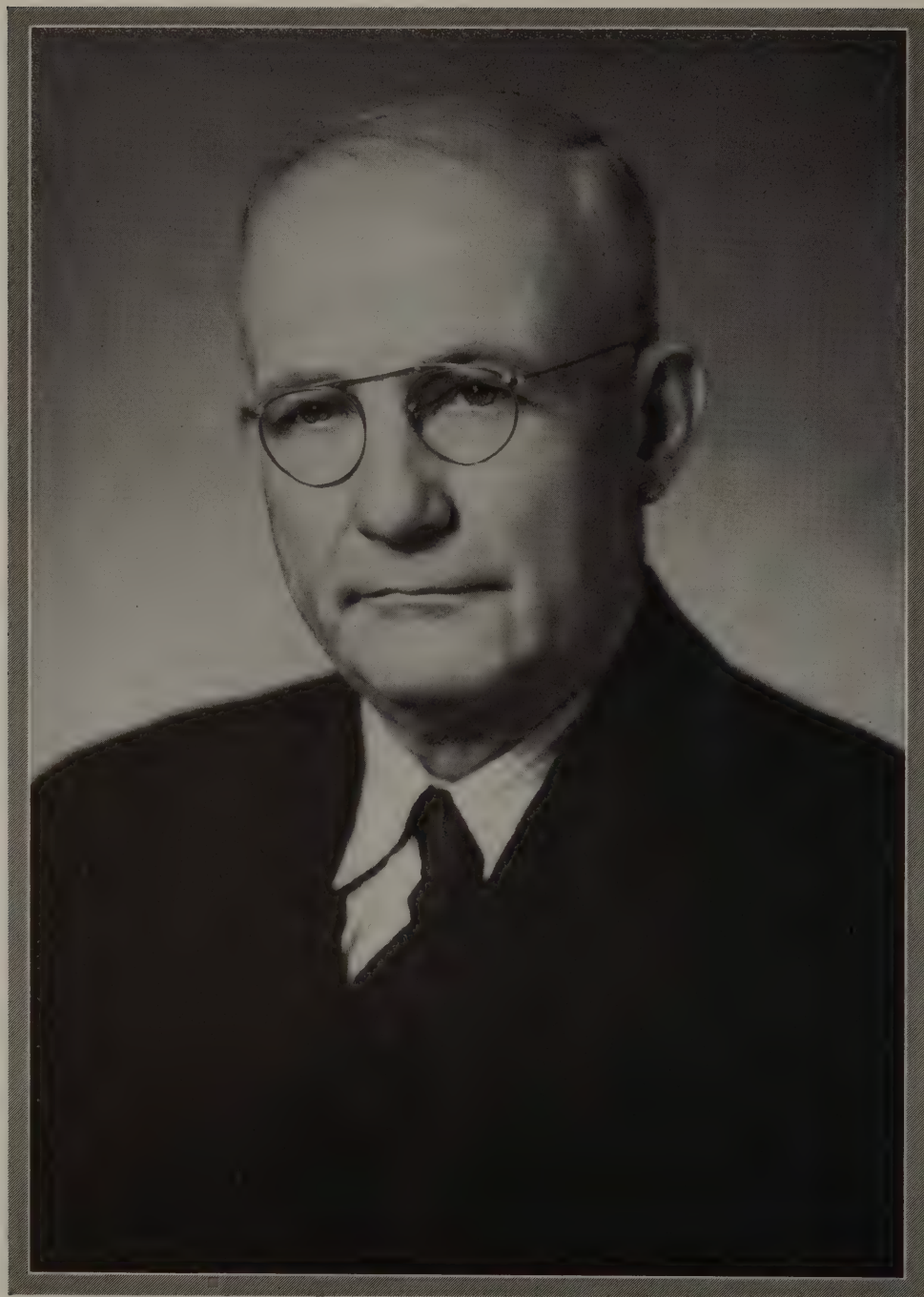
On June 28, 1927, Leo Don Gibson married Kathleen Gleason, who was born in Warren, daughter of Thomas and Cecelia (Kirwin) Gleason. Her father, who is now deceased, was an engineer on the Pennsylvania Railroad for many years. Her mother is deceased. Mrs. Gibson attended the parochial school and also the Warren High

School. She is a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in this city and a member of the Catholic Daughters of America. She has been Mr. Gibson's assistant in business since her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Gibson have two daughters and one son: Joanne, born November 5, 1932; Eileen, born July 20, 1934; and Thomas E., born April 4, 1941.

PERCY JOHN FINERTY—Cashier of the Sheffield National Bank, Percy John Finerty, of Sheffield, Warren County, Pennsylvania, is not only prominent as a banker and as a former business man but is also active in Masonry, as well as the government of the First Methodist Church of Sheffield.

Percy John Finerty was born at Corning, New York, December 10, 1893, son of William G. and Mary Evelyn (Huff) Finerty. William G. Finerty, who was born at Narrowsburg, New York, on September 11, 1864, and died at Elkland, Pennsylvania, in January of 1939, was associated for many years with the Elkland Leather Company of Elkland. A member of the Roman Catholic Church, he was locally active as a member of the Democratic party. Mary Evelyn (Huff) Finerty, who was born at English Center, Pennsylvania, in 1871, died at Williamsport, Pennsylvania, December 27, 1924.

After passing through the public schools of Brooklyn, New York, and Williamsport, Pennsylvania, Percy John Finerty subsequently added to his education by taking correspondence courses and other outside studies. After completing his education, he became associated with the Williamsport Gas Company as an office boy, an employment which concluded in about a year's time when he, together with his brother, William G. Finerty, Jr., and their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Huff, with whom the boys made their home, moved to Sheffield. There Percy John Finerty obtained employment as a clerk with the Elk Tanning Company in April, 1909. After several other employments, including a second period of association with the Elk Tanning Company in 1913, as a shipping clerk, he went to Detroit, Michigan, where he worked in automobile plants for nearly a year. Returning to Sheffield, he once again found employment with the Elk Tanning Company as shipping clerk, a post which he held until October 26, 1914, when he entered the United States Navy and was sent to the Newport Naval Training Station in Rhode Island. Discharged from the navy in 1919 with the grade of chief yeoman, he went to Detroit again where he was employed as a shop clerk by the Studebaker Corporation for a short time, leaving to come home to Sheffield with the Elk Tanning Company once more as a shipping clerk. Then, on August 1, 1920, he began his career as a banker, starting as a bookkeeper on the staff of the Sheffield National Bank,



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and being appointed to his present position of cashier of the institution on September 24, 1934. He supports his military associations by membership in the Frank M. Glendenning Post of the American Legion, an organization which he served as its second commander in 1921. He is a member of North Star Lodge, No. 241, Free and Accepted Masons, as well as the Conewango Country Club and the First Methodist Church of Sheffield, which he has served as a member and director of the official board. A Republican in political life, Mr. Finerty finds a means of recreation from his banking responsibilities in hunting and fishing.

Percy John Finerty married, on December 26, 1917, Edna Swanson, a native of Sheffield, and a daughter of Gustaf and Ida (Johnson) Swanson, both deceased. Natives of Sweden, Mr. and Mrs. Swanson were long residents of Sheffield where Mr. Swanson was a carpenter. Mr. and Mrs. Finerty are the parents of a daughter: Betty Mae, born May 31, 1923, a graduate of Sheffield High School and now attending college.

JOHN HAWKINS YOUNG—As president and general manager of the Commercial Lumber Company, of Warren, John Hawkins Young has made a notable contribution to his city's business life.

Mr. Young was born May 3, 1881, near Newmansville, Clarion County, Pennsylvania, son of Robert C. and Josephine (Ohler) Young. His father, who was born in this State and died in Oil City on February 22, 1920, aged sixty-seven years, was employed by the Oil Well Supply Company and other industrial firms in Oil City for many years. He was a Prohibitionist and a member of the Free Methodist Church. The mother was born April 19, 1860, in Forest County, this State, and died near Oil City in December, 1939; she was also a member of the Free Methodist Church.

John Hawkins Young attended public schools in Newmansville and at Wolf's Corners, Pennsylvania. At the age of twelve years he went to work on the farm of Samuel Seigworth, near Newmansville, Pennsylvania, there continuing for two years. In the first year he received \$6.00 per month, and in the second year the figure was raised to \$7.00 per month. During that period he gave half of his earnings to his parents. He then became a clerk in a store owned by Wesley Seigworth, at Frill's Corners. After two years there he peeled bark in the woods for one summer, by contract, beginning in the following autumn to work on a portable sawmill for Wyman & Landers of Tionesta, Pennsylvania, taking a labor contract to cut lumber by the thousand and furnish all labor, files, oil, belt lacing, etc. He continued contracting in the sawmill business until he was twenty-four years old. Then Mr. Young bought a piece of timberland

at Emlenton; admitted as partners E. E. Norton, of Titusville, and Ralph Meabon, of Grand Valley; and began business operations under the name of the J. H. Young Lumber Company. Later the three partners became associated with T. B. Gregory and H. J. Crawford, of Emlenton, all five joining hands to organize the Hardwood Lumber Company, of that place, an enterprise that continued from 1906 until it was liquidated in 1912.

After two years of independent business activity in Emlenton, Mr. Young removed in 1914 to Warren, where he carried on the J. H. Young Lumber Company until April, 1919. It was in that month that the Commercial Lumber Company was formed in Warren and Mr. Young was made its president and general manager. He continues in these offices down to the time of writing. Until 1925 the Commercial Lumber Company operated small portable mills in Warren, Venango, Clarion and Forest counties, but in 1925 they erected the present stationary plant and installed a dry kiln with a capacity for drying seventy-five thousand feet of lumber. The company also operates a planing mill having about seven thousand square feet of floor space, the entire plant covering a seven-and-one-half-acre lot.

Along with his other activities, Mr. Young has distinguished himself by his public spirit. He is a Republican in politics. At one time he served as a councilman at Emlenton. He is a member of the Warren Chamber of Commerce, and is an attendant and contributor at Grace Methodist Church. In odd times, when not pressed with one or another of his many business responsibilities, Mr. Young enjoys hunting and fishing.

John Hawkins Young married, October 19, 1904, Myrtle Bunting, who was born near Pleasantville, Pennsylvania, daughter of John and Nancy (Manross) Bunting. Her father was a farmer, team contractor and logger. Mr. and Mrs. Young became the parents of the following children: 1. John Preston, born January 13, 1912, graduated from Warren High School, became vice-president of the Commercial Lumber Company; he married Louise Gronic, of Sheffield, Pennsylvania, and they became the parents of a daughter, Jacquelyn Young. 2. Martha Althea, born July 21, 1917, graduated from Warren High School and the Grace Martin Secretarial School, of Pittsburgh, became the wife of Paul Keaping Mulheirn, manager of the Liberty Theatre, at Mercer, Pennsylvania.

HARRY STANLEY RAPP—The Fairchild & Rapp Machine Company of Warren is under the active management of Harry Stanley Rapp, co-founder and co-owner of this enterprise. He has spent his entire career in machine and foundry work and has successfully directed the development of his present business during the past decade and a half.

Mr. Rapp was born in Warren on April 26, 1884, son of John Jacob and Anna (Ungerer) Rapp. His father, who was born in Alsace in 1850 and died at Warren in July, 1930, came to America with his parents and sister, Margaret, at the age of four. A machinist, he was associated for fifty years with the Struthers-Wells Company at Warren, with the exception of two years spent in South America, where he was sent by a Philadelphia company to erect railroad engines for a Peruvian railroad company. He was a Democrat in politics and a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Warren. Anna (Ungerer) Rapp, the mother, was born in Philadelphia in 1857 and died at Warren in October, 1930. She was a daughter of John Lewis and Elizabeth (Haverstick) Ungerer, the former born in Paris, France, the latter in Philadelphia. After coming to this country, John Lewis Ungerer settled, first, in Philadelphia and afterward lived in Warren and in Westfield, New Jersey. He was a chemist and manufacturer of perfumes and served as a colonel with the Union forces during the Civil War.

Harry Stanley Rapp was educated in the public schools of Warren and after leaving high school, became associated with the firm of Jarvis & Baker, local dry goods merchants, as delivery boy and clerk. After a short time he resigned to become an apprentice machinist with the Struthers-Wells Company and remained in this connection for four years, learning his trade. Afterward he worked three months as a machinist for the Blassdell Manufacturing Company at Bradford; spent one month in the Pennsylvania Railroad shops at Olean; four months with the Lloyd Booth Company at Youngstown, Ohio; four months with the Colburn Machine Company at Franklin; and a similar period with another Franklin company. In 1907 he returned to Warren and entered the service of the Gisholt Machine Company, with which he remained as inspector and general machine foreman until 1924. During the following year he was an inspector for the Commercial Drop Forge Company at Warren, then resumed his connection with the Gisholt Machine Company and remained with this company and its successor for two more years. In March, 1926, with Mr. Charles Fairchild, he organized the Fairchild & Rapp Machine Company of Warren, which has continued its business on an expanding scale down to the present. In November, 1928, Mr. Fairchild died as the result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. His interest in the business is retained by his widow, while Mr. Rapp since 1928 has borne all executive responsibilities in the management of the company. This organization has established an enviable reputation as expert machinists and is equipped to do all kinds of machine and automobile repair work. The highest standards have been retained under Mr. Rapp's leadership, and the quality of work done and com-

pleteness of service have been basic factors in the progress of the company. Mr. Rapp has other business interests in the Warren area, serving as president of the Dunham Oil Company. A Democrat in politics, he has been prominent in the local party and is a former Democratic committeeman of his ward. He is a member of the First Lutheran Church of Warren. Fishing and machinery are his diversions.

On April 1, 1907, Mr. Rapp married Anna E. Smith, who was born at Erie, daughter of John H. and Martha E. (Mullin) Smith. Her father, who is now deceased, was born in Erie and was for fifty years an engineer on the Pennsylvania Railroad. His widow, who lives in Erie, was born in Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Rapp are the parents of four children: 1. Grace, who married Roy Stearns, gas station operator at Corry, and has one son, James. 2. John Stanley, a machinist, associated with his father's business, who married Violet Smith, of Clarendon. 3. Richard Clair, a student in Warren High School. 4. Raymond David, a student in Beaty Junior High School in Warren.

WILLIAM FLOYD CLINGER—In the life of Warren and this region of Pennsylvania, William F. Clinger has taken a leading part. He is a part-owner, with other members of his family, of the Clinger Oil & Gas Company, of Tidioute, and also is treasurer of the Superior Oil Company, of Warren, and a director of the Warren Bank & Trust Company.

Mr. Clinger was born April 1, 1891, in Fagundus, Pennsylvania, son of John Burt and Cora (Archer) Clinger. The family was established in America by John Philip Klinger, who came from Germany to the New World and took up his residence at Reading, Pennsylvania, in 1749, serving as a private in the War of the American Revolution. Alexander Clinger, great-great-grandfather of William F. Clinger, had a son, George Clinger, who married Catherine Evans. George Clinger was born in Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, and died in Crawford County after a valuable career as a farmer, lumberman and captain of militia. His wife was a native of New York State. Their son, Amos Clinger, born in 1845 in Venango County, this State, and died in March, 1931, in Tidioute, was one of the pioneers in the oil industry in Warren County, and served as a private in the Union Army in the Civil War; he married Maria Carson, born in 1846 in Venango County, died in Tidioute. Their son, John Burt Clinger, born in Fagundus, died in 1896 at the age of twenty-six years, was an oil producer and a member of the Presbyterian Church; he married Cora Archer, a native of Crawford County, born in 1869, now a resident of Tidioute, daughter of William F. and Emma (Hancock) Archer and granddaughter of Robert and

Elizabeth (Crist) Archer. Robert Archer was born in 1808 in Venango County, and died in Breedtown after a career as a farmer; his wife was born near Higginsport, Ohio, and died in Breedtown, Pennsylvania. Their son, William F. Archer, born in Breedtown, died in Los Angeles, California, was a carpenter and farmer; his wife was born in Breedtown and died in Venango County. Their daughter, Cora Archer, became the wife of John Burt Clinger.

William F. Clinger, son of that marriage, attended schools of his native district of Pennsylvania, and in 1910 was graduated from Tidioute High School. In 1914 he took the degree of Bachelor of Science at the University of Pennsylvania. In 1916 he became publisher and editor of the "Warren Mirror," which he subsequently sold in 1921. He became associated, then, with the oil industry, organizing the Clinger Oil & Gas Company in Tidioute in 1922. He continues down to the time of writing, as indicated above, as a part-owner of this enterprise, being associated in it with other members of the Clinger family. Aside from his work with this company and with the Superior Oil Company and the Warren Bank & Trust Company, both of Warren, Mr. Clinger is intensely interested in the civic and social life of his district.

He is president of the board of education of Warren, a member of the State Council of Education of Pennsylvania, and a director of the Pennsylvania School Directors' Association. He is also a past president and director of the Pennsylvania Grade Crude Oil Association and an ex-director of the American Petroleum Institute. He belongs to the Conewango Club of Warren and the Conewango Valley Country Club, and is a past president of the local Rotary Club and a member of the Warren County Historical Society. He is also a member of the Friars' Senior Society of the University of Pennsylvania and of the Kappa Sigma fraternity, which he joined in his student days. In leisure time he enjoys the out-of-doors, being particularly fond of fishing and hunting.

William F. Clinger married, June 30, 1917, Lella May Hunter, a native of Tidioute, daughter of Livingston L. and Lillian (Acomb) Hunter. Her father, born in Tidioute, and died there, was a lumberman. Her mother resides in Tidioute. Mr. and Mrs. Clinger became the parents of three children: 1. Dorothy Hunter Clinger, wife of James A. Vaughn, of Akron, Ohio. 2. Elizabeth Hunter Clinger, a student at the Kent Place School, in Summit, New Jersey. 3. William Floyd Clinger, Jr.

A. FRANCIS KOTTCAMP—For many years an accredited leader in social welfare work in Pennsylvania, A. Francis Kottcamp, who in past years has been a Young Men's Christian Association secretary in many communities, including Warren, is now traveling repre-

sentative for the Hockenbury System, Inc. This organization directs campaigns for funds, specializing along these lines, and through his association with it Mr. Kottcamp has rendered invaluable service to a number of social agencies designed to help the needy. It has its headquarters in Harrisburg.

Mr. Kottcamp was born November 19, 1871, in York County, Pennsylvania, son of Charles C. and Sarah (Rudisill) Kottcamp. His father established the Kottcamp family in America, coming here from Germany. On the maternal line A. Francis Kottcamp was descended from other prominent German families, most of them established longer in this country. Among them were the Baumgartners and the Wehrleys, both of whom fought in the Revolutionary War. An early forebear was Count Johann Daniel von Dunkel, whose widow migrated from Strassburg, Germany, in 1758, and settled in York, Pennsylvania, bringing with her her six children, one of whom was married to Leonard Baumgartner, a Revolutionary soldier and father of Ann Maria Baumgartner. Ann Maria Baumgartner, in turn, became the wife of a member of the Wehrley family. Their daughter, Sarah Wehrley, born August 13, 1813, in York, died August 13, 1882, in the same city. She was the wife of Abraham Rudisill, born April 14, 1811, in Jefferson, Pennsylvania, died April 5, 1922, in York. He was a tailor and printer, publisher of "The Monthly Friend," a religious publication. Later he was a minister of the United Brethren Church. He enlisted in the First Pennsylvania Regiment of Light Artillery for Civil War service, and served through all four years of hostilities, fighting in the historic battle of Gettysburg and many other engagements. Sarah Rudisill, daughter of Abraham and Sarah (Wehrley) Rudisill, was born December 17, 1849, in York, and died there August 15, 1890. She became the wife of Charles C. Kottcamp, A. Francis Kottcamp's father, who was born May 13, 1847, in Germany, and died January 22, 1925, in York. He was only three months of age when brought to America by his widowed mother. Reared and educated in this country, he became a tinner and roofer, founding the firm of C. C. Kottcamp & Son, sheet metal artisans and plumbing and heating contractors of York. This business is still being carried on by his son, Harry E. Kottcamp, A. Francis Kottcamp's brother. The enterprise was founded about 1875. Charles C. Kottcamp, aside from founding this business, was long active in public affairs, was a Republican in politics, and was twice wounded in the course of his service as a private in the Union Army during the Civil War. He was active in the United Brethren Church.

A. Francis Kottcamp attended school in York, was graduated from high school there in 1889, and in 1893 received the degree of Graduate in Pharmacy from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science. He then

had service with two of Philadelphia's leading apothecaries, acting as prescription clerk and head clerk and continuing for some years along those lines. He was associated, next, with the H. K. Mulford Company, manufacturing chemists, of Philadelphia, as one of that company's traveling representatives, so continuing for seven years. In 1906 he took up Young Men's Christian Association work, starting this service in January of that year in New Haven, Connecticut. There he was successively membership secretary, assistant secretary and religious work director. On August 18, 1909, Mr. Kottcamp came to Warren as general secretary of the "Y" here, so serving continuously for twenty-four years except for two years of war work, for which he had a leave-of-absence from the local "Y." Early in September, 1917, he went to Camp Lee, Virginia, where he served as executive secretary of what was known as "Y" Building No. 81. After nine months of that service, he was promoted to camp general secretary at the aviation field at Garden City, Long Island. In the autumn of 1918 he was called to the general secretaryship at the Hog Island shipyards, in South Philadelphia, where he remained until he resumed his work in Warren. He retired from his Warren post with the "Y" on September 1, 1933.

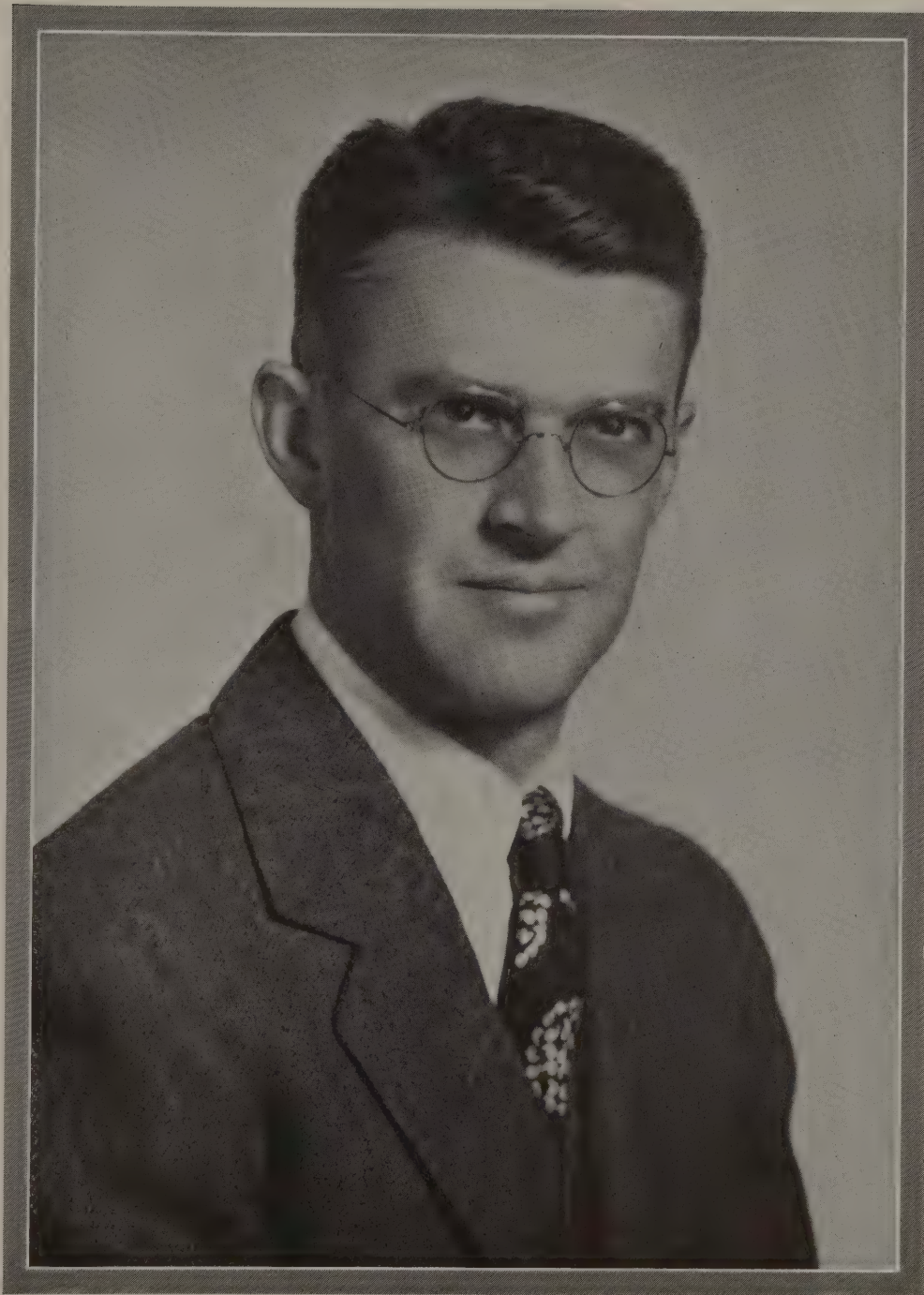
At that time Mr. Kottcamp became associated with the Hockenbury System, Inc. Since that time he has remained associated with this campaign-directing organization, of Harrisburg. Through this group and in other ways Mr. Kottcamp has effectively served in many movements for community betterment. While serving as secretary of the "Y" in Warren, he became active in a number of community enterprises and conducted several campaigns along these lines wholly on his own initiative. Some of them were arranged in connection with the "Y." Others were independent. He was a member of the committee set up to organize and frame by-laws for the Warren Community Chest. He organized and conducted the first seven financial campaigns of that organization, and within fourteen months after he first came to Warren he was directing his first financial campaign for \$10,000, for use in remodeling the old "Y" building, which stood on the site of the present Masonic Temple. In October, 1911, when fire destroyed the edifice, Mr. Kottcamp became mainly responsible for the erection of the new building, which at once became a center for a wider community service. During the World War period of 1917-18 Mr. Kottcamp directed a \$100,000 drive for the Red Cross, and this figure was over-subscribed. He is particularly proud of his financial record at the Warren "Y," which, under his guidance, was able to open its new building absolutely debt-free, and which, during his years as secretary, never closed any year with a deficit.

In politics Mr. Kottcamp is a Republican. In the Free and Accepted Masons he was a charter member of Joseph

Warren Lodge, No. 726, a member of Western Sun Chapter, No. 67, Royal Arch Masons (in Jamestown, New York), and a member of Warren Commandery, No. 63, Knights Templar; Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Zem Zem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (of Erie). He has for many years been an official member of the First Methodist Church of Warren.

A. Francis Kottcamp married, October 4, 1898, Virgie Harp Grimm, born October 7, 1873, in Leitersburg, Maryland, daughter of the Rev. Jacob Luther and Mary Ellen (Harp) Grimm. Her father, who was born November 27, 1842, in Rohrerstown, Maryland, died August 22, 1905, in Baltimore, while a resident of Harrisburg. He was a minister of the United Brethren faith, served in the Civil War, was for seven years chaplain of the Department of Maryland of the Grand Army of the Republic, and in September, 1899, was elected chaplain-in-chief of the Grand Army at their national encampment in Philadelphia. In 1887, 1888 and 1889 he served as editor of the "Weekly Itinerant." He was at one time presiding elder of the Pennsylvania Conference of the United Brethren in Christ. His wife, Mrs. Kottcamp's mother, was born in Chewsville, Maryland, November 25, 1850, and now lives in Harrisburg. Mrs. Kottcamp herself was graduated in 1894 from the Maryland College for women. She is a descendant of Jacob Kline, a Revolutionary soldier, and through this line is affiliated with Joseph Warren Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, in Warren. She also holds memberships in the Philomel Society, the Order of Eastern Star and the First Methodist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Kottcamp became the parents of three children, two daughters and one son: 1. Dorothy Grimm Kottcamp, a graduate of Warren General Hospital, who had postgraduate work in pediatrics at Johns Hopkins Hospital, in Baltimore, and is now a registered nurse, supervisor of the Children's Dispensary of Johns Hopkins Hospital. 2. Marian Rudisill Kottcamp, a graduate costume designer, who took her degree in this art at Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, New York; wife of George W. Arnold, who is associated with the Colonial Products Company, of Dallastown, Pennsylvania, and mother of their one son, George W. Arnold, Jr. 3. Charles Francis Kottcamp, who took his degree of Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering at Bucknell University in 1936. He is now an industrial sales engineer with the Gulf Oil Corporation, of New York City.

WILLIAM CLARKE FUELLHART—Although William Clarke Fuellhart has been a well-known figure in certain phases of the lumber business in northwestern Pennsylvania for more than a decade, it is only since 1937 that he has been the head of the Seneca Lumber & Supply Company, of Warren, and has risen to prominence



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in its business and civic circles. He is connected with a number of industrial and commercial enterprises; is keenly interested in educational and historical organizations, and enjoys several outdoor sports.

Mr. Fuellhart was born at Endeavor, Forest County, Pennsylvania, June 10, 1903, son of William O. and Florence (Clarke) Fuellhart. His mother, born April 26, 1878, died in Endeavor, January 27, 1936, was the daughter of David Clarke, an oil producer, and Ellen (Curtis) Clarke, both natives of Bridgeport, Connecticut, who died in Tidioute, Pennsylvania. William O. Fuellhart, born March 6, 1875, and died in Endeavor on October 26, 1936, was the son of Charles and Mary (Vogt) Fuellhart, natives of Germany, who died in Tidioute, where Mr. Fuellhart was a retired meat merchant. William O. Fuellhart was for many years, prior to his death, manager of the Wheeler & Dusenbury Lumber Company. A staunch Republican, he held some local offices, and attended the Presbyterian Church.

After being graduated from Kiski School in 1921, William Clarke Fuellhart was a student at Princeton University. Then he became associated with the Little River Red Wood Company, of California, as salesman until 1931. In the latter year he accepted the position of redwood sales manager for Wheeler & Dusenbury Lumber Company, in Endeavor. This connection was not broken until January 1, 1940, when he joined the California Redwood Distributors of Chicago, as salesman throughout northwestern Pennsylvania and western New York, a post he continues to fill most capably. In July, 1937, Mr. Fuellhart and several associates organized the Seneca Lumber & Supply Company, of Warren, Pennsylvania, of which he is president, the other officers being: L. S. Cleveland, vice-president; W. F. Swanson, secretary, both of Endeavor, and C. L. Thompson, of Warren, treasurer and general manager. The company conducts a wholesale and retail trade in building materials. In addition to these business interests, Mr. Fuellhart is a director of the Forest County Bank, Tionesta, Pennsylvania; is president of Oil City Sand & Gravel Company, of Oil City; president of the Maybury Supply Company, of Maybury; secretary and director of G. A. Stiles Coal Company, of Endeavor, and a director of Tionesta Lumber Company, of Pittsburgh. He is a member of the school board of Tidioute, of the Warren Historical Society and Lewis Morgan Chapter, New York Historical Society. Fraternally he is affiliated with Tidioute Lodge, No. 411, Free and Accepted Masons. He is a trustee of the Presbyterian Church, of Tidioute. His diversions include the sailing of boats, collecting Indian relics, fishing and hunting.

On June 16, 1928, William Clarke Fuellhart married Katharine Marsh, a native of Pittsburgh, daughter of Joseph W. and Anna Rose (Ingraham) Marsh. Joseph

W. Marsh was at one time president of the Exchange National Bank of Pittsburgh, and prior to his death, in Pittsburgh, was chairman of the board of directors of the General Cable Corporation of New York. Mrs. Marsh resides in Pittsburgh. Mr. and Mrs. Fuellhart are the parents of five children: 1. William Clarke, Jr., born May 15, 1929. 2. Joseph Marsh, born July 11, 1931. 3. James Ingraham, born October 16, 1935. 4. David Clarke, born October 10, 1938. 5. Ann Rose, born July 24, 1941.

DONALD B. SMITH—Operating his own drug store in Warren, Donald B. Smith conducts his business under his own name and handles a full line of drugs, hospital supplies and cosmetics.

Mr. Smith was born June 15, 1895, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, son of E. G. and Margaret F. (Speakman) Smith. His grandfather, David Smith, a native Pennsylvanian, who died in Harrisburg, was long a grain and feed merchant in the State capital. George Speakman, the maternal grandfather, was born in Chester County, Pennsylvania. The maternal grandmother was Mary (Frescoln) Speakman. Donald B. Smith's father, E. G. Smith, was born in Juniata County, Pennsylvania, and died in Harrisburg in June, 1907. A civil engineer by profession, he was associated for years with the drafting department of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. Mrs. Margaret F. (Speakman) Smith, Donald B. Smith's mother, was born in Chester County, and died in Youngstown, Ohio, in March, 1939.

Donald B. Smith attended schools in Harrisburg, his birthplace, and was graduated from high school there in 1914. He then became a student at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, where he was graduated in 1917 as a Pharmaceutical Chemist. For eighteen months thereafter he was engaged in army service during the World War period of 1917-18. He then became manager of the E. Z. Gross Drug Store, in Harrisburg, so continuing for two years. Next he was associated with Sharp & Dohme, of Baltimore, Maryland, a large nationally known wholesale drug house, serving for six years as a traveling representative of that organization. Coming to Warren, he opened a drug store which he operated independently, beginning in October, 1927, at No. 216 Pennsylvania Avenue, East, in this city. There he remained until his removal to the store's present site, No. 215 Pennsylvania Avenue, East, where he has operated the business under his own name down to the time of writing.

In addition to his professional work, Mr. Smith is a Republican in politics and a leading figure in the life of his adopted community. He is a member of Warren Lodge, No. 223, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and of Chief Cornplanter Post of the American Legion. He belongs also to the Kappa Psi fraternity and the Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Redeemer.

On September 20, 1919, Donald B. Smith married Evelyn Joyce, a native of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, daughter of W. H. and Catherine (Bradley) Joyce, both natives of Philadelphia. Her father, long a traveling representative of important business interests, died in Harrisburg. Her mother died in Warren. Mrs. Smith herself attended Harrisburg schools, was graduated from Harrisburg High School and the State Teachers' Training School, then taught in the public schools of her home city until her marriage. In Warren she is a member of the Catholic Church of the Holy Redeemer, the Catholic Daughters of America and the women's auxiliary of the American Legion post here. Mr. and Mrs. Smith became the parents of the following children, two sons and a daughter: 1. Donald J., graduated in pharmacy at the University of Pittsburgh, planning a career in his father's profession. 2. William H., a high school student in Warren. 3. Joyce M.

WARREN MOORHEAD STONE—Active in the law, public affairs and in other phases of community life, Warren Moorhead Stone follows, in Warren, Pennsylvania, traditions established by his grandfather, Congressman Charles W. Stone. Members of three successive generations made careers of the law. The last is distinctively of the present century—born in it, technically trained in ultra-modern ideas and methods, and is present-day in his outlook upon the world and the part he must play in it. He has come rapidly to the fore in movements and organizations that make for the better development of his city.

Warren Moorhead Stone was born July 3, 1901, at Warren, son of Ralph Warren and Mary (Ruland) Stone, grandson of Charles W. Stone, and the great-grandson of Warren Fay Stone, who was born and died at Groton, Massachusetts. Grandfather Charles Stone was born at Groton, Massachusetts, and died at Warren, Pennsylvania. He was a lawyer, a partner of R. Brown, under the firm name of Brown and Stone, which continued until the death of Mr. Brown. He was a member of the Pennsylvania Assembly, after which he served as secretary of the Commonwealth under Governor Beaver, Lieutenant-Governor of Pennsylvania. Still later he was a member of Congress for several terms, and was a member of the Patriots of America by right of notable ancestry. His wife, Elizabeth (Moorhead) Stone, was born in Erie, Pennsylvania, and in 1917 died in Warren.

Ralph Warren Stone, son of Charles W. and Elizabeth (Moorhead) Stone, was born in Warren, July 16, 1872, and died here March 4, 1934. He was a prominent attorney-at-law, a Republican in his political affiliations and active in civic affairs. Graduated from Georgetown University, in 1895, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws, and in 1896, with the degree of Master of Laws, Ralph War-

ren Stone was admitted to the bar to practice before the Supreme Court, the District of Columbia, July 2, 1896, and to Warren County bar in 1900. From 1900 to 1912 he was associated in practice with his father under the firm name of C. W. Stone and Son, but after that year practiced alone until July 11, 1928, when his son became a member of the firm, the name being changed to R. W. Stone and Son, a connection which continued until 1934. Ralph W. Stone was school director of Warren for twelve years, serving as president during the last four years of this period; trustee of Warren State Hospital for a number of years, and member of the board of trustees of the First Presbyterian Church. He married Mary Ruland, born at Enterprise, Pennsylvania, in 1878, who is now a resident of Warren.

Warren Moorhead Stone received his preliminary education in the public and high schools of Warren, and attended the Lawrenceville School, Lawrenceville, New Jersey, prior to entering Haverford School, Haverford, Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated June 13, 1921. He was a student at Amherst College for one year and then matriculated at Haverford College, from which he was graduated June 12, 1925, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. For his professional training he went to Harvard University Law School, from which he was graduated June 21, 1928, a Bachelor of Laws, and was admitted to the bar in Warren County, July 11, 1928. On January 14, 1935, he was licensed to practice before the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

In 1928 Warren M. Stone became associated with his father and two years later joined the law firm of R. W. Stone and Son, a connection which continued until the death of his father, March 4, 1934. He followed his profession without partners until January 14, 1935, when he became associated with his brother-in-law, Alexander C. Flick, Jr. On July 1, 1940, they formed the law firm of Stone and Flick, one of the best known in Warren County. Mr. Stone is a Republican in his political outlook and served as county solicitor for Warren County for a term of five years (January, 1931-January, 1936). For approximately a year he was trustee of Warren County Hospital. He is a member of the board of directors of the Young Men's Christian Association, and a member of the Warren County Bar Association, of which he served as treasurer at one time. He is a member of the Conewango Club and his college fraternity is Phi Delta Theta. He attends the First Presbyterian Church. A hobby he enjoys is the building of boats and the racing of speed craft.

On June 14, 1930, Warren Moorhead Stone married Dorothy Allison, born at Selinsgrove, Snyder County, Pennsylvania, daughter of Dr. Herbert A. Allison and Rose (Wagner) Allison. Dr. Allison, who is deceased, was professor of history at Susquehanna University,



Clyde Smith

Selinsgrove; Mrs. Allison resides in Washington, District of Columbia. Mr. and Mrs. Stone have one daughter, Elaine Allison, born October 8, 1931.

HORACE LEROY BLAIR—Superintendent of the schools of Warren County, Pennsylvania, Horace LeRoy Blair, of Warren, is not only one of the outstanding educators of northwestern Pennsylvania but is also very prominent in the affairs of his municipality, serving and supporting many organizations devoted to the welfare of the city and particularly its youth.

He was born at Clarendon, Pennsylvania, February 26, 1892, the son of Humphrey and Mary Ann (Nicklin) Blair. Humphrey Blair, who was born in Venango County, Pennsylvania, July 24, 1848, and died at Clarendon, January 28, 1895, was employed as a fireman at the Levi Smith Refinery at Clarendon, a city in which he was active civically as well as serving the Evangelical Church as superintendent of its Sunday school for years. He was a son of James and Amanda (Crain) Blair, and a grandson of Hugh and Nancy (McWilliams) Blair. Hugh Blair, who died December 9, 1864, was a son of Hugh and Jane (Thompson) Blair, both natives of County Antrim, Ireland, who settled at Hartstown, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, in 1802. Mary Ann (Nicklin) Blair was a daughter of Daniel T. and Eleanor (Brunnell) Nicklin. Daniel T. Nicklin, who was born July 11, 1828, at New Castle-on-Tyne, England, was brought to America in 1833 by his parents, William and Frances (Moore) Nicklin, and the family settled in Nicklin, Pennsylvania, the town being named after them. William Nicklin, who was born in England, October 2, 1796, died at Nicklin, Venango County, November 11, 1868; he passed his life as a farmer and was very active in county affairs, including among his benefactions gifts of land for church and school purposes.

Horace LeRoy Blair, after passing through the public and high schools of Clarendon, Pennsylvania, interested himself in a career as an educator. He entered the Edinboro State Teachers' College and studied also at Pennsylvania State College and Oberlin College, finally returning to Edinboro State Teachers' College to obtain his degree of Bachelor of Science in Education in 1931 and the degree of Master of Education at the University of Pittsburgh in 1934. He began the practice of his profession by teaching school in Clarendon in 1912. In 1915 he was appointed assistant to the superintendent of schools of Warren County. He interrupted his career in 1917 by enlisting in the United States Army. Sent to Camp Lee in Virginia for training, he was made a corporal and attached to Company C, 305th Ammunition Train, 80th Division, American Expeditionary Forces. After service in France, he was returned home to Philadelphia and given his honorable discharge from Camp Dix in 1919.

During his enlistment, his training as a teacher was turned to account by his being placed in charge of army schools both at Camp Lee and in France, experience which, with his previous work as a teacher, helped him to resume his position as assistant superintendent of schools of Warren County in 1919. He held this position until 1938, when he was elected superintendent of schools, and he has continued so through the present time. A member of the Republican party, although independent as a voter, Mr. Blair has given generously of his time to various civic organizations, being chairman of the leadership training committee of the Warren County Council of the Boy Scouts of America, a past president of the Warren Rotary Club, and a member of the Young Men's Christian Association for more than twenty-five years. Active in the work of the First Methodist Church of Warren, he is a member of the organization's board of trustees and has been president of the men's Bible class. He is a member of North Star Lodge, No. 341, Free and Accepted Masons, supports the Warren County Historical Society, and maintains his military relationships by membership in Chief Cornplanter Post, No. 135, American Legion.

Horace LeRoy Blair married July 5, 1927, Isabel Garber, daughter of James L. and Josephine (Bimber) Garber, natives of Warren County. James L. Garber, who died in Clarendon, Pennsylvania, passed part of his life as a farmer and was also associated with the Tiona Refining Company of Clarendon. Mr. and Mrs. Blair are the parents of two children: 1. William L., born October 9, 1928. 2. Dean L., born March 27, 1932.

CLYDE CLAIR SMITH—For many years active in the business affairs of the borough and county of Warren, Clyde Clair Smith was vice-president of the C. C. Smith Company, Inc., dealers in Dodge and Plymouth cars. He had a broad background of service in the business world, being variously connected before his affiliation with the C. C. Smith Company, and his many-sided interest in the life of his community and of this Pennsylvania district earned for him the appreciation of all who knew him. His achievements were distinguished, and his influence was a continuing power for good.

Mr. Smith was born March 28, 1866, in Warren County, Pennsylvania, son of Walter and Irene Smith, of Conewango Township, this county. His father was a farmer and lumberman.

Clyde C. Smith completed his formal schooling in Conewango Township, then turned his attention to different business affairs in his native district. He conducted the Smith Livery in earlier days, operating it on the site of the present C. C. Smith Company, Inc. Later he managed the Masterson Transfer Company, in Warren, and the Chautauqua Storage & Transfer Company, in Jamestown, New York. After a time he sold the Warren

enterprise. In 1922 he incorporated the C. C. Smith Company, Inc., under its present title, and took over the agency for the Hudson and Essex automobiles. In 1933, discontinuing that line, he took over the Dodge and Plymouth cars, which he handled for the rest of his career. For forty-two years he was a leading figure in Warren affairs, both in business and in public life, and he held the highest respect of his contemporaries.

He was long an influential Democrat and a member of the First Methodist Church of Warren. Many organizations, particularly in the sphere of fraternalism, claimed his attention, and he was a member of Warren Lodge, No. 223, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and Warren Lodge No. 339, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Through these groups and in his every-day connections in private life, Mr. Smith was able to lend a helping hand to friends and fellow-citizens in his community. His business judgment came to be recognized, and his advice was frequently sought by those starting new business enterprises or projects for community betterment.

Clyde Clair Smith married, May 15, 1899, Elizabeth Shea, who was born in County Kerry, Ireland, daughter of Michael and Elizabeth Shea, farmers in Ireland. Mrs. Smith was born March 5, 1854, and at the time of writing makes her home in Warren. Clyde Clair and Elizabeth (Shea) Smith became the parents of two children: 1. Donald Clair, of further mention. 2. Irene A., who became the wife of Dr. R. S. Gibb.

Donald Clair Smith attended Warren public schools and Bellefonte Academy, then became associated with his father in the automobile business as vice-president of the C. C. Smith Company, Inc., of which he became president and general manager in 1930. He remains at the head of the business, which in recent years has had a remarkable development under his guidance. He is a director of the Warren National Bank and a former director of the Community Discount Company and the Warren Young Men's Christian Association. He is a member of the Conewango Club, and in the Free and Accepted Masons is affiliated with Warren Lodge, No. 241, Coudersport Consistory and Zem Zem Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church, of Warren. Donald Clair Smith married, September 21, 1927, Evelyn Elliott, who was born in Warren, daughter of John and Bertha (Moore) Elliott, both natives of Clarion County. They became the parents of two children: 1. Rachael Elizabeth Smith, born November 3, 1929. 2. Clyde C. Smith, 2d, born June 20, 1932.

The death of Clyde Clair Smith, founder of the C. C. Smith Company, occurred September 21, 1937, in Warren, Pennsylvania, and removed from his wide circle of friends and acquaintances an individual whose accomplishments were outstanding. He will long be remembered with deep

warmth of affection because of his achievements, his public spirit and his unfailing devotion to the highest principles of thinking and living.

VIRGIL SPENCER KING—One of Pennsylvania's active pilots and aviators and manager of Warren Airport, Virgil Spencer King has been interested from childhood in air travel and has made a notable contribution to this new science and industry.

Mr. King was born June 6, 1900, in Chandler's Valley, Pennsylvania, son of Lynn William and Myrtle (Spencer) King and member of an old Pennsylvania family. His paternal grandparents had for many years a farm at Jackson Run, Warren County. The grandfather, Wesley King, born in this State, was a farmer and carpenter. The grandmother, Jeannette (Fletcher) King, was born in Scotland. They both died on the home farm. On the maternal side of his house, Virgil Spencer King's grandparents were Alfred and Harriet (Van Ness) Spencer, native Pennsylvanians, farmers, both of whom died in Chandler's Valley. The father, Lynn William King, born February 21, 1867, in Warren County, was for years a blacksmith until his retirement. He was a Republican and a member of the United Brethren Church. His wife, Myrtle (Spencer) King, Virgil Spencer King's mother, was born June 6, 1867, in Chandler's Valley, where she now lives.

Virgil Spencer King attended public schools in Chandler's Valley, his birthplace and long the home of his family, and early supplemented his grammar and high school education with a variety of practical experience. As early as 1910, when he was only ten years old, he first became interested in airplanes, having been taken by his father, then connected with the Big Cove Lumber Company, near Mercersburg, this State, to see a plane fly in Chambersburg. The ship was a Curtiss "Pusher," the assembling of which took nearly all day. Virgil King was so interested in the event that he would not leave the scene even to eat lunch, and stayed with the mechanics while they worked. The boy had no doubt in the world that the plane would fly, for his father had told him it would. Eventually it did fly, and the purr of the motor fascinated the future aviator as much as had the expectation of the event. As Mr. King wrote of it recently, "It still sounds in my ears even more clearly than music. I do not remember the first music I ever heard, but the sound of that particular motor has never left me."

In 1912 he returned to Chandler's Valley with his parents. Often he recalled the Chambersburg flight, and he left no stone unturned in his efforts to lay his hands on magazines with airplane pictures and articles in them. The stories of the "bird men," as aviators were called then, rang with romance on his ears. He built small wooden planes in the likeness of the ones he saw and read

about, and carved out pontoons and attached them to model flying boats of the old 1910 Benoist and Glenn L. Martin type. He studied American and foreign types as fast as he could learn of them—the French Bleriot, the Antoinette of Latham, the German Taub—and followed experiments of Santos Dumont, Glenn Curtiss and the Wrights. In the summer of 1913 he went to work on a farm to earn money to advance his desire to become an aviator, which, as he wrote, “was getting more than I could stand,” and felt even spurred on when he read the headline, “Bird Boy Earl Sandt Crashes When Plane Hits Garage Roof.” Then receiving \$12.00 per month, and having saved \$15.00, Virgil King quit his farm job at the age of thirteen years and went home to build a plane.

My father consented to let me use the loft over his blacksmith shop for a work shop [the aviator wrote], although he was pretty much disgusted with my idea of flying or my even thinking of it. I went to work on a glider of my own design, and after days and nights of dreaming and working it was finally completed to the best of my ability. Much to my dismay I discovered I would have to tear it apart to get it out of the building even though there were big double doors. Finally I got permission to enlarge the doors, and at last my first glider was ready to fly. It proved too heavy for the wing area, so I decided to have some of my friends push me in the machine down a side hill and over a gravel cliff about thirty feet high. The results were that we landed bottom side up in a creek at the foot of the cliff—no injury and no glider.

I kept experimenting with my home-designed gliders, but could never get one that would lift off the ground more than enough to tip it over and wreck it. After school I would help my father in the shop and evenings I would work until late hours on my machine by the light of an oil lantern. I worked on one after another until I got some plans of a biplane Hang Glider, and, having a little more money, I could afford to buy better materials. After completion this machine was also too heavy for me to pick up and run down a side hill with for the take-off. I had picked up this idea from reading about the Ort boys on the west coast. As winter was near, I decided to put skis under it, and, having accumulated some knowledge of control, I installed an elevator and rudder and planned on lateral balance by moving my body from side to side. Snow came and the day for the test flight arrived. My friends were always interested in helping me get a glider to the top of a hill to see how badly I would smash it up and by this time some of the grown people were also interested. They thought I would eventually get off the ground and get hurt. I got in the machine, the boys started it down the hill, and after a short run I lifted the front elevator and took off from the steep hill about fifty feet into the air. Something happened. When I came to my senses, my friends were pulling the wreck off me. If I had had any knowledge of flying, it would have been a successful flight; I would not have stalled it. But it cost money to learn to fly—hundreds of dollars—and I did not have it.

The summer of 1917 came and our country was at war. I read about the war and about planes and I had a great desire to go—particularly after some of my older friends went. Some of them never came back. I always had a great love for my parents, and though my father would

have consented to my going, my mother asked me not to, so I lingered on, knowing only too well that I could not stand on the outside forever, as I was getting worked up to a high pitch.

I had seen several balloon ascensions, and knew a man who jumped with parachutes, so I had some idea how a balloon bag was filled. So in the fall of 1917, when a balloon jumper at the Warren Fair needed a helper, I told him I had had experience, and he gave me a job. I worked inside the balloon bag while it was being filled. It was hot and dirty, but it paid well. The jumper told me if I would stay with him and learn the business he would start me jumping—a fact which made me very happy and gave me visions of really getting off the ground. However, school started and my parents persuaded me to go back to school for another year. I was losing interest more each year, and late in the winter of 1917-18 I quit. That summer I got a job in the Engle Aircraft Company, Niles, Ohio. Mr. Engle, the president of the company, had once operated a hydro aeroplane, as they were then termed, on Chautauqua Lake. I worked in final assembly and the experimental department.

In the fall of 1918 I had reached the place where I could no longer stay out of the service. I had a friend who wanted to enlist, so we went to Cleveland and enlisted in the Army Air Service. They signed us up, told us to go home and we would be called in a week or two. We returned home and I was stricken with the flu. My friend went to Langley Field, Virginia, and before I could report for duty the Armistice was signed.

I was so enraged over not getting in that I immediately enlisted in the United States Navy as an apprentice seaman and shipped to Newport, Rhode Island, where I underwent three months' training in seamanship and drill. By that time I was sick of the navy and could not see where I would ever do anything but scrub decks, so I transferred to commissary school—which I was even less interested in. One day an order came through asking for men for the Aviation Mechanics' School. I immediately applied and was transferred to Great Lakes Machinist Mate School, where I underwent about nine months' training and graduated as machinist mate, second class, aviation. I was transferred to Pensacola, Florida. Since men were leaving the service, they needed men for peacetime operations, and I was immediately put on flight status, and at last, for the first time in my life, I felt myself planeing over the waves of Pensacola Bay and lifted off the water and actually flying. My dream since childhood had come true.

Of course, the grass always looks greener in the other fellow's lawn, so, after three years' service, I, like many of my shipmates, felt we could make more money flying on the outside than in the navy. So, against the advice of my squadron commander, Lieutenant Kirk, I left the service—much to my sorrow many times afterwards. It was not easy on the outside. In 1923 I bought an old army training plane and with a couple of my former navy shipmates we tried barnstorming and exhibition flying. After a session of this we went broke, sold the ship, and I went back to work to make more money for another start. My faith was always in aviation, and I felt that some time, somehow, I would get another break. I realized then that I had thrown away the chance of a lifetime when I left the service.

I flew at intervals, worked on a construction gang, in machine shops, in wheat fields of northwest Canada, in factories of Toledo and Detroit, and at an airport in Buffalo as mechanic. I went to Marshall, Missouri, where I

bought enough time to get the feel of a ship once more, and eventually landed back east where I became associated with a Jamestown man who had two airplanes. I was there from 1929 to 1935. I worked on the ships as mechanic and flew when the opportunity offered. I owned a Curtiss JN4 (Jenny). Our ships were all staked outdoors in those days. We would operate out of one field and then another and barnstorm around carrying passengers. Finally the site of the present Jamestown airport was decided upon and the whole gang that flew moved over there. By that time the law was taking a hand in flying, and I had to put my faithful old Jenny to rest and I bought another ship which I operated on the old Baker Street field.

In 1935 I came to Warren and made arrangements with Mr. L. Jamieson, then president of the Warren Airways, to lease their field, which was not being operated. I bought another ship and started a flying school. Thus I became a fixed base operator instead of a barnstormer or what have you. Through the coöperation of the Warren Airways, the Borough Council, the WPA, our local press and the many air-minded friends, we have been able to construct a modern airport, and business has gone far beyond my expectations when I first came to Warren. My mistakes have been many, I have taken the hardest road, I may not have risen as far as some, but I have not quit and I am still flying.

Aside from aviation, Mr. King is fond of hunting and other outdoor recreations. Fraternally he is affiliated with Stillwater Lodge, No. 547, Free and Accepted Masons, and Warren Lodge, No. 223, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He belongs to the Warren Chamber of Commerce, and otherwise participates extensively in the life of his community and its people and institutions. He is an adherent of the United Brethren Church of Christ. On April 9, 1925, Virgil Spencer King married Esther Evelyn Johnson, born January 3, 1907, in Clarendon, Pennsylvania, daughter of Charles and Ida W. (Larson) Johnson, both natives of Sweden. Her father, a blacksmith, died in Warren, Pennsylvania, and her mother died at Chandler's Valley. Her paternal grandfather, Peter Larson, born in Sweden, and died at Cherry Grove, Pennsylvania, was a farmer. Mr. and Mrs. King became the parents of two children: 1. R. Le Grand, born April 25, 1928. 2. Leland Charles, born May 12, 1932.

EUGENE E. ANDERSON, counsel, of Sharon, was born on January 11, 1886, at Butler, Pennsylvania, the son of Elzie H. and Agnes Harper Anderson. He was graduated at Mercersburg Academy in the class of 1904 and Washington and Jefferson College in the class of 1908. Mr. Anderson read law in the office of Horace W. Davis and was admitted to the bar in 1912.

He was married to Helen B. Tyler in 1920, and they have one son, Eugene E. Anderson, Jr.

ALLEN TYLER DEXTER—Since the early years of the century, Allen Tyler Dexter has been associated with the National Malleable & Steel Castings Company. He has served this organization as mechanical engineer

and executive at its various plants from western Pennsylvania to Chicago.

Mr. Dexter was born at New Bedford, Massachusetts, son of Roy and Rebecca (Alford) Dexter. His father was a relative of Commodore Perry and President Tyler. Allen Tyler Dexter spent his early years at Cleveland, Ohio, where he received his preliminary education in the public schools and attended Western Reserve University. In 1905 he became associated with the National Malleable & Steel Castings Company at Cleveland and during the following three decades has risen gradually within the organization on the basis of his record and experience. Instituting an inspection department in the Cleveland, Sharon and Melrose Park (Chicago) plants of the company, he divided his time among these plants until 1910, when he was appointed assistant superintendent of the Melrose Park plant and served in that capacity until 1918. During the following seven years he was superintendent of the Woodhill plant of the company at Cleveland and in 1925 was transferred to the specialty developments department in the Sharon plant. His contributions to the company have been substantial. Mr. Dexter conceived and developed the M-50 draft gear manufactured by the company, and successfully explored the use of graphite as a means of preventing the draft gear from sticking. On February 22, 1918, he supervised the manufacture of the first cast steel navy chain ever made by any company, turning out seven car loads of chain at the Woodhill plant. A large part of the output of the Sharon plant now consists of this navy chain, manufactured for the United States Navy under a special agreement with the government whereby half the required production is handled by the National Malleable & Steel Castings Company and the remainder by the navy at the Navy Yard in Norfolk, Virginia.

Except for a leave of absence since 1935, Mr. Dexter served the National Malleable & Steel Castings Company without interruption for thirty years and is one of its ranking engineers, both in seniority and by reason of his professional reputation. He is a well-known figure in the Sharon community and is a member of the First Presbyterian Church in this city. Mr. Dexter is also a member of the Acacia Country Club in Cleveland and is affiliated fraternally with Ellsworth Lodge, No. 505, Free and Accepted Masons, and with Thatcher Chapter, No. 101, Royal Arch Masons, both in Cleveland. He is a Democrat in politics and finds his principal recreation in golf.

On November 16, 1929, at Sharon, Mr. Dexter married Dr. Edith MacBride, a Sharon physician, daughter of Robert and Ellen (Bigler) MacBride.

EDITH MacBRIDE-DEXTER, M. D.—A Pennsylvanian who has effectively served her State in many ways, Dr. Edith MacBride-Dexter practices ophthalmology in Sharon and is particularly well known through-

out Mercer County and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Her extensive experience in health work throughout the State as secretary of health (1935-39), the first woman physician ever to be honored with such an important appointment in the history of Pennsylvania, and her wide acquaintance with the leaders and their accomplishments in her profession have greatly enhanced her usefulness and enriched the quality of her practice in Sharon upon her return from broader fields of service.

Dr. Edith MacBride-Dexter was born May 3, 1887, in Grove City, Pennsylvania, daughter of the late Robert and Ellen (Bigler) MacBride, of Scotch-Irish and English extraction. She has one sister, Rowena MacBride, who is well known in this district of Pennsylvania. Their grandfather Bigler was a cousin of William Bigler, Governor of Pennsylvania, in 1852, and his brother, John Bigler, who was Governor of California in 1852. On November 16, 1929, Dr. Edith MacBride and Allen T. Dexter were married.

Grove City public schools afforded Dr. MacBride-Dexter her elementary education, and in 1906 she was graduated from Grove City College as a Bachelor of Science. She was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine from the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania in 1910. Afterward she had postgraduate work at some of the leading medical centers of the world, and down to the time of writing she does everything in her power to add to her knowledge and skill in her chosen work. In the autumn of 1916 she was a special student in the laboratory of Dr. Oscar Klatz at the University of Pittsburgh. A year later she took postgraduate work at the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary, in New York. In 1925 she attended a meeting of all English-speaking ophthalmologists, held in London, England. In 1927 she was again in Europe, this time as a special student in eye and ear surgery at the Allgemeines Krankenhaus, Vienna, Austria, and attended clinics at Moorefield's Hospital, London, England. At different times she attended clinics at the Wills Eye Hospital, in Philadelphia, spending a month there on two occasions, and at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary. In the summer of 1939 she had a course on hospital operation at Cornell University.

Meanwhile, Dr. MacBride-Dexter has carried on a variety of professional service through her own practice and through her public and organizational activities. Back in 1910 and 1911 she was the first woman physician to serve at St. Vincent's Hospital, in Erie, where she was the interne. From 1912 to 1917 she was physician for girls at Grove City College and instructor of nurses at Grove City Hospital. During the same period she also held other assignments, acting between 1914 and 1916 as school medical inspector in seventeen districts in Pine and Liberty townships, Mercer County. She also went to Erie for some work during that period, acting from January to

July, 1917, as chief resident physician at St. Vincent's Hospital there and then became assistant to Dr. G. W. Schlindwein, in that city, from July, 1917, to May, 1919, while he was away on World War duty.

Since 1919 Dr. MacBride-Dexter has practiced in Sharon with the exception of four years in State work at Harrisburg. She specialized in and practiced ophthalmology from May, 1919, to January 15, 1935. Then, after her four years as Pennsylvania's secretary of health, in Harrisburg, she returned to Sharon in January, 1939, and resumed her ophthalmological practice. From 1919 to 1935 she was a staff physician at the C. H. Buhl Memorial Hospital, in Sharon. She taught nurses and served on the training school committee there from 1921 to 1935, and, among her other activities, was ophthalmologist at the Sharon plant of the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company.

Dr. MacBride-Dexter made another record for her sex in the professional sphere by becoming the first woman to be secretary of health in Pennsylvania. She was a member of the Governor's Cabinet at Harrisburg, where she served from January 15, 1935, to January 17, 1939. The office that she held was formerly called commissioner of health, and in it she gave valuable service to the Commonwealth and earned wide respect and confidence. The appointment carried with it many other responsibilities, as the secretary of health is chairman of the Advisory Board of Health of Pennsylvania and chairman of the Sanitary Water Board of the Commonwealth. She was also an *ex officio* member of the State Board of Medical Education and Licensure, the State Dental Council and Examining Board and the State Board of Undertakers. From 1935 to 1939 she was a member of the State Anatomical Board and the Conference of State and Territorial Health Authorities, and she also became a member of the Conference of State and Provincial Health Authorities of North America, the American Public Health Association, the Pennsylvania Public Health Association (in which she was chairman of the executive committee), the Ohio-Pennsylvania Pymatung Commission and the Ohio River Valley Compact Commission. She was, moreover, the first woman to receive the meritorious service medal, with a citation by Governor Earle, in recognition of her distinguished service in public health during the widespread floods of 1936 and for her progressive program as secretary of health of Pennsylvania. This decoration came to her August 12, 1938.

Adding to the literature of medicine, Dr. MacBride-Dexter has contributed numerous medical articles to professional publications, writing on public health, tuberculosis, diphtheria, arteriopoliomyelitis and pneumonia. In the Mercer County Medical Society she is a past secretary, having held the secretaryship for ten years. She also belongs to the Medical Society of the State of Penn-

sylvania, in which she is a past vice-president, the only woman that has ever held an official position in the Pennsylvania State Medical Society. In the State society she was chairman of the committee on credentials of the house of delegates for nine years, a member of the committee on conservation of vision in 1923, a delegate to the society meetings from her district for nine consecutive years, and a constant influence for better health conditions in her State. She served as vice-chairman in 1921, secretary in 1923 and chairman in 1924, of the Secretaries' Conference of Component County Medical Society of this State. Since 1912 she has been a member of the American Medical Association. She is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Sharon.

As a contribution to the history of the health activities of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and a further explanation of the work of Dr. MacBride-Dexter in this connection, we summarize the record:

Dr. MacBride-Dexter's régime as secretary of health has been one of the most outstanding in the annals of the Department of Health. On December 15, 1937, she put the State-wide campaign for pneumonia control into effect, which was a remarkable piece of public health undertaking. Her work in tuberculosis enlarged and enhanced the department's service to the sufferers of the disease in the Commonwealth. On May 18, 1937, the first chest surgery was performed at the Hamburg State Sanatorium for Tuberculosis, in a modernly equipped operating room, by a noted chest surgeon, Dr. Moses Behrend, of Philadelphia. A surgical unit was built at the above sanatorium in 1937 and dedicated in July, 1938. It was the first of its kind in the Nation. Hamburg Sanatorium had an addition of two hundred beds exclusive of the surgical unit.

Mount Alto Sanatorium was rebuilt and a new sanatorium, the Western Pennsylvania State Sanatorium for Tuberculosis, was built at Butler in 1938. Another weapon in the fight against tuberculosis was the purchase of two motorized X-ray machines which were sent out into the Commonwealth to X-ray the first-year high school students. An X-ray laboratory was set up in Harrisburg to develop and interpret the films sent in from the schools.

Dr. MacBride-Dexter also trained personnel and set up a program from Social Security funds. The program for venereal diseases was greatly enlarged and new clinics set up. Under a special allocation from the State's Social Security funds and in coöperation with the School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, the Department of Health established and almost financed a Coöperative Institute for the Control of Syphilis at the University of Pennsylvania. It was the only institute of its kind for the special training of personnel in venereal diseases.

The program for the crippled child was also extended. There were one hundred and sixty beds added to the State Hospital for Crippled Children at Elizabethtown. The

new addition has a physiotherapy department which includes a large fresh water pool, a salt water pool, a Hubbard tank and two whirlpool tanks, occupational and heliotherapy rooms. This addition was dedicated January 16, 1939. New district clinics were established where crippled children were examined and treated by an expert orthopedic surgeon.

A program for cancer control was studied and ready to put into effect. The maternal and child health program was modernized. Dental and nutritional programs were put into effect.

In 1935 there was a reorganization of the distribution of biological products. The vital statistics records were brought up-to-date. Programs for community sanitation, dewatering of flood coal mines, sealing of abandoned coal mines in western Pennsylvania, were carried out with success. In 1936 the State laboratory in Philadelphia was reorganized and modernized.

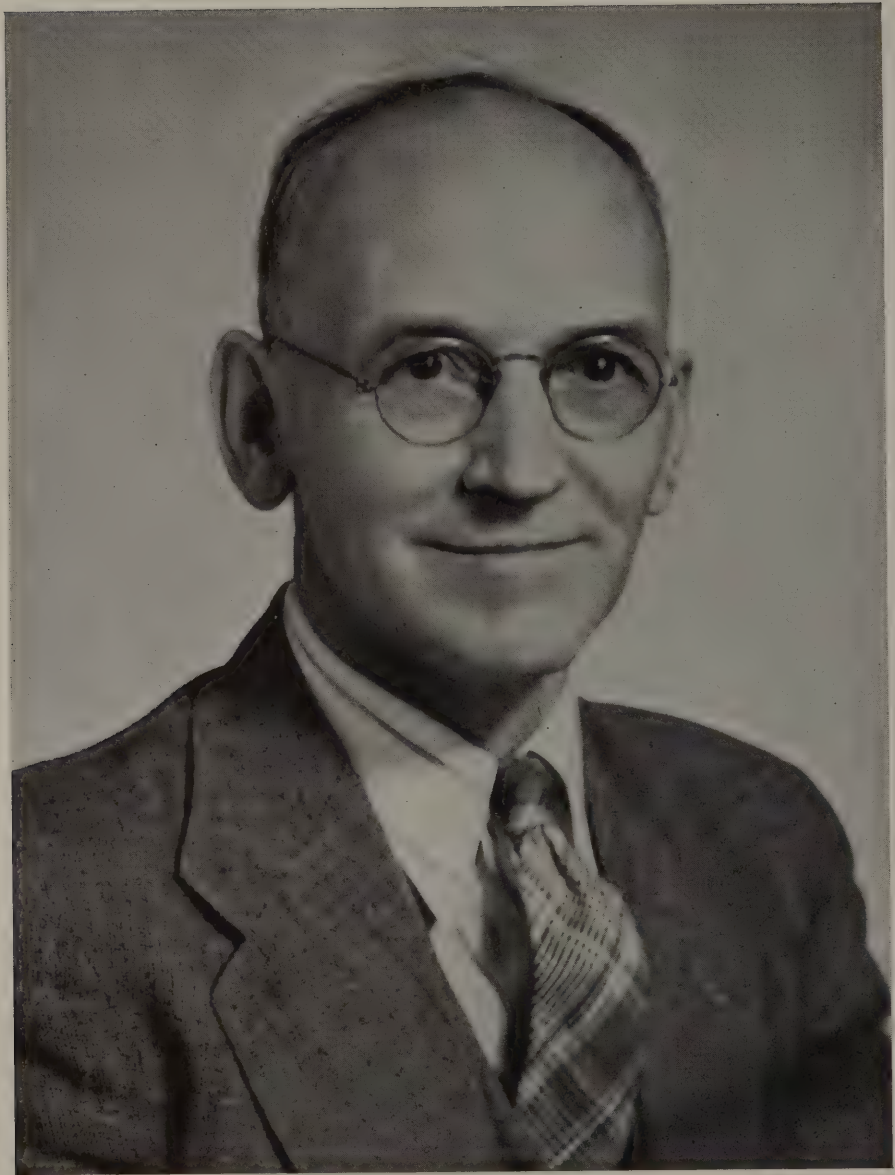
In 1936-37, 1938, the roadside water supplies along the main traveled highways of the Commonwealth were examined and safe water signs were put up. Shell fish inspection was put into effect in 1937.

The State Board of Undertakers was transferred to the Department of Health from the Department of Public Institutions. The Industrial Hygiene Division was transferred from the Department of Labor and Industry to the Department of Health in 1936. In 1937 a State Board of Housing for slum clearance was created by the State Legislature and set up in the Department of Health. In 1937, by an act of the Legislature, plumbing inspection was set up in the Department of Health, and several other new services made the Commonwealth a better and healthier place in which to live.

Dr. MacBride Dexter is in "Who's Who Among Physicians and Surgeons in United States and Canada," "Who's Who in Pennsylvania," "Who's Who in the East," the international blue book "Who's Who in the World," and the "World's Biographical Encyclopedia."

ROWENA MacBRIDE—Miss Rowena MacBride served as teacher of English literature or Senior English in Sharon High School for fifteen years. She has devoted her entire career to education and is well known through her professional connections in northwest Pennsylvania.

Miss MacBride was born in Grove City, Pennsylvania, daughter of Robert MacBride, a teacher and farmer, and Ellen (Bigler) MacBride. She was educated in the public schools of Grove City, was graduated from Grove City College with the degree of Bachelor of Literature and has carried on postgraduate work at Columbia University, Oxford University in England and at the University of Pittsburgh. During the summers of 1925 and 1927 she traveled in the British Isles and on the continent of Europe, visiting all important literary shrines in England



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and Scotland in preparation for teaching English in high school work. Miss MacBride also studied art for seven years under a private teacher.

Meanwhile, her professional career was well under way. After one year spent as teacher of business arithmetic and algebra I at Central High School in Erie, she was appointed teacher of Spanish and sophomore English in Farrell High School and in the following year joined the faculty of Sharon High School, where she taught English literature, or Senior English for fifteen years. Miss MacBride was a successful teacher and her fifteen years at Sharon witnessed the progressive development of her reputation in her profession. In April, 1936, she was appointed for a four-year term as trustee of Edinboro State Teachers College by Governor George H. Earle, but resigned in August, 1939, with other members of the board when this step was requested by the present Governor, Arthur James, who wanted to appoint a Republican board.

Since 1938 Miss MacBride has also served as an advisory member of the editorial staff of the "Survey," the magazine published by the Federation of Women's Democratic Clubs of Pennsylvania. She has been interested in Democratic politics and in the civic affairs of her community and is a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Sharon.

FRANK ADOLPHUS CRIPPEN—A descendant of one of the pioneer families of this section of Pennsylvania, Frank Adolphus Crippen is the present postmaster at Youngsville, which position he has filled with complete satisfaction for the past eight and one-half years.

Mr. Crippen was born in Warren County, near Tidioute, Pennsylvania, September 25, 1885, the son of Adolphus L. and Mary (Garvey) Crippen. Adolphus L. Crippen was born in Forest County, near Tidioute, April 2, 1863, the son of Adolphus and Armanda (Jones) Crippen. Adolphus, a native of New York State, was engaged for years in the carpentry field, and was also active as a farmer. His father, John Crippen, a native of Connecticut, migrated to New York State and later to western Pennsylvania, where he took up a claim in Brokenstraw Township, being engaged there as a pioneer farmer at the time of his death, at the age of ninety-seven years. Adolphus L. Crippen, a Methodist and member of the Democratic party, is still living in Brokenstraw Township where he is engaged in farming. For many years he served as school director and road supervisor, and he is highly esteemed by all who know him. Mary (Garvey) Crippen is the daughter of Frank and Nora (McNearney) Garvey, both natives of Ireland, and both deceased. Mr. Garvey was active in the farming industry in Hickory Township, Forest County, for many years, and he was also a former railroad employee. After completing his

education in the Brokenstraw Township public schools, Frank Adolphus Crippen became associated with the general merchandising store of C. S. Mead, in Youngsville, where he remained as clerk for seven years. He then entered the grocery business for himself at Grand Valley, Pennsylvania, remaining in this field for approximately six years. After three years in Oil City as a railroad employee, he was engaged for the next two years as an oil lease pumper, after which he returned to Youngsville in 1922, and became manager of the Citizens' Coöperative store. He held this post until October 1, 1933, at which time he assumed his present duties as postmaster. He is a staunch Democrat, a former member of the Grand Valley School Board, and for twenty-five years an affiliate of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Grand Valley.

Frank Adolphus Crippen married, June 1, 1905, Mary Armina Russell, who was born at Cobham, Warren County, Pennsylvania, June 4, 1885, daughter of Theodore and Mary (Terrill) Russell. Mr. Russell, for many years a blacksmith, and in later life a nurseryman, died in Youngsville in 1922. His wife, a native of Crawford County, is now living in Youngsville. Mary Armina (Russell) Crippen moved to Youngsville with her parents when she was a small child, attended Youngsville schools and graduated from the high school there with the class of 1902. Mr. and Mrs. Crippen became the parents of five children: 1. Evelyn, married Ivan Cox, and they were the parents of a son, Charles. Evelyn (Crippen) Cox is now deceased. 2. Frances, married Donald Dove, who died leaving three sons: LeRoy, Allen and Lewis. 3. Vivian, married Max Gilliland, and they have two sons, Michael and Dennis. 4. Russell F., associated with the National Forge & Ordnance Company, at Irvine; married Virginia Carroll, and they are the parents of a daughter, Patricia. 5. Lewis Lyman, the youngest of the family, now associated with the National Forge & Ordnance Company at Irvine, Pennsylvania; lives with his parents at the present.

HOPEWELL SCHUYLER PHINNY—To the Pennsylvania oil industry, Hopewell Schuyler Phinny devoted virtually his entire career, joining his father and brother in the organization of Phinny Brothers Company, out of which developed the present Quaker State Oil Company of Oil City. In the conduct of this business he proved himself an able executive, in whom sound judgment was blended with an enterprising spirit and progressive outlook. Although his early death cut short his career, he is remembered as one of Oil City's valuable citizens.

Mr. Phinny was born in New Brunswick, New Jersey, on March 19, 1890, a son of Thomas Gray and Clara (Bishop) Phinny. His father, who was born in Pennsylvania on April 24, 1859, and died in Los Angeles, Cali-

foria, in February, 1934, spent his early business life with his uncles in the well-known firm of Johnson & Johnson, which they organized, manufacturing chemists at New Brunswick. Of this company he became general manager and continued the connection until he entered the Pennsylvania oil industry with his two sons, Frank and Hopewell S. Phinny, who joined him in the Phinny Brothers Company and later in the Quaker State Oil Company. Thomas Gray Phinny was a resident of Oil City for some twenty years and was a member here of the Second Presbyterian Church. He was affiliated fraternally with the Masonic Order, in which he was a member of all higher Scottish Rite bodies, including the thirty-second degree of the Consistory, and was associated with a number of Oil City's civic institutions. His wife, Clara (Bishop) Phinny, was born in Oil City and died in Los Angeles, California.

Hopewell Schuyler Phinny was educated in the public schools of New Brunswick, New Jersey, and at Rutgers Preparatory School in the same city, from which he was graduated in 1908. Immediately afterward, he went West and for several years was engaged in irrigation work for W. S. Kuhn & Company in the State of Idaho. He returned to the East in 1911, when he came to Oil City to join his father and brother in the Casing Head Gas Company. The development of their interests in the oil industry resulted in the formation of Phinny Brothers Company in 1914 for the manufacture of Quaker State oil. The name Quaker State Oil Company was later adopted. Hopewell S. Phinny was active in the organization until his death. Its rapid development reflected the strength of its management, to which he contributed valued qualities and complete loyalty of service.

As a resident of Oil City, Mr. Phinny was active in many of the city's organizations, outside the sphere of business. He was a member of the Lions Club, the Wau-nango Country Club and the Oil City Boat Club and was a vestryman of Christ Episcopal Church. Fraternally, he was affiliated with Petrolia Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and with the higher Masonic bodies, including New Castle Consistory, thirty-second degree, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Zem Zem Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Erie. In politics he was a Republican.

Mr. Phinny married Gladys Eaton McClintock, who was born in Oil City, daughter of Charles Tyler and Marion Osgood (Boughton) McClintock. She received her general education in the Oil City public schools, where she completed the high school course, and at Darlington Seminary, in West Chester, Pennsylvania, and afterward studied at Hamburg Conservatory of Music, in Toronto, Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Phinny became the parents of three children: Marion Boughton, who married Dohrman Sinclair Grant, a Franklin oil producer, and has one

son, James Denison; Robert Hopewell; and Charles McClintock, of Oil City, Pennsylvania.

Hopewell Schuyler Phinny died at Oil City, Pennsylvania, on May 15, 1928. The attainments which he manifested in his career commanded wide respect and his qualities of character and citizenship won him public regard, as well as the affection of associates and friends.

CHARLES TYLER McCLINTOCK—During his long association with the National Transit Company in Oil City, Charles Tyler McClintock has become a well-known figure in the city's life. He is auditor and director of the organization to which he has given many years of service and has numerous local connections outside the business world.

Mr. McClintock was born in Philadelphia, a son of Charles Wilson and Mary Elizabeth (Tyler) McClintock and a grandson of Thomas and Mary Ann (Wilson) McClintock. Thomas McClintock was a druggist in Philadelphia and for a time in Waterloo. His wife's name is engraved on a bronze tablet at Seneca Falls, New York, where the first woman's suffrage meeting was held, as one of the founders of the woman's suffrage movement. Charles Wilson McClintock, the father, was born in Philadelphia and died at Oil City on November 10, 1910, at the age of eighty-one. He was for some years owner and editor of the "Tidioute News," and later editor of the "Oil City Derrick." During this period he was also an active oil producer, a member of the Oil City Exchange and for twelve years oil inspector for Venango County. In the Civil War, he served with the rank of major in the 192d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. After the war he was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He was also affiliated with Petrolia Lodge, No. 163, Free and Accepted Masons. Charles Wilson McClintock was a Republican in politics and worshipped in the Quaker faith. His wife, Mary Elizabeth (Tyler) McClintock, was born at Seneca Falls, New York, and died in Oil City on October 10, 1899. She was a daughter of Oren Tyler, a farmer, born at Onondaga, New York, August 21, 1795, died at Seneca Falls, New York, in 1874, and of Nancy (Bliss) Tyler, who was born at Hartford, Connecticut, and died at Seneca Falls.

Charles Tyler McClintock, of this record, spent the latter years of his boyhood in Oil City. He attended the public schools and after his graduation from Oil City High School, became associated with the Western New York & Pennsylvania Railroad. Several years later he came to the National Transit Company, with which he has since been associated. For many years he has had important responsibilities in the organization, serving for a time as assistant treasurer of the Maryland Pipe Line Company and at present as auditor and director of the



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National Transit Company. In addition to his business interests he has been identified with various civic movements during the course of his residence in Oil City and is a member of Fort Venango Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution; Oil City Tent, No. 21, Knights of the Maccabees; and a charter member of the Oil City Boat Club, which he helped to organize. Mr. McClintock is a Republican in politics and an adherent of the Episcopal faith.

He married, on August 6, 1891, Marion Osgood Boughton, who was born at Fortress Monroe, Virginia, but was reared in New York State and at Titusville, Pennsylvania. She is a daughter of Reuben H. Boughton, Jr., born at Lewiston, New York, died at Titusville, Pennsylvania, and of Mary Elizabeth (Eaton) Boughton, who was born at Boston, Massachusetts, and died at Fortress Monroe, Virginia. Her father was one of the owners of the Titusville Iron Works and later was an oil producer. Mr. and Mrs. McClintock became the parents of two children: 1. Gladys Eaton, who married the late Hopewell Schuyler Phinny (*q. v.*) and has three children: Marion Boughton, wife of D. S. Grant, of Franklin; Robert Hopewell, of Florida; and Charles McClintock, of Oil City, Pennsylvania. 2. Charles Boughton, a consulting geologist and petroleum engineer at Oil City. He married Doris Whitler, of Cleveland, Ohio, and they have one son, Charles W. McClintock.

JOSEPH A. McELHANEY—Since the early years of the century, Joseph A. McElhaney has been prominent in the life of Franklin and Venango County. His interests as a fruit grower, greenhouse owner and landscape gardener have occupied him throughout his career and his contributions to Pennsylvania agriculture are well known. Mr. McElhaney has also been active in public life and has to his credit a long record of service in responsible county offices.

Born in Franklin on October 16, 1885, he is a son of Joseph M. and Mary E. (McCandless) McElhaney, the former of whom was associated with the Eclipse Oil Works at Franklin from 1872 to 1910 and is now retired. Joseph A. McElhaney was educated in the Franklin public schools and after finishing high school, took over the operation of an 185-acre farm located three miles north of Franklin. This is his present property. The greater part of his time and effort have been devoted to the development of his farm, where he has long specialized in fruit growing. In recent years he has also erected extensive greenhouses and established a successful business in flowers, ornamental shrubs and landscaping. This business has grown rapidly and is now the largest of its kind in the Franklin area. With the progress of his career, Mr. McElhaney has found many opportunities to promote the agricultural interests of county and State,

a field in which his leadership has long been acknowledged. In 1911, with Caleb Suttin, of Franklin, he founded the Venango County Farm and Fruit Growers Association, of which he has always been president and in which he is the moving spirit. Subsequently, he was appointed a member of the Pennsylvania State Board of Agriculture, an indication of his position in the State's agricultural life. At the time this appointment also made him automatically a director of Pennsylvania State College.

During these years Mr. McElhaney was also active in the more general sphere of public service. In 1907, when he was only twenty-two years old, he was elected supervisor of the township and member of the county board, an office which he held for sixteen successive years, retiring in 1923. In 1927 he returned to public office with his election as county commissioner of Venango County and served in that capacity until 1935. He has always played an important part in Franklin civic affairs and is associated with many leading local institutions. Mr. McElhaney is secretary of the local Grange, member of the National Grange and a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Loyal Order of Moose. He is secretary of Franklin Airport, Inc., a member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Franklin Club, in addition to his connection with the Venango County Fruit Growers Association, which he continues to serve as president. In religious faith he is a Presbyterian.

In 1916, at Franklin, Mr. McElhaney married Maude Keely. They are the parents of one daughter, Elizabeth, born in 1917, married Howard Deckey, now residing in Meadville.

WILLIAM FREDERICK GROW—Many types of business activity have rounded out the career of William Frederick Grow, of Duke Center, Pennsylvania, who is probably as well known as any man now active in the Bradford oil fields. The making of explosives to be used in drilling oil wells has constituted much of his work; and the plant that he heads, the National Powder Company, with offices and factory outside Eldred, now makes an assortment of commercial explosives for use in coal mines and quarries. Mr. Grow is also known for his activity in real estate circles.

Mr. Grow was born July 5, 1881, in Fairview, Butler County, Pennsylvania, son of Augustus and Mary (Hoefler) Grow. His father, born March 29, 1850, and died in October, 1931, was a baker by trade. The mother was born July 5, 1849, and died in November, 1920. The father came from Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, and the mother from Hamburg, New York. They were the parents of the following children: 1. Irving, born in Fairview, Butler County, Pennsylvania, February 6, 1874,

died June 6, 1882. 2. Mildred A., born in Fairview, Butler County, Pennsylvania, January 20, 1876, died in Duke Center, Pennsylvania, February 2, 1938. 3. Walter, born in Fairview, Pennsylvania, January 23, 1879, died January 18, 1887. 4. William Frederick, born in Fairview, Pennsylvania, July 5, 1881. 5. Joseph Albert, born November 29, 1885; married Grace Denninger and now lives in Bradford, Pennsylvania. 6. Mabel E., born July 24, 1888, in Duke Center; became the wife of Charles B. Walter and now lives in Bradford, Pennsylvania.

Of these, William Frederick Grow attended public schools in Duke Center and later was a student at Rochester Business Institute. He purchased the grocery business of his father on October 21, 1901, and on January 1, 1930, H. L. Carter was taken in as a partner. This partnership continued until September 1, 1940, at which time W. F. Grow sold his interest to H. L. Carter and gave his full time to the National Powder Company at Eldred, Pennsylvania. In 1910 Mr. Grow went into the oil business as a producer, and he also continues this work, mostly in the Bradford field. He was one of the organizers, and has remained a director, of the McKean Building & Loan Association and the Producers' Bank & Trust Company, both of Bradford, Pennsylvania.

In 1936, with several other men, he went into the explosives business referred to above, forming the National Powder Company, outside Eldred, for the manufacture of nitroglycerine for oil well shooting. Gradually this enterprise has developed into a general commercial explosives manufacturing company, furnishing these products to the coal mining and quarrying industries, as well as to many others. The National Powder Company employs from sixty-five to seventy persons, and their products are shipped throughout the eastern and southern parts of the United States. Mr. Grow is also connected with the Smith Agency, a Bradford insurance agency, and has contributed notably to this business.

Highly popular in his community, he has held a number of public positions. He is an independent Democrat in politics, and has served as auditor of Otto Township, a post that he held for twenty years, and as tax collector of the township from 1934 to 1941, inclusive. He is a member of the Bradford Rotary Club and the Free and Accepted Masons. In the Masonic Order Mr. Grow is affiliated with Duke Center Lodge, Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Zem Zem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He attends the Methodist Church.

On November 26, 1902, William Frederick Grow married Margaret Gillaspie, daughter of Anthony Gillaspie, a Civil War veteran, and Edna (Hubbell) Gillaspie. Mr. and Mrs. Grow became the parents of the following children: 1. Margaret, born December 28, 1903, graduated from the Duke Center schools and Bradford High School;

became the wife of Ivan P. Hanes, of Duke Center, and the mother of their two children: i. Kenneth Hanes, born March 3, 1930. ii. Nancy Hanes, born September 23, 1935. 2. Marion, born November 22, 1906, attended Duke Center schools and Bradford High School, as well as Otterbein College; became the wife, October 19, 1929, of Robert B. Bromeley, and the mother of their two children: i. Thomas B. Bromeley, born December 28, 1930. ii. Catherine Bromeley, born March 8, 1936. 3. William A., born July 12, 1911, attended Duke Center schools, Bradford High School and Allegheny College, now engaged in the insurance business in Eldred; he married, October 7, 1939, Bernice McKendrick, of Smethport, Pennsylvania; and they have a son: i. David Grow, born February 12, 1941.

LAWRENCE GEORGE DANA—The colorful career of Lawrence George Dana, of Bradford and Derrick City, McKean County, has touched life on many sides. He has been an oil producer for more than forty years and a popular figure in petroleum organizations. He is prominent in public service and is even wider known as an expert shot. He is a veteran of the Spanish-American War and is keenly interested in present plans for national defense. Although he is considered a lifelong resident of McKean County, he is a native of New York State. His life has been full of contrast and interest.

Mr. Dana was born at East Edon, New York, March 17, 1876, son of Lawrence J. and Louise (Naber) Dana, both natives of New York State and both now deceased. The family moved into McKean County when their son, of this record, was but two years old. That the child might secure an education according to parental ideas, Lawrence George Dana was sent every winter to a German Catholic School in New York State. Later he attended the Gowanda (New York) Academy, and also was tutored privately in his McKean County home. This academic education was supplemented by studies in Bradford Business College, from which he went to work as a bookkeeper. Two weeks convinced him that he was not fitted for any office vocation so he left to go into the oil fields as a plain roustabout.

Mr. Dana learned the petroleum business literally from the ground up and down. At one time or another he has engaged in almost all features of oil production. When only twenty-three years old he purchased his first oil property. This was in 1899 and since then he has not been without petroleum lands in the Bradford field. Most of his interests have centered in Foster and Bradford Township, McKean County, although he has had a lease in New York State. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Grade Crude Association, and similar organizations.

In public life, Mr. Dana has rendered many services to his city and State. In 1932 he was appointed a member of

the Sixth Regional Beer Control Board under the NRA, later being chairman, with jurisdiction throughout Pennsylvania. In July, 1938, he was made an executive director of the Pennsylvania Department of Public Assistance, with offices in Bradford. To this humanitarian agency, Mr. Dana devotes a great deal of his time. He has served on the school board in Foster Township and as road superintendent in the past. He was one of the many who enlisted during the Spanish-American War and went beyond the bounds of the United States. As a member of the local Company C, he was with the 16th Pennsylvania Regiment, National Guard, in Puerto Rico. A popular figure in fraternal circles he has gone through all the chairs in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, and the Knights of Columbus, in the latter named order being a former regional director and State president. He also is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Loyal Order of Moose, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Bradford Club. He is of the Catholic faith, a member of St. Bernard's Church. Mr. Dana's hobby and recreation has long been trap shooting, and he has numerous trophies won in local, regional and national competitions as evidences of his skill. In 1934 he won the Grand American National Handicap. He is a member of the Bradford Gun Club, is a life member of the American Trap Shooting Association, and a member of the Konneaut Indians and the Atlantic Indians.

Lawrence George Dana married, June 19, 1908, Mary Caulfield, of Allegany, New York, and they are the parents of the following children: 1. Milton, a graduate of local public schools, who attended Georgetown University, and is now engaged in the oil business; he married Victorine Oliver, of Derrick City, and they have three children: Ann, Joseph and David. 2. Earl George, a graduate of St. Bernard's College, now engaged in the oil business; he married Patricia Johnson, and they have a daughter, Judith. 3. Lawrence George, Jr., a graduate of St. John's Manlius College, engaged in the oil business; he married Martha Fitzgibbons. 4. Helen C., a graduate of local public schools, and Drexel Institute, Philadelphia; she married A. P. Chase. 5. Margaret, a graduate of St. Bernard's College, and St. Mary's-on-the-Hudson; she married Lewis Mallory, III, and they have two children, a son, Lee, and a daughter, Linda.

EDGAR ANDROS WILLIAMS—An active figure in the McKean County oil fields since the early years of the century, Edgar Andros Williams is now a major producer in the Music Mountain Pool of Lafayette Township. He is well known in the oil regions of the State.

Mr. Williams was born in Corydon Township, McKean County, on September 28, 1871, son of Will W. and Bell (Davidson) Williams. His father, a lumberman and

farmer until his twenty-fourth year, was afterward a minister of the Adventist Church until his death in 1939 at the advanced age of ninety-one.

Edgar Andros Williams received a public school education, following which he attended college at Battle Creek, Michigan. For two years he taught school and at the end of that time entered the lumber business, in which he was engaged from 1900 to 1906. Since the latter year he has devoted himself to oil production and oil well contacting, developing his business on an extensive scale. Associated with many of the principal developments of the Pennsylvania industry, he has centralized his efforts since 1938 as a producer in the Music Mountain Pool of Lafayette Township.

Mr. Williams' energies have been given so wholeheartedly to the oil industry that he has found time for few other interests. He is a member of the Bradford Club, however, and has been associated with other institutions of this community during the period of his residence here. He is also a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

In 1900, at Holley, Pennsylvania, he married Harriet McVagh, daughter of Jason P. and Alberta McVagh. Mrs. Harriet McVagh Williams died August 9, 1938. Mr. Williams and the late Mrs. Williams were the parents of four children: L. Roy, born February 3, 1904; Burton M., born May 29, 1905; Florence A., born June 12, 1909; and Ernest E., born September 12, 1914. Mr. Williams now spends most of his time in Miami, Florida, and in 1940 married Elsie Wemmer.

FREDERICK ADOLPH SCHULER—Extensively engaged in insurance work in Warren, Frederick Adolph Schuler is assistant superintendent of the Prudential Life Insurance Company organization in this city.

Mr. Schuler was born January 29, 1904, in Barnes, Pennsylvania, son of Charles M. and Gertrude R. (Donaldson) Schuler. His paternal grandparents were John and Rebecca Schuler. John Schuler was born in Germany, and died in Barnes, Pennsylvania, where he was engaged in farming. The maternal grandfather, John Donaldson, also a resident of Barnes, was born and died there, and was also engaged in farming. He was a soldier of the Union in the Civil War. Charles M. Schuler, Frederick Adolph Schuler's father, was born September 9, 1865, in the vicinity of Warren, Pennsylvania, and was for years an oil well drilling contractor. He now lives retired in Barnes, where he is a Democrat and a member of the First Methodist Church. The mother, Mrs. Gertrude R. (Donaldson) Schuler, was born August 15, 1875, in Barnes.

Frederick Adolph Schuler attended Pennsylvania schools, was graduated in 1920 from Sheffield High School, then became a student at the State Normal School

in Edinboro and was graduated there in 1923. For one year he attended Pennsylvania State College, and he taught for four years in public schools in Sheffield Township, serving in the last of those four years as principal of the Washington School, in Sheffield. That was in 1927-28. He then associated himself with the insurance business, forming a connection with the Prudential Life Insurance Company in Warren. At first he was agent of the company in this district. Then, in 1936, he became assistant superintendent, assuming the duties that he has retained to the time of writing.

Mr. Shuler also has other business interests, being a director of M. E. Wyatt & Son, automobile dealers, in Meadville. Politically he is Republican. Member of the First Methodist Church in Warren, he takes a lively part in its affairs. Fraternally he is prominent in the Free and Accepted Masons, is Past Master of Joseph Warren Lodge, No. 726; a member of Occidental Chapter, No. 235, Royal Arch Masons; Warren Comandery, No. 63, Knights Templar; and Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. Mr. Schuler is also a member of the Warren Chapter of the National Underwriters' Association. As a pastime he particularly enjoys flying, owning an airplane and having a private license.

On August 14, 1926, Frederick Adolph Schuler married Grace Wyatt, born in Conneautville, Pennsylvania, daughter of Myron and Margaret Wyatt. Mr. Wyatt, who is now deceased, was a leading automobile dealer in Meadville, operating the firm of which his son-in-law is now a director. Mrs. Wyatt makes her home in Long Beach, California. Mrs. Schuler was graduated from Meadville High School and the State Normal School at Edinboro, and taught for five years in Sheffield Township before her marriage. She is active in the First Methodist Church of Warren, the Drama Club, the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Order of the Eastern Star. Mr. and Mrs. Schuler became the parents of two sons: 1. Alan L. Schuler, born July, 1929. 2. Richard L. Schuler, born February 16, 1931.

WILLIAM LOUIS HENRY—Since he turned from his early career in education to the profession of law, William Louis Henry has been engaged in practice at Brookville, where he is today an active member of the Jefferson County bar and a leading figure in civic life.

He was born at Torrance, Westmoreland County, November 2, 1899, son of Daniel Henry and Catherine (Smith) Henry. His father, a veteran of the Civil War, was owner and operator of a news agency at Torrance and was prominent in local Republican politics.

William Louis Henry was educated in the public schools of Torrance, the high school at Blairsville and Allegheny College, from which he was graduated in 1923 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. After his graduation

from college, he came to Brookville, where he taught one year in the local high school and was then appointed principal, in which office he continued until 1926. Upon his resignation as principal, he entered the Law School of the University of Pennsylvania and in 1929 completed the course leading to the degree of Bachelor of Laws. In the following year he was admitted to the Pennsylvania bar and began the practice of law in Brookville, where his activities have centered throughout his career. Mr. Henry has risen rapidly in his profession and now carries on an extensive practice, in which many important local interests are represented. In addition to other connections, he serves as solicitor for the boroughs of Brockway and Summerville and for the Jefferson-Electric Coöperative Corporation and as solicitor and director of the Thrift Plan Loan Club of Brookville. He has been extremely active in general community affairs, where his influence is acknowledged, and in Republican politics of Brookville and the county. From 1936 to 1938 he served as chairman of the Republican County Committee and continues to occupy an important place in party councils. He has served a year in the Pennsylvania National Guard.

Mr. Henry is a member of the Jefferson County, Pennsylvania State and American Bar associations, the Pinecrest Country Club and many fraternal orders. These include the Allegheny College Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi; the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is affiliated with Blairsville Blue Lodge and with all higher bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including Coudersport Consistory, thirty-second degree; the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, in which he was Junior Consul for four years; the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Blairsville; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; the Fraternal Order of Eagles; and the Knights of Pythias. Mr. Henry is also an honorary member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Through his broad contacts he has extended the scope of his influence and his capacity to serve the northwest Pennsylvania region, of which he has been a resident for almost twenty years. In religious faith he is a Methodist.

On November 24, 1926, at Philadelphia, Mr. Henry married Ruth Truman, daughter of William and Alice (Robinson) Truman. She is affiliated with the Order of the Eastern Star, in which she is Past Worthy Matron, and is active in church work and other affairs of the Brookville community. Mr. and Mrs. Henry have one son, William Louis, born July 13, 1937.

MERTON EARL WOOD—Widely known as an oil drilling contractor in the Bradford field, Merton Earl Wood is a member of the firm of Wood & Wood. He has his headquarters and home on Derrick City Road, near Bradford, and here is also engaged in the poultry business.



William F. Henry



Mr. Wood was born February 8, 1892, in Eldred, Pennsylvania, son of Ernest Elmer and Mary (Hakes) Wood and member of an old family. On the paternal side of his house his grandparents were David C. and Hannah (Backas) Wood. The grandfather, a native Canadian, was for years a lumberman and farmer in McKean County; and the grandmother, born in England, passed her ninetieth birthday December 24, 1940. Merton Earl Wood's maternal grandparents were Ezra and Philena Hakes. Ernest Elmer Wood, Merton Earl Wood's father, born February 10, 1871, in Eldred, attended school here, farmed until he was twenty years old, then entered the lumber business with his father, and soon after the turn of the century established an independent lumber company in association with his brother, Edward Nelson Wood. About 1910 they dropped that enterprise and turned instead to the oil industry, and subsequently Wood Brothers became a prominent firm of oil producers and drilling contractors. Further details concerning both Ernest Elmer and Edward Nelson Wood appear elsewhere in this work. E. E. Wood married, December 25, 1890, Mary Hakes, who was born in Tioga County and came with her parents to Eldred when she was three years old. They became the parents of three children: 1. Merton Earl Wood, of further mention. 2. Pearl Wood, died at the age of eight years. 3. Jack Wood, born August 29, 1916, adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Wood in 1918, a graduate of Eldred High School, now associated with his father as a driller; he married Jessie Vaughn, and they have two sons, Donald and William Wood.

The first-named of these three children, Merton Earl Wood, received his early education in the common schools of Eldred. From school he went into the United States Army, serving with the 5th Field Artillery, 1st Division, and spending twenty-seven months in France and a total of three years in the army. Returning to civilian life, Mr. Wood entered the oil business as a drilling contractor, so continuing down to the time of writing. He is associated with his cousin, L. F. Wood, in the firm known as Wood & Wood, and, aside from their contracting work, they have leases in the Bradford field, where they are active producers. They have in operation from three to five sets of equipment. Aside from his work in the oil industry, Mr. Wood is also justly proud of his fine flock of chickens and the successful poultry business that he has developed.

Joining civic with business interests, Mr. Wood is active in the affairs of Derrick City, where he lives. A Republican in politics and a member of the Derrick City Methodist Church, he belongs to Northern Star Lodge, No. 555, Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he is also affiliated with Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. Mrs. Wood is a member of the Order of Eastern Star.

Merton Earl Wood married, June 23, 1920, Leila Grace Regan, of Olean, New York, daughter of Charles and Anna G. (Maxwell) Regan. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Leila Pearl, graduated from Bradford High School, later became a student at the Jacques Beauty School, in Erie. 2. Robert Earl, graduated from Bradford High School, then associated himself with his father in the oil business. 3. Ernest Charles, attending Bradford High School at the time of writing. 4. Benson Alfred, at Derrick City High School. 5. Elizabeth, in Bradford Junior High School. 6. Marion Joan, in Derrick City schools.

FRANK D. KORNER—For many years Frank D. Korner has contributed substantially to the industrial and business affairs and well-being of the Bradford oil fields and the surrounding district of Pennsylvania. Living in Bradford and centering his activities here, he now conducts the properties in which he and his father and brother were for many years interested together, and the position that he holds is one of increasing respect and confidence.

Mr. Korner, whose activities are many-sided in addition to his work in the oil industry, was born December 7, 1880, in Reno, Venango County, Pennsylvania, son of Gustavus A. and Emily (Dwijns) Korner. His father, a native of Powhatan Point, Ohio, was for many years until his death engaged in the production of oil in the Pennsylvania fields. He fought as a soldier in the Union Army during the War Between the States, and was highly honored in veterans' circles, as well as wherever he was known. His wife, Mrs. Emily (Dwijns) Korner, a native of Venango County, Pennsylvania, is now also deceased.

Frank D. Korner attended common schools in Foster Township, Venango County, Pennsylvania, where his parents settled when he was a boy. He spent most of his boyhood days not far from Dallas City, where his father was active in the oil fields, and while still comparatively young he became associated with the elder Mr. Korner in the oil business. The two men together did all types of lease work, and continued their association uninterruptedly until the death of the father in 1910. Thereupon Frank D. Korner joined hands with his brother, the two men together operating the property developed and built up so successfully by their father. Until 1928 they carried on this work in association with each other. Then, the death of the brother left the full responsibility for the properties, their maintenance, upkeep, and further development in the hands of Frank D. Korner.

Since that time Frank D. Korner has independently carried forward the business, handling all the properties and the activities connected with them. He is, in this way, in charge of approximately seventy producing oil wells.

While conducting these producing wells, Mr. Kroner is a director of the Bradford Oil Refinery and the Pringle Powder Company, two other outstanding business enterprises in this region of Pennsylvania. Active in association work, he is a member of the Bradford district division of the Pennsylvania Oil Producers' Association, and also belongs to the Penn Grade Crude Oil Association. As a director of the Citizens' National Bank, he figures prominently in banking and financial affairs here. Though a Republican in his political alignment, Mr. Korner has at all times insisted upon casting his vote quite independently of this affiliation, giving his support always to candidates and measures of his choice rather than on any mere partisan basis. Mr. Korner is a member of the Bradford Club, the Bradford Gun Club and the Bradford Skeet Club, and is a director of the last-named of these organizations. He is also active in the McKean County Sportsmen's Association. Every kind of outdoor sport and healthful recreation interests him, and he is particularly fond of fishing, hunting and shooting. The highest principles of fraternalism have guided him at all times, and he is especially prominent in the work of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Frank D. Korner married, October 20, 1917, Margaret Devlin, of Dallas City, Pennsylvania.

HOWARD MARTIN CLEVELAND, M. D.—For many years Dr. Cleveland has been actively engaged in the practice of medicine in Mount Jewett, while as chief of staff of the Summit Hospital, in Kane, he has done much for the promotion of health in this area. In addition to his medical work, Dr. Cleveland gives considerable attention to business and civic affairs.

Dr. Cleveland was born July 31, 1884, in Cherry Grove, Pennsylvania, son of Edgar Charles and Isabelle (Martin) Cleveland. His father, a hotel proprietor at Chicopee Falls, Massachusetts, for many years, is now deceased. The mother, who came from Butler County, Pennsylvania, died in 1913.

Pennsylvania schools provided Howard Martin Cleveland's early formal education, and after graduation from Mount Jewett High School he became a student at Washington and Jefferson College, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1903. In 1909 he was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania as a Doctor of Medicine. Serving an internship at Altoona General Hospital, Dr. Cleveland began a general practice of medicine in Duke Center, but after one year removed to Mount Jewett, where he proceeded to conduct a general practice. A few years later he became associated with Dr. Evan O'Neil Kane, in Kane. Dr. Kane ran the Summit Hospital there, and entrusted much of the work to Dr. Cleveland as time went on. For the last fifteen years

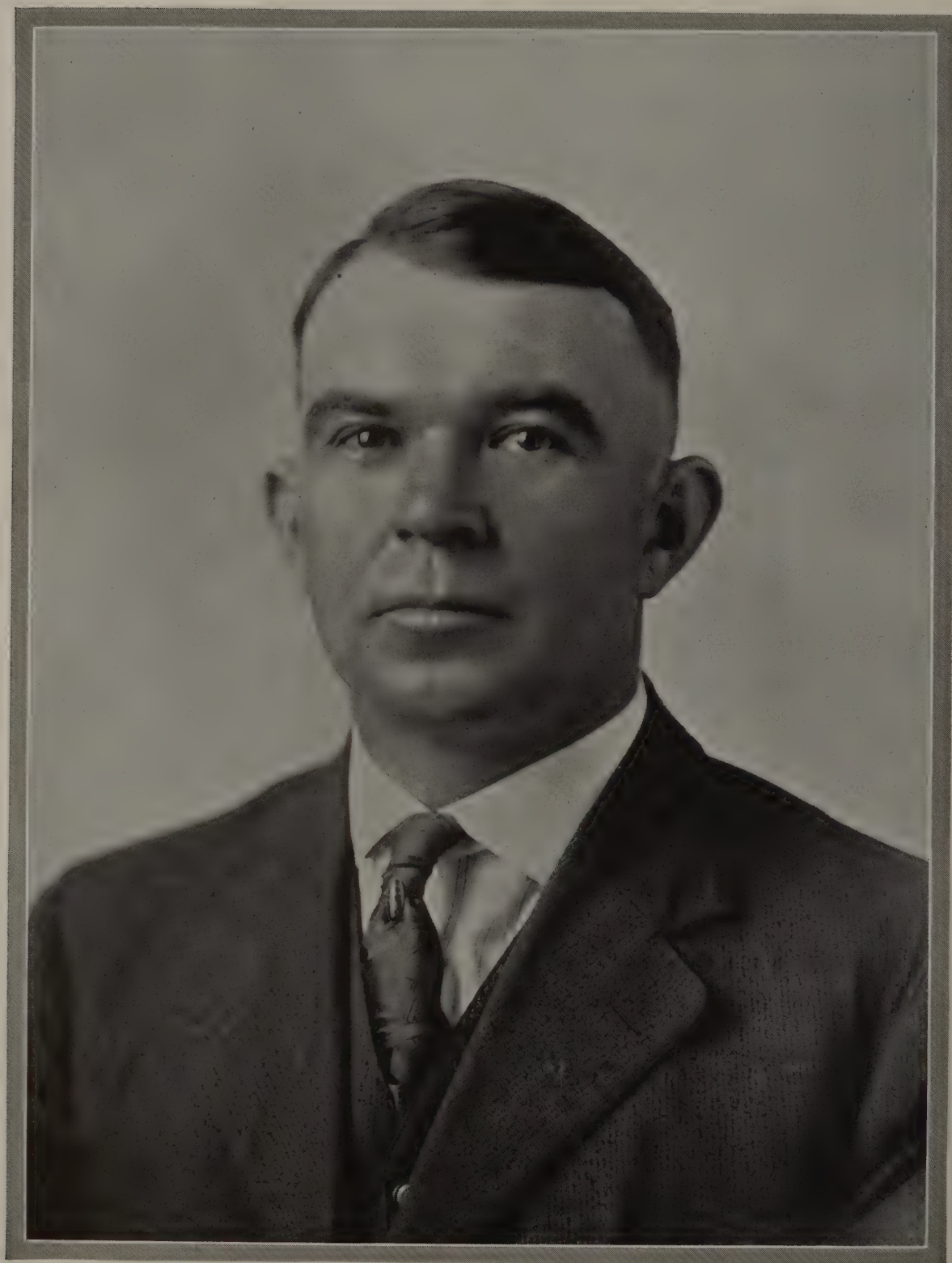
of his life Dr. Kane turned over complete management of the hospital to Dr. Cleveland, who succeeded him as its head and continues today to operate this very useful institution. In October, 1938, a new and modern hospital was built on the site of the old one, with Dr. Cleveland as chief of staff.

Dr. Cleveland's participation in the affairs of his profession and his community has been noteworthy. During the World War he was local medical examiner on the draft board set up in connection with the selective service act of 1917. A Republican in politics, Dr. Cleveland has served on the Mount Jewett Common Council and as a member of the school board. Adding business activities to his other interests, he has particularly concerned himself with the production of gas and oil in the lower Bradford field for a number of years, operating under the firm name of Cleveland & Murphy. This firm also operates properties in Texas and Oklahoma. He is active in the Free and Accepted Masons as a member of Mount Jewett Lodge, No. 627, and of Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He belongs to the Presbyterian Church.

On February 23, 1913, Dr. Howard Martin Cleveland married Daisy Winifred Herner, of Mount Jewett, Pennsylvania. They became the parents of a daughter, Gail Louise Cleveland, who was graduated from Mount Jewett High School and the Birmingham School for Girls and is now a private secretary.

FRANK CARROLL RAYMOND—Of the two major interests of Frank Carroll Raymond, of Coleville, McKean County, it would be difficult to name the one he enjoys most. He has been identified with the petroleum industry since young manhood. When this activity made it possible, he became a breeder of Guernsey cattle and Belgian horses, and has won a high reputation in this field, especially as an exhibitor of Belgians.

Mr. Raymond was born at Coudersport, Pennsylvania, on Christmas Day, 1897, son of Asa A. and Mary (Cutler) Raymond, both of whom are deceased. His mother was a native of Potter County; his father, born in Coudersport, was long engaged in merchandising and agriculture. The son learned farming at first hand on the home farm and acquired his education in the Coudersport public schools. He did not become either a merchant or farmer, but started his career in the oil fields of northwestern Pennsylvania. In 1920 he went in business for himself as a drilling contractor, and as such has been active in the Bradford and Allegheny oil fields, although he did spend some time in Wyoming. Since 1928 he also has been a producer of petroleum on his own account, successful and well known.



Wade D Mertz

Mr. Raymond owns a hundred and seventy-five-acre estate called "Dorfran Farm," which he does not use for experiments in the raising of general crops other than feed and roughage for his live stock. He has a herd of high-grade Guernsey cows, which consume the most of what he grows, and far more. His name is widest known in connection with the breeding of Belgian horses. These fine, large draft animals are his joy and pride, and with good reason, for he has animals that have won champion honors in various exhibitions. For a number of years he has exhibited in many Pennsylvania and New York State shows as far east as Harrisburg State Fair and won his share of the ribbons and prizes. In January, 1941, at the Pennsylvania State Farm Show, held in Harrisburg, where the number of Belgian horses entered was more than ever in its history, Frank C. Raymond and his "Dorfran Farm" entries won the cream of the honors. His stallion, Avelon, was acclaimed the best horse in the show, received the senior champion title in the age class and went on to win the grand champion classification. Another of his stallions, Jolly, captured second honors when he was named reserve senior champion in the aged stallion class and then was chosen reserve grand champion. Mr. Raymond's mare, Caroline, took highest honors as best mare in the show when she was named senior champion mare, then copped the title, grand champion mare. Another Raymond entry, Martha Camille, won third prize in the two-year-old mare class. In addition to these honors, the Raymond stable won what horsemen termed the unusual distinction of achieving first place in a group consisting of one stallion and three mares owned by one exhibitor. The stallion was Avelon and the mares were Caroline, Martha Camille, and Lady Helen. The Raymond entries also placed first in the class three mares owned by one exhibitor. All horses entered by Mr. Raymond won places in their respective classes.

Mr. Raymond is a popular figure in the Association of Belgian Breeders of America. He is a director of the Grange National Bank of Smethport. His politics are Republican, and fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons Lodge, and the higher bodies of the order including the Consistory at Coudersport, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He attends the Methodist Episcopal Church.

On June 7, 1924, Frank Carroll Raymond married Dorothy E. Rhodes, of Coleville, Pennsylvania. She is the daughter of William C. Rhodes, a native of Butler County, and his wife, Clara (Hunter) Rhodes, who was born in Venango County, both in Pennsylvania. Her father is an oil producer and public-spirited citizen. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond have been the parents of two children: 1. Spafford, born May 21, 1936, who died in infancy. 2. William Asa Raymond, born September 5, 1938.

WADE D. MERTZ—The business now carried on at Sharpsville under the name of Wade D. Mertz & Son, was established and developed by Wade D. Mertz, building contractor and dealer in coal, lumber and builders' supplies. He is one of the leading business men of Sharpsville.

Born in this borough in 1878, Mr. Mertz is a son of Henry and Emma (Diefenderfer) Mertz. His father, a carpenter and former tax collector of Mercer County, was also born in Sharpsville. Educated in the public schools of the borough, where he completed the high school course, and at business school in Sharon, Wade D. Mertz became an apprentice carpenter under his father in his youth and was associated with him for some five years. In 1907 he entered the lumber and contracting business for himself at Sharpsville and has since remained as active head of this enterprise. In 1936 he took his son, Robert H. Mertz, into partnership under the present firm name of Wade D. Mertz & Son. This company carries a complete line of building supplies and operates a large coal yard and lumber yard. The business occupies two square blocks and employs on an average twenty people, of whom twelve are engaged at the plant. The construction department of the business is Mr. Mertz's special interest. As a building contractor he has erected many of the important structures in this area, including the Sharpsville Presbyterian Church, the Elks Club House in Sharon, the Odd Fellows Home in Sharpsville and the new Sharpsville High School, recently completed.

In addition to his own business, Mr. Mertz serves as a director of the First National Bank of Sharpsville. He is active in all civic affairs, has served as Burgess of Sharpsville, is influential in local councils of the Democratic party and is associated with the principal institutions of his community. These include the Chamber of Commerce, the Sharpsville Service Club and the Builders Exchange Club. Mr. Mertz is also affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Widely known as a business leader, he is also esteemed as a civic-minded and public-spirited citizen.

On October 31, 1908, he married, at Sharpsville, Minnie Godward, daughter of Joseph Godward. Mr. and Mrs. Mertz have one son, Robert H. Mertz, born June 1, 1913. He was educated in the public schools of Sharpsville and at Washington and Lee University. Later he became associated with his father's business, in which he is a partner. He married, October 9, 1937, Elizabeth Bradshaw, of Norfolk, Virginia, daughter of the late James Jasper Bradshaw and Addie (Cogsdale) Bradshaw, both natives of Virginia. James J. Bradshaw was in the fuel and oil business in Norfolk, Virginia; he passed away February 2, 1933. Mrs. Robert H. Mertz attended Ran-

dolph-Macon Woman's College, at Lynchburg, Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Mertz are the parents of one daughter, Betty Wade, born June 24, 1940.

HAROLD SNOVER HAMPSON—In Warren, Pennsylvania, the reputation of Harold Snover Hampson is too well established to require comment. The manner in which he studied for the legal profession and was prepared by incidents in his life is worthy of more than passing attention. Scholastically he chose to graduate from a school of business administration instead of acquiring the usual Bachelor of Arts degree. Then business activities and experience as a soldier in the World War were farther steps in his career before he was admitted to the bar and achieved a noteworthy record as a lawyer.

Harold Snover Hampson was born in Warren, Pennsylvania, December 18, 1897, son of Thomas Lee and Mary (Snover) Hampson. His father, a native of Greene County, Pennsylvania, born June 19, 1865, died in Warren October 3, 1935. He was an able attorney who read law under D. I. Ball, and was admitted to the bar in the early 1890s. He practiced his profession actively until 1929, the year in which his son of this record was graduated from the University of Michigan and returned to Warren to join the older man. Thomas Lee Hampson was always a public-spirited citizen and prominent in community affairs. He was a staunch Democrat, for many years chairman of the Warren County Democratic Committee. He served as a referee in bankruptcy for twenty years, and was a trustee of the First Presbyterian Church. Mary (Snover) Hampson was born in Cattaraugus County, New York, April 25, 1872, and died in Warren, Pennsylvania, December 18, 1939.

Prepared for higher education in the Warren High School, from which he was graduated in 1915, Harold Snover Hampson matriculated at the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce, University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in 1922. Like others of his generation, his studies had been interrupted by the involvement of the United States in the first World War. Enlisting for service in the army, he was a warrant officer at Charleston, South Carolina, before going overseas. In France, he was, for the most part, connected with the General Headquarters of the American Expeditionary Forces at Chaumont and Paris. For most of his overseas service he was secretary to General John J. Pershing and in his work he accompanied the Commander-in-Chief to various points in France, Germany and Belgium, and on his return to America on the Steamship "Leviathan," where he arrived on September 8, 1919. Shortly afterwards he received his honorable discharge from the army.

As indicated, Mr. Hampson did not complete his studies in the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce until

1922. Then for about a year he traveled the country selling bank publicity. During the following four years he was department head with the New Process Company, of Warren, Pennsylvania. He resigned, however, to enter the University of Michigan School of Law, and in 1929 was graduated with the degree of Juris Doctor, a degree awarded only to graduates of exceptional record and advanced standing. That same year he was admitted to the Warren County bar and later was licensed to practice before the Superior and Supreme courts of Pennsylvania, and the Federal District courts. As mentioned, his father retired from active practice in 1929, leaving to his son and associates the major work in and out of the courts. Since the death of his father, in 1935, Harold Snover Hampson has practiced without partners, with offices in the Warren National Bank Building. He is a member of the Warren County Bar Society, the Pennsylvania State Bar Association, and the American Bar Association. He is a Republican, and member of the borough council from the Fifth Ward of the city. Fraternally he is affiliated with North Star Lodge, No. 241, Free and Accepted Masons, belongs to the Rotary Club, and is a member of the Social Science Section of the Academy of Sciences, at Warren. He is a past commander of Chief Cornplanter Post, No. 135, of the American Legion, and member of Post No. 631, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

On August 28, 1924, Harold Snover Hampson married Louise Goetchius, a native of Orangeville, Canada, daughter of George H. and Dulcie (Wallace) Goetchius. Her father, born in Bradford, Pennsylvania, died in Toronto, Canada, in 1908. Mr. and Mrs. Hampson are the parents of three sons: 1. Thomas Meredith, born February 18, 1929. 2. Harold Robert, born May 27, 1933. 3. Rodney Lee, born January 4, 1939.

WILBERT FISK YOUNG—Engaged in the manufacture of finished lumber in Titusville, Wilbert Fisk Young heads an organization which, since 1929, has cut about forty million feet of lumber.

Mr. Young was born December 29, 1889, in Byrumton, Pennsylvania, son of Robert C. and Exey Elizabeth (Oler) Young. His grandfather, Robert Young, born in eastern Pennsylvania, died in Franklin, Pennsylvania. The paternal grandmother was of the Neely family. She died in Clarion, Pennsylvania. The grandparents were farmers. On the maternal side of the house, the grandparents were natives of Clarion County, and died there. The grandfather, on this branch of the family, operated a carding mill, tannery and sawmill, and owned large tracts of land. Robert C. Young, Wilbert Fisk Young's father, was born January 4, 1853, near Galloway, Pennsylvania, and died June 18, 1917, in Oil City, where he lived retired from the lumber and sawmill business. He was a Democrat in politics and a member of the Methodist Church.





J A Madden

Wilbert Fisk Young attended public schools in Forest County, Pennsylvania. At the age of fifteen years he went to Burner, West Virginia, performing oiling operations in the mills and then firing stationary boilers. Such was his introduction into the industrial world. Next he went to Emlenton, Pennsylvania, where he had charge of a small portable lumber mill, continuing for two years in that work in association with the Hardwood Lumber Company. For two years he inspected lumber for the same organization. Then he went into business on his own account in Venango and Mercer counties, manufacturing lumber products under his own name for about five years. With Thomas F. Fisher, he formed a partnership, known as Fisher & Young, and until about 1923 he worked in Venango, Mercer and Butler counties. He then came to Titusville, operating a sawmill near the town for seven years.

Finally, in 1929, he and his associates built a stationary mill in East Titusville, conducting it down to the time of writing and engaging in the manufacture of lumber. In this period they have cut about forty million feet of lumber, as indicated above. About 1939 Mr. Young bought the interests of D. E. Olson, who operated the D. E. Olson Lumber Company in Titusville. This property has been greatly improved, and the buildings and equipment have been thoroughly remodeled. Mr. Young now has completely up-to-date offices, sales rooms and lumber sheds, and he is widely and favorably known in the trade. He has taken part extensively in community affairs, notably as a member of the Titusville Chamber of Commerce, the Lions Club, the Young Men's Christian Association and other groups, and politically he has supported the Republican party. Mr. Young is active in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows as a member of Stoneboro Lodge, known as Worth Lodge, No. 554. In Titusville he belonged to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the First Methodist Church.

Fishing, hunting and the out-of-doors are among Mr. Young's favorite leisure-time pursuits. He is fond of his family and friendly associations and particularly of the life centering about his own home.

Wilbert Fisk Young married, October 18, 1913, Mae Heater, born near Emlenton, Pennsylvania, died July 1, 1933, in Titusville, Pennsylvania, daughter of James and Mary (Eckelberger) Heater, both now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Young became the parents of a daughter, Esther Young, who was born December 2, 1916, in Utica, Pennsylvania, and was graduated from high school at Titusville, later attending Maryhurst College, in Erie, and being graduated from business college in Pittsburgh. She became associated in business with her father. Mr. Young also has a niece who has lived with the family since she was six months old, Barbara Terwilliger, born in Oil City. Wilbert Fisk Young married (second), September 11, 1936, Millie Johnson, born in Warren, Pennsylvania.

SIMON BURTON BABCOCK—Engaged in the practice of law in Franklin, Simon Burton Babcock was born July 25, 1895, in Friendship, Allegany County, New York, son of Charles Henry and Ella Frances (Park) Babcock.

The schools of Lafayette, Indiana, provided Simon Burton Babcock's preparatory education. After being graduated from Lafayette High School, he became a student at Purdue University, in Lafayette, where he was graduated in 1917 as a Bachelor of Science. In 1921 he entered the Harvard University School of Law from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws with the class of 1924. In the following year Mr. Babcock was admitted to the Pennsylvania bar, and since then has practiced his profession at Franklin, Venango County, Pennsylvania. For some years he also has been interested in agriculture and the raising of pure-bred cattle, at Friendship, New York, where he has a large farm.

At New Rochelle, New York, on June 29, 1926, Simon Burton Babcock married Marie McDennatt, daughter of Edward and Ellen (Reardon) McDennatt, of Friendship, New York.

JOHN ARTHUR MADDEN—Beginning as a lease worker in the Pennsylvania oil industry, John Arthur Madden gradually accumulated property of his own and had been an active producer in the Derrick City district from 1911 until his sudden death April 6, 1941.

He was born in Foster Township, McKean County, on December 10, 1882, son of Patrick Sarchfield and Rose Ann (McGuigan) Madden, both now deceased. His father, who was born in Ireland, came to this country at the age of fourteen and while he was still a boy, began to work in the lower oil fields of Pennsylvania. In 1878 he came to the Bradford field as one of the pioneer oil men of this region. He married Rose Ann McGuigan, of Buffalo, New York, and they became the parents of ten children, three of whom are still living: Elizabeth, who resided with her brother; Sarah, who married Warren Franks; and Rose, wife of Fred Washburn.

John Arthur Madden was educated in the public schools of Derrick City. He began the active business of his life as a boy and while employed as a lease worker acquired the foundation of his holdings and commenced production on a small scale. Since 1911 he had devoted all his time to his operations as a producer, developing them gradually until he had twenty-two producing wells.

Mr. Madden, who was unmarried, and had recently refurbished his beautiful home for his sister and himself, was a Democrat in politics and a member of St. Bernard's Roman Catholic Church in Bradford, Pennsylvania. In his younger years, he was an active sportsman, devoting much of his leisure to hunting and fishing, but more recently his principal hobby was the radio.

VERNON S. OWENS—A quarter of a century ago, as a young man, Vernon S. Owens first entered the oil industry. He has spent the intervening years in the service of the Forest Oil Company of Bradford, rising gradually within the organization to his present position as general superintendent.

Mr. Owens was born at Cameron, New York, on September 6, 1895, son of Stanley and Lela (Stephens) Owens, both born in Steuben County, New York. The father, who is now deceased, was a farmer and oil worker. The mother is still living.

Vernon S. Owens was reared on a farm and remained there until he attained his majority. Meanwhile, he attended the local public schools. Having reached his twenty-first year he turned to a field of larger opportunity, taking a position as pumper with the Forest Oil Company. This connection he has since continued. After about five years as a lease worker, he began to assume more responsible positions in the organizations and climbed steadily until, in the late 1920s he was appointed general superintendent of the company. For this office he was fully qualified on the basis of his record and experience, and his administration of the post has confirmed the reputation for energetic leadership which he has won in the oil industry.

Mr. Owens is a member of the Independent Producers' Association of America. In addition to his oil connections, he has retained his boyhood interest in farming and at present owns and operates a dairy farm near Cuba, New York. Mr. Owens is affiliated fraternally with Northern Star Lodge, No. 555, Free and Accepted Masons, at Duke Center. He is also a member of the Federated Men's Club of Olean and a member of the Methodist Church in Derrick City, where he makes his home. In politics he is a Republican.

On May 4, 1915, Mr. Owens married Grace A. Barber, of Pennsylvania. They are the parents of four children: 1. Richard, a graduate of local public schools, now a gauger with the Forest Oil Company. He married Margaret Ward and has one child, Elsie Ann. 2. Verna, also a graduate of local schools and of Houghton College. She married Gordon Hakes and has one child, Myrtle Grace. 3. Lester, now attending Lehigh University. 4. Audrey Gene, attending Derrick City schools.

WILLIAM W. IRWIN, M. Ed.—Farrell, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, considers itself fortunate in having as its superintendent of schools, William W. Irwin, a man of experience as an educator and especially in the building of schools. On November 30, 1939, Farrell dedicated its new Senior High School, a modern fire-proof structure, of three stories, having no fewer than twenty-two class rooms and an even larger number devoted to various purposes. The cost was almost \$600,000 but was

erected at an unusually low cost per cubic foot of space. To quite a degree it may be considered as a monument to the leadership of the superintendent of schools.

Mr. Irwin is a native of Butler County, Pennsylvania, son of John T. and Louise (Thompson) Irwin.

He received his early education in the rural schools of his native county and was graduated from the Slippery Rock State Teachers College in 1896. He later attended the Grove City College and completed his education at Columbia University, New York City.

Mr. Irwin taught for three years in the schools of his native county, following which he was made principal of the Mars, Pennsylvania, public schools. He served as supervising principal of the Dravosburg, Pennsylvania, public schools from 1901 to 1907, as superintendent of the Ford City public schools from 1907 to 1920, and as superintendent of the Meadville public schools from 1920 to 1926. In the latter year he was elected to the superintendency of the Farrell public schools, which post he continues to hold to the present time. Mr. Irwin taught in the Edinboro State Teachers College during the summer sessions of 1921 and 1922, and at Allegheny College during the summer session of 1923. He has had much experience in planning school buildings, having been instrumental in the building of schools at Dravosburg, Ford City, Meadville and in Farrell during his incumbency as principal or superintendent in these communities.

Superintendent Irwin is active in religious, fraternal and educational circles. He is a member of the Methodist Church and liberal in his support of its activities. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; the Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; the Commandery, Knights Templar, Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He is a member of the Pennsylvania State Education Association, the National Education Association, and of the American Association of School Administrators. He is an honorary life member of the Theta Chapter of Pi Gamma Mu, a national honorary social science fraternity. Politically he is a Republican and is a popular member of the Lions Club of Farrell.

In 1915, William W. Irwin married Blanche Christley, of Butler, Pennsylvania, daughter of Thomas J. and Anne (Hill) Christley. Mr. and Mrs. Irwin were the parents of a daughter, Mrs. Harry J. Hughes, who died in February, 1939.

JOHN W. STEVENSON—Member of a family who have been active in Mercer County business affairs for five generations, John W. Stevenson is general manager of the Standard Life Insurance Company, of Sharon, and handles life, health and accident policies.

Mr. Stevenson was born January 1, 1904, in Butler County, Pennsylvania, son of Hugh and Emma (Klink) Stevenson. His father was a minister of the Methodist



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Church in Tidioute, and the family are widely and favorably known throughout this region.

After John W. Stevenson completed his preliminary education, he became a student at Carnegie Institute of Technology, where he was graduated in 1924 as a Mechanical Engineer. From that year until 1932 he was associated with the United States Steel Company. Then, until 1939, he was general manager and director of the Brier Hill Coal Company, of Butler. In that year Mr. Stevenson came to Sharon and began work as general manager of the Standard Life Insurance Company. Handling life, health and accident policies, he has made a notable contribution to the affairs of his community and his times, and is respected, honored and trusted in an ever-widening circle of acquaintance.

Active in the Lions Club, Mr. Stevenson participates, through this organization and related groups, in promoting a general betterment of conditions in Sharon and its environs. He is secretary of the Pennsylvania State Underwriters' Association. Fraternally he is associated with the Knights of Pythias, in which order he has held all offices in his lodge, and with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Nu Delta Alpha fraternity. He is a member of the Methodist Church.

John W. Stevenson married, June 8, 1926, in Farrell, Pennsylvania, Helen Wise, daughter of William and Leah (Wallace) Wise. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Emma, born in 1928. 2. Jack, born in 1930. 3. Edwin, born in 1932. 4. Adeline, born in 1933. 5. Evelyn, born in 1936.

RAYMOND H. FRISBEE—For many years active in insurance work, Raymond H. Frisbee centers his operations in Eldred, where he conducts the Frisbee agency and represents some of the outstanding companies in the business. Formerly a telegraph operator, he has been instrumental in obtaining an education in telegraphy for several boys and so starting them on their careers.

Mr. Frisbee was born November 8, 1886, son of Bert H. and Ida (Barron) Frisbee, the father born in Sardinia, New York, and the mother in McKean County, Pennsylvania. The elder Mr. Frisbee, long a merchant at Frisbee, Pennsylvania, died in 1907. The mother, who still is a resident of McKean County, married (second) Herman E. Ferris.

Raymond H. Frisbee attended the common schools, and in young manhood entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad as a telegraph operator. For seventeen years he was with that same railroad as a relief operator on the Buffalo division. In January, 1919, Mr. Frisbee entered the life insurance business in Eldred, so continuing until 1933, when the enterprise became a general agency. The Frisbee agency today represents numerous prominent life insurance companies, serving as general

agents for the Security Mutual in seven counties and for the Metropolitan Casualty Company. He devotes his entire time to the insurance business, in which he has made a notable contribution in Eldred and its environs.

Joining in many community efforts to improve conditions, Mr. Frisbee is a Republican in politics and an active leader in Rotary Club affairs. His efforts to help young people gain a start in the world through telegraphy, as he himself did years ago, have been gratefully and appreciatively received. Mr. Frisbee also is a trustee of the Free Methodist Church.

On January 2, 1905, Raymond H. Frisbee married Lila Cook, of Elkland, Pennsylvania. The following children were born of this marriage: 1. Hazel Frisbee, graduated from Lockhaven Teachers' College, taught some years, then became the wife of Robert Robson; they have three children: John H. Robson, Lila Jean Robson, and Earl J. Robson. 2. Howard Frisbee, graduated from Eldred schools, spent four years in the United States Navy, then entered the bread business in Philadelphia; he married Helen Kerr, of New London, Connecticut; children: Raymond J. Frisbee, Donald G. Frisbee. 3. Leon Frisbee, graduated from local schools, spent four years in the hospital unit of the United States Navy, now employed in the oil business; he married Mary Winkler; their children are: Leon R. Frisbee, Stanley H. Frisbee, Ralph B. Frisbee. 4. Richard Frisbee, graduated from the Peddie School, at Hightstown, New Jersey, became an underwriter with the Great American Fire Insurance Company; married Dorothy Shelgren, of Bradford, Pennsylvania. 5. Donald Frisbee, graduated from local schools and Westbrook Academy, now with Armour & Company. 6. Cleo May Frisbee, graduated from No. 6 School; is attending Mansfield State Teachers' College. 7. Arlene Frisbee, a graduate of high school, now also attending Mansfield State Teachers' College.

MERL AUGUST NEWELL, M. D.—In turning from a career as an educator to that of physician and surgeon, Dr. Merl August Newell, of Clintonville, Venango County has the very great advantage of being a trained student and educator with a natural gift for research and investigation. He is thoroughly skilled and experienced in his present vocation, and at the same time has the outlook and background that is essentially that of a scientist, who is always seeking knowledge of the last and best methods of accomplishing his work.

Dr. Newell was born November 10, 1899, at Port Matilda, West Virginia, son of Harry M. and Mary (Freeling) Newell. His father, a native of Chester, West Virginia, who died in 1918, was a Methodist clergyman. His mother is a native of Butler County, Pennsylvania. While reared in the atmosphere of culture characteristic of a minister's home, Merl August Newell suffered some-

what as far as education was concerned in being a member of a family that frequently changed its location because of a custom of the church with which his father was identified. He therefore attended several West Virginia public schools in acquiring his elementary education, and was graduated from the Indiana (Pennsylvania) High School in 1916. Entering the Indiana State Teachers College, he received his certificate two years later. This was the year of his father's demise and Merl August Newell immediately became an educator and continued as such for a number of years. One of his later positions was that of principal of the Woodlawn High School.

He waited long before he was able to enter college, being graduated in 1925 from the University of West Virginia, a Bachelor of Science. Two years later he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine, from the Rush Medical School, and completed his immediate professional training with an internship in the Western Pennsylvania Hospital, at Pittsburgh, in 1928. He also has done post-graduate work in surgery in the County Hospital; in gastro-intestinal diseases at Harvard Medical School; and in 1939 attended Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri, majoring in obstetrics. Since 1928, Dr. Newell has engaged in a practice at Clintonville, Venango County, and has built up a large clientele. He specializes in obstetrics, and is a member of the staff of the Butler Hospital, Butler; the Franklin Hospital, Franklin, and the Grove City Hospital, Venango County, and is the county school director. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masonic Order, a member of the higher bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including the thirty-second degree, and is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of Franklin. His professional fraternities include the Theta Kappa Xi, Phi Kappa Nu, and he belongs to the Venango Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Association and is a Fellow of the American Medical Society. He attends the Methodist Episcopal Church.

At Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, December 18, 1928, Dr. Merl August Newell married Maide Fay Sechles, daughter of Whitlaw and Jennie (Flick) Sechles. Mrs. Newell is a registered nurse, a graduate of Somerset Western Pennsylvania Hospital, 1924. She is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, and of the Foxborough Golf Club.

EARL JOHN HYATT—The Pennsylvania oil industry has attracted to its ranks many able men who have won their way to success through their own efforts and have contributed substantially to the progress and development of their communities. The late Earl John Hyatt was an independent producer in the Bradford field for almost thirty years. As his interests broadened, so too

did his capacity for service and as a resident of Rew City it was the privilege of this community to share for many years in the constructive influences of his career.

Mr. Hyatt was born at Derrick City, McKean County, on April 11, 1882, son of James A. Hyatt, who was a pioneer in the lower field at Bradford. Settling at Derrick City in the early 1880s, he was engaged in oil operations in this vicinity until his death, November 11, 1911. James A. Hyatt was a native of Hannibal, New York. He married Lucy Ley, born at Red Creek, New York, and also now deceased. Their two sons: Earl J. and Allen J. Hyatt (*q. v.*) followed their father in the oil industry.

Earl John Hyatt was educated in the public schools of Rew and for several years in his youth worked as a roustabout, rigger, tool dresser and driller in the Bradford field. With this experience behind him, he became a drilling contractor and independent producer about 1907 and successfully carried on this business during the remainder of his life. Mr. Hyatt enjoyed the respect of the oil industry, which recognized his valuable qualities, and had many claims to general public regard. As a resident of the Rew City area, he took an active interest in local affairs and for nineteen years was a member of the Foster Township Board of Education. He was one of the best friends which the public school system of the township ever had and when the new school at Rew City was erected, it was fittingly named the Earl J. Hyatt School in his honor.

Mr. Hyatt was a Republican in politics and was affiliated fraternally as a thirty-second degree Mason with Northern Star Lodge, No. 555, at Duke Center, and with the various higher Masonic bodies, including Bradford Chapter, Commandery, Knights Templar, and Council; Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Zem Zem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He was also affiliated with Foster Lodge, No. 333, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mr. Hyatt was a Republican in politics and was influential in local councils of his party. He attended the Presbyterian Church.

On November 26, 1908, he married Zelda Wooster, of Bradford Star Route, a teacher in the Foster Township schools prior to her marriage. She is a daughter of the late John Wooster, a McKean County oil producer, born in Pennsylvania, and of Margaret (Ebinger) Wooster, a native of Germany, who is still living. Mr. and Mrs. Hyatt became the parents of the following children: Blanche Margaret, a graduate of Eastman School of Music, Rochester, New York, who married Carl Kleiderlein and has one daughter, Karol; Dorothy Mae, a graduate of Indiana State Teachers College, who married Thomas McDowell and has one son, Thomas; Genevieve Alice, who was graduated as a nurse from Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester, New York; married Leonard

Schultes and has two children: Sandra and Genevieve; and Jean, now a senior at Hood College, Frederick, Maryland.

WILLIAM RAY TURNER—One of northwestern Pennsylvania's enterprising young business men, William Ray Turner operates an automobile accessories store in Cambridge Springs and handles extensive interests in connection with the estate left by his father. Among these properties is the 250-acre homestead farm of the Turners, which he personally manages.

Mr. Turner was born October 15, 1914, in Cambridge Springs, Pennsylvania, son of Ray B. and Susan (Miller) Turner. His father, a merchant and farmer, was for thirty years manager of the Riverside Hotel, in Cambridge Springs, and was the founder and operator of the Turner Feed & Coal Company, which he established in partnership with his brother, Homer Turner. At Ray B. Turner's death, June 28, 1935, the family estate and business interests passed to Mrs. Turner and to William Ray Turner. The mother lives in Cambridge Springs and is active in social circles here.

William Ray Turner, who operates the family properties on behalf of his mother and himself, attended public schools in Cambridge Springs, and in 1936 was graduated as a Bachelor of Arts from Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pennsylvania. He commenced his business career as a member of the staff of the "Dispatch Herald," of Erie. After a year with that paper he was in the employ of the United Fruit Company in Peru and Honduras. For a short period he managed a banana plantation. He returned to Erie, however, in 1938, and was once more connected with the "Dispatch Herald," this time as Sunday editor, in which capacity he served for two years.

In 1940 he returned to Cambridge Springs, his birthplace, and established a large automobile accessories store. He was well equipped by business training and experience to make this venture, and he chose his community well, for his family were pioneers of the district, among the first families of Cambridge Springs, and Mr. Turner found the people of the community readily accepting him and his new enterprise. In addition to his work in this connection, Mr. Turner represents his mother as a member of the board of directors of the Blystone Corporation and is a half-owner, on her behalf, in the Parks Hardware Store, in Cambridge Springs. Adding the management of the 250-acre homestead farm to these other activities, Mr. Turner is, it may easily be seen, one of Cambridge Springs' most active and contributive business men.

He is a Republican in politics, a member of the Cambridge Springs Country Club and the Erie Press Club, and a leader in Keystone Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons and in the Theta Epsilon Omega fraternity, which

he joined in his student days. He belongs to the Presbyterian Church.

William Ray Turner married, March 12, 1941, in Erie, Pennsylvania, Verna Armes, daughter of Arthur A. and Ina (Boyce) Armes. Mrs. Turner is a member and officer in the Order of Eastern Star.

SISSON BOYD GUNNISON—Specializing in the manufacture of leather, Sisson Boyd Gunnison has for many years centered his attention upon this industry in Girard, where he is president of Gunnison Brothers, Inc., and of the Girard Manufacturing Company. A trained technician in his field, experienced also in the marketing of high-grade leather products, he has effectively combined the talents of chemist and business man in the interests of his own enterprise and the people of Girard and vicinity.

Mr. Gunnison was born August 19, 1888, in Erie, Pennsylvania, son of Rolla and Annie (Sisson) Gunnison. His father and grandfather were both also engaged in leather manufacturing operations. The grandfather of the present owners, J. B. Gunnison, founded the Gunnison Tannery, in Erie, in 1859, and Gunnison Brothers, Inc., now widely known as tanners and manufacturers of high-grade leather, was so incorporated in 1917 after the old George Plumer Leather Company, established in 1901, had been taken over for the purpose.

Sisson Boyd Gunnison attended Erie schools and Central High School there, then took up his technical studies at the Pratt Institute of Science and Technology, in Brooklyn, New York, where he was graduated in 1908. In that year he began his career in the leather trade as a chemist with Trangott Schmidt & Sons, in Detroit, Michigan, remaining there for one year. As the Gunnison leather interests crystallized around Girard, S. Boyd Gunnison decided to come to this community, where, in 1913, he became associated with the George Plumer Leather Company. As this company was taken over, in 1917, by the firm of Gunnison Brothers, Inc., Mr. Gunnison became connected with the new enterprise in that year. The leather tanned and finished by Gunnison Brothers, Inc., originally consisted mainly of suitcase and bag and strap leathers, but adjustments were made as time went on to meet new trade conditions and needs, with the result that the company specialized increasingly in athletic goods leathers.

This specialty has become even more pronounced in recent years, and Gunnison Brothers find it a major portion of their business. Since 1930 S. Boyd Gunnison has been president of the company, which in moderately good times employs about one hundred people. Some of these workers have been associated with the company from its inception, and Mr. Gunnison's knowledge of their personalities and talents has been a significant element in the

development of the organization. The company is represented in New York City, at No. 32 Spruce Street. Assisting S. Boyd Gunnison in the direction of the company's affairs are Eben J. Gunnison, vice-president, and Gordon N. Gunnison, secretary and treasurer. There is a fine staff of capable assistants, both in the executive and in the production ends of the business, and all have worked together to enhance the company's achievement. S. Boyd Gunnison, in addition to his other activities, is president of the Girard Manufacturing Company, employing about one thousand people, having assumed his duties in this connection in 1934. Also outside the leather trade, he is president of the Union Bank, at Erie, after spending many years helping to build up the same.

He is connected with several Erie clubs and social organizations and makes his home in Erie. Here he is affiliated with the University Club, the Shrine Club, the Erie Club and the Kalkwa Country Club. In the Free and Accepted Masons he is associated with numerous branches and departments, holding the thirty-second degree of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and being an initiate in the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the First Unitarian Church, of Erie.

S. Boyd Gunnison married, in Erie, Pennsylvania, May 22, 1913, Lenora N. Niemeyer, daughter of Henry A. and Salome O. Niemeyer, for many years Erie's largest and leading florist.

ERNEST ELMER WOOD—The firm of Wood Brothers is well known as drilling contractors and producers in the Bradford and Bolivar oil fields. Ernest Elmer Wood has been associated with his brother in the operation of this enterprise during the past thirty years and has taken an active part in the development of the company from small beginnings to its present rank.

Mr. Wood was born at Eldred on February 10, 1871, son of David C. and Hannah (Barkas) Wood. His father, who was born in Canada, was a lumberman in McKean County for many years and a farmer of substantial interests. His mother, born in England, passed away when in her ninety-first year.

Ernest Elmer Wood was educated in the common school of Eldred. He farmed until he was twenty years old, then entered the lumber business with his father and shortly after the turn of the century established an independent lumber company with his brother, Edward Nelson Wood (*q. v.*), operating in McKean and Potter counties. About 1910 the brothers discontinued their lumber interests in favor of the oil business, in which they started as drilling contractors. Although this phase of the business is still retained, they also acquired their own lease after a short interval and began operating as producers. They have

since continued their activities in the Bradford and Bolivar fields under the name of Wood Brothers. As contractors they operate eight strings of tools. As producers their holdings are extensive.

Mr. Wood, who has retained his residence at Eldred, has never entered public life, but his influence is strongly felt in community affairs despite the fact that he has preferred to remain in the background. He is a Republican in politics, is affiliated fraternally with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is a member of the Eldred Men's Club and the Methodist Church.

On December 25, 1890, Mr. Wood married Mary Hakes, who was born in Tioga County and came to Eldred with her parents when she was three months old. She is a daughter of Ezra and Philena Hakes. On Christmas Day, 1940, Mr. and Mrs. Wood celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. They have had three children: 1. Earl, born February 8, 1892, who attended the Eldred public schools and then became a drilling contractor in Derrick City. He married Leila Regan and has six children: Pearl, Robert, Ernest, Elizabeth, Vincent and Marian. Earl Wood served in the United States Army during the World War and was overseas twenty-nine months. 2. Pearl, who died at the age of eight years. 3. Jack, born August 29, 1916, adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Wood in 1918, a graduate of Eldred High School, now associated with his father as a driller. He married Jessie Vaughn and has two sons: Donald and William.

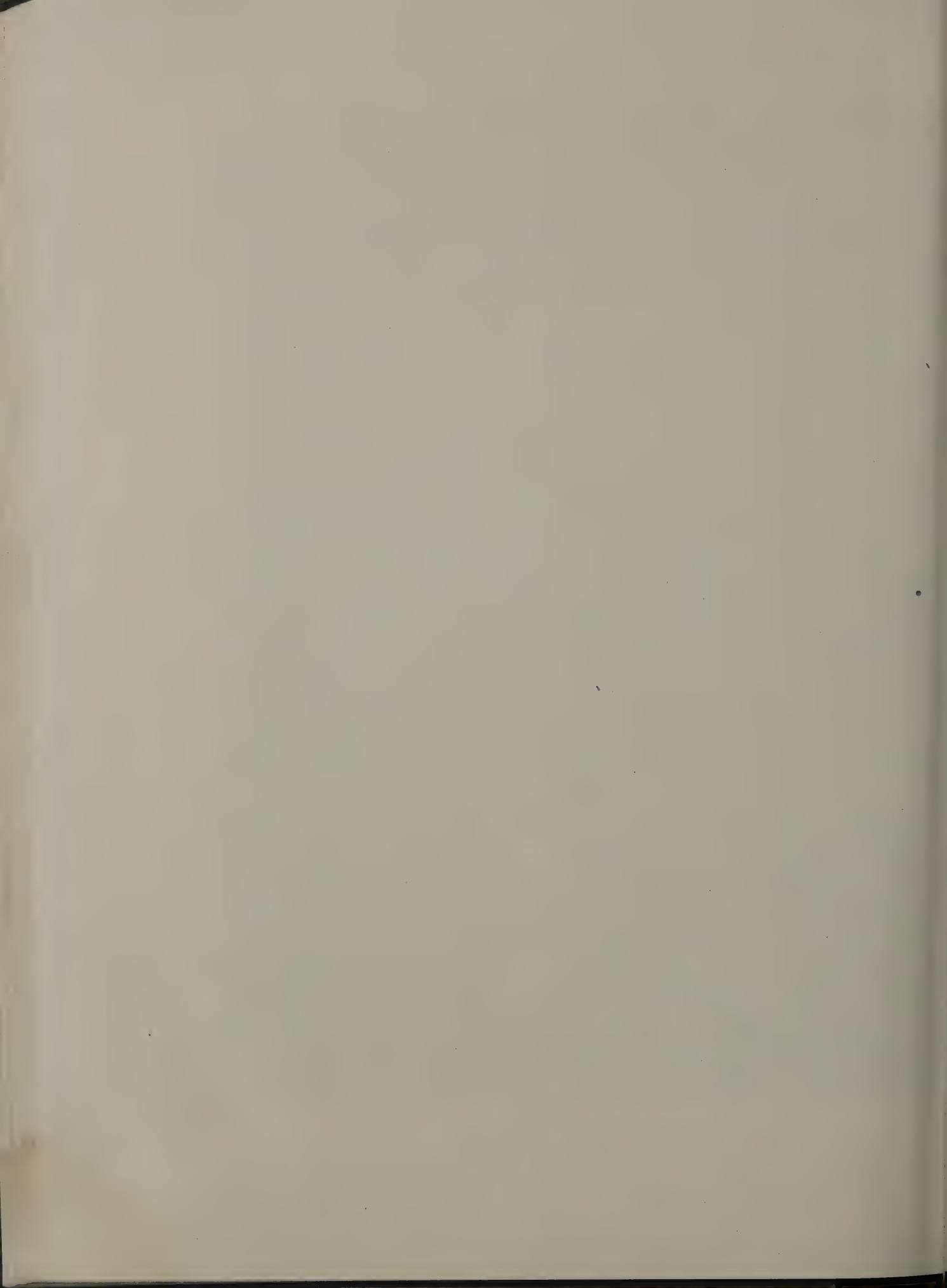
FRANK B. VON TACKY—For years successfully engaged in the producing and refining of petroleum, Frank B. von Tacky worked his way up the ladder from the smallest position to the presidency of the Titusville Oil Works. Later he became an independent operator, mostly in western fields. A native and lifelong citizen of Titusville, he holds the respect and admiration of the community for his achievements and civic activities.

Mr. von Tacky was born December 12, 1880, in Titusville, Pennsylvania, son of Francis and Fredericka (Hartz) von Tacky. His father, pioneer oil refiner and highly esteemed citizen of Titusville, was born in Halberstadt, Germany, November 10, 1851, and as a boy of sixteen years came to America. He first located at Schenectady, New York, where he remained for several years connected with the old Schenectady Locomotive Works. Stories of the oil country lured him to Pennsylvania and he went to Titusville, where he was active in the oil business for sixty years. His first employment was with the Titusville Acid Works, which later became the Grasselli Chemical Company; in 1885, with two associates he built a refinery, which proved eminently successful. In 1891 Francis von Tacky sold his interest in the business and leased the New York Oil Works, which he renamed the



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Titusville Oil Works, remaining at its head until his death in 1929. Under his direction, this company was one of the most successful refineries, its products winning the reputation of being of the highest quality. He also was interested in the natural gas business in the Pennsylvania fields, and was president of the Jefferson County Gas Company. Francis von Tacky, in association with the Hon. J. C. McKinney and others, organized the Titusville Trust Company, in 1917, of which he thereafter served as a director and vice-president. In 1902 he purchased the Titusville City Mills, and operated them for a quarter of a century. His interest in the welfare of the community was always strong and helpful, and he was a liberal contributor to religious, humanitarian and other groups such as the Young Men's Christian Association, the Young Women's Christian Association, and St. Paul's Reformed Church, in which he was active for many years. He was a member of the Titusville Country Club, and the Congressional Country Club of Washington, District of Columbia.

On February 2, 1876, Francis von Tacky married Fredericka Hartz, of Titusville, and they were the parents of five children: 1. Edward F. von Tacky. 2. Frank B. von Tacky, of whom further. 3. Clarence L. von Tacky. These sons were all associated with their father in his business. 4. Charlotte, married the Rev. J. M. G. Darms. 5. Florence, married Charles A. Lutz. Francis von Tacky died at his home in Titusville, January 15, 1929. His wife lived to December 21, 1938.

Public schools in Titusville provided Frank B. von Tacky's early formal education, and after completing his high school work he became a student at the Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, New York. Associating himself in the oil business with his father on January 1, 1899, he served the Titusville Oil Works as bookkeeper and later as general manager. Continuing to manage the property until the death of his father, in 1929, Frank B. von Tacky was then made president of the organization. He acted as its president until the dissolution of the business, whereupon he entered upon oil production activities independently. He did most of this work in the West, mainly in Kansas.

Continuing today his broad interests, Frank B. von Tacky is recognized as a leading Republican of Titusville. He served in 1911 as a member of the Pennsylvania State Legislature. He is active in the Presbyterian Church. In the Free and Accepted Masons he belongs to Titusville Lodge, No. 754, as a Past Commander of the Knights Templar Commandery here, and is an initiate in Zem Zem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Historical Society, the Titusville Country Club and the Young Men's Christian Association. During the First World War (1914-18) he

was active in the Liberty Loan drives and Red Cross work. In leisure time he enjoys golf, hunting and fishing.

Frank B. von Tacky married, June 25, 1923, Mary Prentice, a native of Crawford County, Pennsylvania, daughter of John Wesley and Elizabeth (Houston) Prentice. Her father was a native of Crawford County, and after a valuable career as a stationary engineer he died in Oklahoma. Her mother was born in Ireland and died in Titusville. One daughter was born of this marriage, Elizabeth Frederica von Tacky, who attended Titusville High School and was graduated from Miss Wright's School for Girls, in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, and then attended the New England Conservatory of Music for two years; she became the wife of Charles M. Ridgeway, of Titusville, now of Highland Park, Illinois, associated with the Pure Oil Company, whose headquarters are in Chicago, Illinois. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, degree of Chemical Engineer. Mr. and Mrs. Ridgeway are the parents of a son, Thomas Houston Ridgeway.

BOYD R. CUMMINGS—Proprietor of one of the leading men's wearing apparel retail merchandising establishments in northwestern Pennsylvania, Boyd R. Cummings, of Du Bois, Clearfield County, is not only one of the outstanding business men of his community but also widely known throughout the United States in the men's clothing field, having hosts of friends and acquaintances among nearly all manufacturing establishments as well as with merchandisers.

Boyd R. Cummings was born the fifteenth day of May, 1872, at Lock Haven, Clinton County, Pennsylvania, a son of Charles C. and Levina (Rittman) Cummings. Charles C. Cummings, who was a native of Lycoming County, passed his life as a contractor. Levina R. Cummings, his wife, was a native of Clinton County.

After attending the public schools at Lock Haven and business college at Williamsport, Boyd R. Cummings as a boy began his career as a merchant by finding employment in a Lock Haven store. Until 1902 he continued as an employee of one firm but that year he came to Du Bois and established himself in business as a retail merchant of men's wearing apparel, an activity which he has continued through the present time. Through the years, as his business developed to a leading position in Clearfield County, Mr. Cummings has continued to take a very active interest in the merchandise he retails and, devoting much of his leisure to constant study of his stock as well as to keeping abreast of all manufacturing and distributing progress, he has made it a practice to not only attend all the meetings and conventions of his business associates but also to visit manufacturing and retailing establishments in all sections of the country. This devotion to his

business has led Mr. Cummings to take an active rôle in the affairs of the National Association of Retail Clothiers and Manufacturers and, in addition, has won him a very wide and numerous roster of friends and acquaintances everywhere. Mr. Cummings has also devoted much of his time to local affairs, being always ready to support all municipal enterprises, an interest which has led him to give twelve years of service as head of the Du Bois Business Men's Association (now the Du Bois Board of Trade) and to serve for many years as a director of the Union Banking & Trust Company. A member of the Republican party, and worshipping at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Mr. Cummings was a member of the Du Bois Rotary Club for years, resigning only when his constant travels made it impossible for him to attend the meetings of the organization. He also belongs to the Du Bois Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and finds in golf and fishing a means of recreation although he continues, as has been his practice for many years, to find his greatest pleasure in his business.

Boyd R. Cummings married on March 18, 1898, Emma Frances Sauserman, of Lock Haven, Clinton County, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Cummings are the parents of two children: 1. Maude, a graduate of the Du Bois High School, who married Bradford Wicks of Washington, District of Columbia, and is the mother of two children, Robert, now in the United States Army Air Corps, stationed at Selfridge Field, and Charles, now engaged in the banking business at Washington, District of Columbia. 2. Zillah Mae, a graduate of the Du Bois High School, who married F. W. Brill, of the Department of Health at Washington, District of Columbia, and is the mother of a daughter, Frances, now in school.

GEORGE S. GARTH—The Du Bois Motor Corporation, distributors of Dodge and Plymouth motor cars throughout a wide territory in western Pennsylvania, is owned and operated by George S. Garth, who acquired this Du Bois enterprise in 1934 after a varied and extended business career and has since managed it successfully.

Mr. Garth, a descendant of old Pennsylvania families, was born at Mill Hall, Clinton County, on July 7, 1880, son of Hugh White and Mary Jane (McKean) Garth. His mother, who was born in Center County and died in January, 1940, traced her ancestry to Pennsylvania's first Governor McKean. His father, who was born at Mill Hall and died in 1899, was a son of George S. Garth, a Cornishman, who left England early in the nineteenth century, landed in Philadelphia and upon his arrival there secured a Canastoga wagon and started West to find a desirable place to live. When he saw the land about Mill Hall, in what is now Clinton County, he decided he liked

it well enough to settle there, but in order to make perfectly sure he traveled on for great distances, penetrating as far as Texas in the Southwest. Convinced of the desirability of his early choice, he returned to Pennsylvania, built his house at Mill Hall and began making furniture by hand. Here he married Mary Jane White, a descendant of Colonel Hugh White, who had received a deed to ten thousand acres of land in this region from William Penn. George S. and Mary Jane (White) Garth raised their family at Mill Hall and when Hugh White Garth, father of the present George S. Garth, grew up, he joined his father's business, which was devoted in later years to the manufacture of farm wagons and lumber trucks.

George S. Garth also grew up in the business established by his grandfather. Meanwhile, he attended the Mill Hall public schools, went from high school to Lock Haven State Teachers' College, from which he was graduated, and afterward entered Lafayette College, where he completed three years. While he was in his senior year at college, his father died, and Mr. Garth returned at once to Mill Hall to operate the factory. Some five years later he sold the enterprise and entered the lumber business, operating a chain of sawmills in central Pennsylvania, under a contract to ship a carload of hickory stakes to Philadelphia every day for manufacture into spokes for the early type automobile wheels. After a number of years of this, Mr. Garth became a bridge contractor and from 1919 to 1925 erected many bridges throughout western Pennsylvania. Again, however, his interest shifted and for a period of years he was a coal operator, being associated with the Glenn Coal Company, which had a mine in Jefferson County and one in Elk County. Upon his resignation from that company, Mr. Garth operated a garage at Brookville for three years, spent three years in Pittsburgh with the Buick Motor Company, and then became connected with the E. Orcutt Garage at Clearfield, which also held the Buick and Chevrolet agency for that territory. In December, 1934, he purchased the Du Bois Motors Corporation of Du Bois, distributors for Dodge and Plymouth motor cars in Elk, Cameron, Jefferson and Western Clearfield counties. Under his energetic management, this business has developed substantially from year to year ever since he took over its operation. Mr. Garth also distributes Emblem oil and gas products in a territory lying within a fifty-mile radius, operating out of Du Bois and Clarion.

In addition to his business connections, he has been active in the Clearfield County Motor Club, of which he is vice-president and director, and is a director of the Clearfield County Safety Council. At Du Bois, where he is one of the business leaders of the city, he was formerly vice-president and is still a member of the Board of Trade. Mr. Garth is also a member of the Du Bois Kiwanis Club. He is a Republican in politics and is a member of



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the Church of Christ Scientist at Punxsutawney, where he was for some time a Reader prior to his resignation in 1941.

On April 27, 1919, Mr. Garth married Anna Catherine Pfaff, of Brookville, daughter of Frederick J. Pfaff. They are the parents of four children: 1. Frederick McKean, a graduate of Du Bois High School, now engaged in business with his father. 2. Mary Jane, also a graduate of Du Bois High School and at present a student at Wooster College. 3. Mildred Louise, a student in Du Bois High School. 4. Marjorie Anne, who attends the local grammar school.

MYRON MATSON, one of the oil industry's pioneers and son of Riley and Susan Matson, was born September 13, 1850, in Rushford, Allegany County, New York, but at the age of four years was taken by his parents to live in Franklinville, Cattaraugus County, New York, where he attended school. He also studied at Tentwood Academy, in that town. In 1870 he removed to Tidioute, Warren County, Pennsylvania, where he entered the oil industry, and soon he became an operator, engaged in mining as well as in oil production and internationally known for his work. He was a member of the firm of Matson, Wallace & Thompson, who had holdings in the Pennsylvania and West Virginia oil fields. Later he was president of the Victor Oil Company. Then he became connected with the Inca Mining Company, with mines in Peru, and with the Bradford Alaskan Mining Company, operating in the north of the United States. He was a Republican in politics, chairman of the McKean County committee of his party and a delegate to many county and State conventions. In 1900 he was elected to the Pennsylvania State Senate, to which he was reelected in 1904, dying while in office. In 1882 Myron Matson married Mrs. Bertha A. Claus. Their son, Bruce H. Matson, was for years an oil producer in Bradford; he married Ella Walker. Both are now deceased.

They were the parents of Myron Walker Matson, born in Bradford, July 27, 1906. Public schools provided his early formal education, and after attending Culver Military Academy he became a student at Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts. Next he went directly into the oil business as an active producer, continuing along these lines down to the time of writing. He operates in both the Bradford and the Kansas fields, and is a member of a number of oil trade organizations—the Bradford district branch of the Pennsylvania Oil Producers' Association, the Penn Grade Crude Oil Association and the American Petroleum Institute.

Politically he is a Republican, although he has at no time aspired to public office. He takes a lively part in the social life of the Bradford community, belonging to

the Bradford Club, the Valley Hunt Club, the Pennhills' Club, the Zeta Psi fraternity and the Free and Accepted Masons. In the Masonic Order he is affiliated with Union Lodge, Coudersport Consistory of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and Zem Zem Temple (of Erie), Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

On September 7, 1927, Myron W. Matson married Helen Hazelton, of Bradford, daughter of Courtney Hazelton, of this city. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Bruce. 2. Molly. 3. Susan. 4. Marcia.

BRUCE B. MCCREIGHT—The services that Bruce B. McCreight has rendered to banking and finance in Du Bois and Clearfield County as an official of the Deposit National Bank have been outstanding. He is at the time of writing vice-president and a director of this institution, and is widely known for his participation in business, civic and social life here.

Mr. McCreight was born January 18, 1870, in Jefferson County, Pennsylvania, member of a family prominent in this region. He attended rural schools and the Eastman School of Business, at Poughkeepsie, New York, and in boyhood became associated with his brother in the Du Bois Deposit Bank. His work there began in 1888, the year of the big Du Bois fire. In 1889 he spent a year with the Bank of Du Bois. In 1891 he went over to the Du Bois Deposit Bank, operating under State charter, as it was then known, which was changed in 1895 to the Deposit National Bank. With this institution, through the different stages of its history since that time, Mr. McCreight has served in many capacities, up to vice-president and trust officer. After being trust officer for a long period of years, he resigned from that post and retired from his more active pursuits in connection with the bank, though he remains vice-president and a director.

In addition to his work with the Deposit National Bank, Mr. McCreight is a director of Miles & Company and the Miles-Bradford Company. With his two sons, he organized in recent years the Alexander Motor Parts Company, with stores in Du Bois and Brookville. In younger days he lent his business ability to the development of sports in which he was much interested, notably as manager of the Du Bois Baseball Club in the Interstate League. He is a past president of the Du Bois Fair Association. In many other ways he has taken part in sports activities. He is also a major in finance in the United States Army Reserve Corps. He has served as president of the Chamber of Commerce and has always been active in the promotion of home industries.

Politically Mr. McCreight is a Republican. He was formerly a director of the local Rotary Club, president and director of the Du Bois Country Club, the local or-

ganization of the Boy Scouts of America and the Young Men's Christian Association, and is a Past Exalted Ruler of his lodge in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is also a member and past president of the Acorn Club and served as trustee of the First Presbyterian Church of Du Bois.

Bruce B. McCreight married, September 2, 1892, Lillian Wise, of Curwensville, Pennsylvania, daughter of Michael Wise. Mr. and Mrs. McCreight became the parents of two children: 1. Ian H. McCreight, graduated from Du Bois schools, later attended Carnegie Institute of Technology in Pittsburgh, volunteered for United States Army service in the World War and served one and one-half years, now a first lieutenant in the Reserve Corps; is also secretary of the First Presbyterian Church; he married Rachael Kromer, of Pittsburgh. 2. Avenor H. McCreight, graduated from Du Bois schools, a musician by profession, living at home with his parents.

FRANK B. WEAVER—President and general manager of the automobile repair parts business which bears his name, Frank B. Weaver, of Du Bois, is not only head of the largest automobile parts business in Clearfield County, but is an outstanding member of his field of activity in northwestern Pennsylvania, in addition to being a prominent citizen of his city and member of various fraternal organizations.

He was born at McCalmont Township, February 10, 1871, Jefferson County, Pennsylvania, a son of Peter and Elizabeth (Pifer) Weaver. Peter Weaver, a native of Troutville, Pennsylvania, was associated for many years with the firm of Bell, Lewis & Yates. Elizabeth Weaver, his wife, was a native of Jefferson County.

After attending the public schools, Frank B. Weaver at the age of eleven went to work in the box factory of the Du Bois Company where he remained employed until he was seventeen years of age. Then, learning the trade of a tinsmith, he spent several years in the shop of the Grier Brothers at Du Bois, a position he left to become a tinsmith in the firm of Hibner & Hoover, Dubois hardware dealers. Eventually Mr. Weaver became a partner of D. E. Hibner at Falls Creek. In 1914 Mr. Weaver, in partnership with Dr. Borland, purchased the Du Bois Garage, a business established by Fulford & Miller in 1909 in the old Sparks Livery Barn and housed in 1913 in a new building at South Brady and East Washington streets. Dr. Borland shortly sold his interest in the business to E. W. Webster. During the years the development of this business has been considerable, a new floor being built onto the original structure and, as in 1919, a two-story annex, fifty by one hundred and fifty feet being added. This makes the business the largest of its kind in Du Bois, as shown by the fact that Mr. Weaver at times has employed as many as ten mechanics. From time to

time, Mr. Weaver held the agency for various automobile manufacturing companies and he also developed to a large degree the storage of autos during the winter months—an activity formerly much more extensive than at the present time. In 1931, a new department was added, that of the wholesale distribution of auto parts, an activity which is now one of the major interests of the company. They also do precision work which the smaller service garages are not equipped to handle. At the present time the garage serves a territory of some seventy miles and the staff numbers some twenty employees with Mr. Weaver being assisted in his work by his sons.

Interested in civic affairs, Mr. Weaver who is an Independent Democrat politically belongs to such organizations as the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, while being particularly interested in Masonry, holding membership in such bodies as Garfield Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Brookville Chapter, Royal Arch Masons and Du Bois Commandery, Knights Templar.

Frank B. Weaver married, on June 14, 1901, Cora McCall, daughter of J. M. McCall, of Falls Creek, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Weaver are the parents of five children: 1. Frances, born May 16, 1902, a graduate of local schools and Syracuse University, who took post-graduate work at the College of the City of New York and is now a teacher on Long Island, New York. 2. Martha, who was born November 3, 1903, and died in 1909. 3. Edward Peter, born August 8, 1907, a graduate of the local schools and now associated with the family business; he married Josephine Buchanan and is the father of a daughter, Mary Jo. 4. Delos H., born March 4, 1909, graduate of the local schools, who married Martha Jane Meyers, and is associated with the family business. 5. Mack M., born February 12, 1916, a graduate of the local schools, who married Sally Stroup, and is the father of a daughter, Gretchen. He is also associated with the family business.

BERNARD A. BALL—Engaged in the manufacture of tenpin setters for bowling alleys, Bernard A. Ball heads one of the large producers of these materials, centering his activities in Smethport and shipping his setters to all parts of the United States. The company that he heads employs thirty persons, has four trucks, and keeps its own private railroad siding on the Pittsburgh, Shawmut & Northern Railroad. The firm was originally a lumber establishment, and, continuing this work today, is recognized as a leading lumber and building supply house.

Mr. Ball was born March 20, 1894, in Olean, New York, son of George J. and Elizabeth M. (Bickmier) Ball. His father, a painter, is now deceased. The mother lives in Olean, New York.



Bernard Grace

Olean public schools furnished Bernard A. Ball's early education, and after he completed his high school studies he came to the firm of Holmes & Gilfillan, lumber dealers, in Smethport, to begin his business career. That was in 1912. Since that time he has remained with the organization and has had much to do with the promotion of its best interests. No record of his career would be complete except against the background of the company's history, with which he has been so intimately concerned in recent years. The firm was founded March 1, 1894, by F. L. Holmes and Alba J. Gilfillan, as a retail and wholesale lumber establishment. They were also sales agents for the American Extract Company. Mr. Holmes was at that time in charge of the office, and Mr. Gilfillan went on the road as a sales representative. The firm was housed in a building at Mechanic and Water streets, Smethport, where the plant is still situated.

After a short time, builders' supplies were added to the line of stock carried, and the business was on the path to expansion. In 1908 the company built a sawmill, which they operated until 1922. The pin-setters came into the picture in 1906. Holmes and Gilfillan began this phase of the work under the Backus patents, covering the invention of bowling alley tenpin setters; and down to the present day the pin-setters have continued a major line of the firm. The business was incorporated on July 1, 1919, under the name of Holmes & Gilfillan, Inc., with Mr. Gilfillan as president, Mr. Holmes as vice-president and treasurer, and Bernard A. Ball as secretary. Mr. Gilfillan died in 1932, a year after he had retired from his business connections, and Mr. Holmes then became president of the enterprise. He died in 1933, whereupon Mr. Ball succeeded to the office in which he continues today. In 1936 Mr. Ball bought the interests of the estate and liquidated the corporation, reorganizing it as his own firm and operating it thereafter as the Holmes & Gilfillan Company, with himself as owner and proprietor. In 1939 he designed the Spot-o-Matic pin-setter, which he has been manufacturing since that time instead of the old Backus pin-setter. The industry is one of Smethport's flourishing business organizations.

Mr. Ball takes a lively interest in community affairs, being a director of the Grange National Bank, a director of the McKean County Motor Club, and a member of the Conopus Club and the Rotary Club. In the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks he belongs to Bradford Lodge, No. 234, and he is also a member of McKean Lodge, No. 388, Free and Accepted Masons. He is a charter member of the Billiard and Bowling Institute of America. He is a Republican in politics, and has seen military service as a soldier in the World War in 1917 and 1918.

Bernard A. Ball married, February 7, 1918, Jennie Kohn, of Smethport, daughter of Carl Kohn. They have one son, Bernard K. Ball, who is a student in the Smethport school.

CARL P. LEVINE—Widely known in business circles in Cambridge Springs and this district of Pennsylvania, Carl P. Levine conducts a furniture store and funeral parlor here and is a director of the Springs National Bank.

Mr. Levine was born October 21, 1894, in Tidioute, Pennsylvania, son of Swedish parents, Nelson E. and Mina (Burson) Levine. His father, born in Sweden, came in boyhood to the United States and chose Tidioute as his home. Throughout his life here until his death in 1905, he was associated with the Tidioute Furniture Manufacturing Company.

Carl P. Levine attended public schools in Tidioute, and after graduation from high school there became a student at the Hoff Business College, in Warren, Pennsylvania, and the Eckels School of Embalming, in Philadelphia. He was associated for a time with his brother-in-law in the furniture and undertaking business in Tidioute. He also spent some time in Erie, where he was engaged in a similar work. He came to Cambridge Springs on June 1, 1924, and opened his own furniture store and funeral parlor. Starting operations on a small scale, he made sufficient headway that he became before long the head of one of this district's leading furniture businesses and of a most modern funeral home. He is also a director of the Springs National Bank, of Cambridge Springs.

Taking a deep interest in the affairs of his community and region, Mr. Levine is deputy coroner of Crawford County, serving his second term in this office at the time of writing. He has business interests in Meadville and Erie, is a member of the Cambridge Springs School Board, and is one of his community's leading citizens. He is a Republican in politics, a past president of the Cambridge Springs Chamber of Commerce, a past member of the Erie Kiwanis Club and the Cambridge Springs Rotary Club, and a member of the Social Outlook Club, the Monday Night Club, the Crawford County Funeral Directors' Association and the National Funeral Directors' Association. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Free and Accepted Masons, and in the Masonic Order is affiliated with the Scottish Rite Consistory (in which he holds the thirty-second degree). He is a trustee of the Methodist Church of Cambridge Springs. A man of sound judgment, both in business matters and with regard to human beings, he is justly proud of his education in the "school of hard knocks," as he calls it, which to

the recipient student affords a more real and profound schooling than many a college and university can give.

Carl P. Levine married, June 2, 1918, in Erie, Pennsylvania, Elsie Roland, daughter of E. W. and Elizabeth (Bochner) Roland. Her father was for years a wholesale grocery merchant in Erie. Mrs. Levine herself is a member of the Order of Eastern Star and president of the Gam-Sac-Mah Club. The Levines have two children: 1. Jean Elizabeth Levine, born October 3, 1921, a student at Allegheny College, Meadville, and a member of the Alpha Phi Omega sorority, active in outdoor sports and recreations. 2. Carl Roland Levine, born April 25, 1924, a student at Cambridge Springs High School, fond of music and of horses.

REV. WILLIAM E. O'HERN—Beloved as pastor of St. Catherine's Roman Catholic Church, of Du Bois, the Rev. William E. O'Hern has ministered to the needs of his flock here and guided the affairs of his parish since assuming this pastorate in 1929. In his own church and throughout the city as a whole he is respected and trusted by Du Bois people, and his contribution to local life and affairs has been outstanding.

Father O'Hern was born July 30, 1879, in Olean, New York, son of Maurice and Mary (Casey) O'Hern. His father, born in Ireland, came to the United States at the age of fourteen years and became a successful merchant in Olean. The mother, also a native of Ireland, came to this country when she was twelve years old.

Father William E. O'Hern attended parochial schools in Du Bois and Central High School in Buffalo, then studied at St. Andrew's Seminary and St. Bernard's Seminary, both in Rochester, New York. From St. Bernard's, in Rochester, June 10, 1905, Father O'Hern was ordained to the holy priesthood by the Most Rev. Bernard J. McQuade, D. D., bishop of the Rochester, New York, diocese. His first charge was as assistant at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, in Franklin, Pennsylvania, where he remained for two years. He was then assigned to Ridgeway as assistant. He became full pastor at St. Mary's, in Genesee, then was sent to Eldred, where he remained for some years and where he constructed the present church, and still later to Emporium where he built the present rectory. In 1929 he was appointed to his present church, St. Catherine's, in Du Bois, where he is still pastor.

In connection with his clerical duties, he is supervisor of the St. Catherine's Parochial School, which has an enrollment of more than four hundred students. He also figures prominently in the work of the Holy Name Society, and as spiritual head of St. Catherine's has authority over all the different church societies. The community of Du Bois itself has benefited in numerous ways from Father O'Hern's constructive participation in the

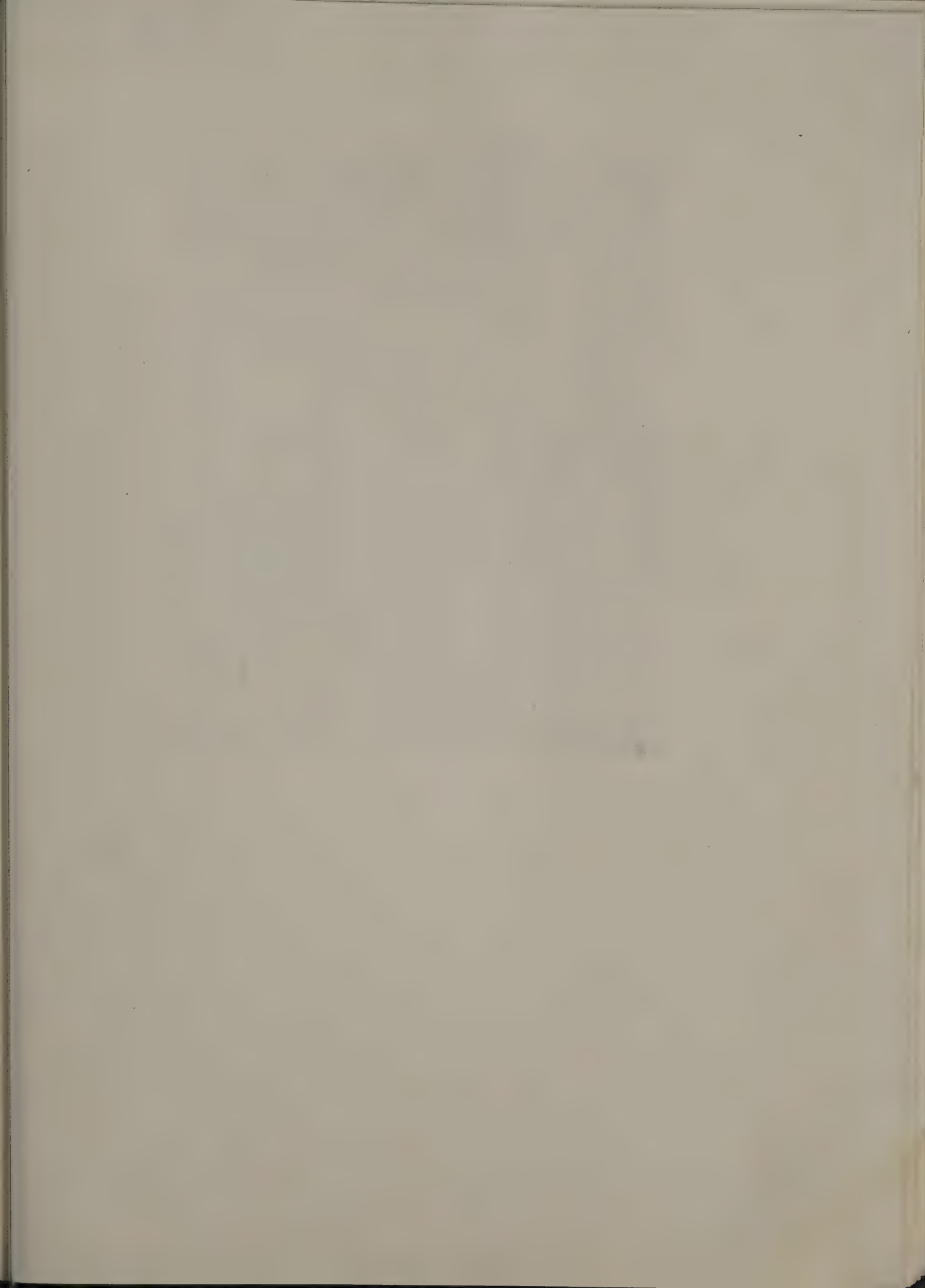
life of the district. He is a leader in many civic, social and educational projects in Du Bois, is an Independent Democrat in politics, and belongs to the Knights of Columbus and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Father O'Hern has always been interested in sports, particularly baseball, basketball and football, and has encouraged these games among the young people of St. Catherine's and in the Du Bois community as a whole.

GEORGE MARSHALL GILLETTE—Vice-president and general manager of the Northwestern Mining & Exchange Company's far-flung operations in Clearfield, Jefferson, Elk, McKean, Tioga and Bradford counties, George Marshall Gillette, of Du Bois, is not only widely known among coal operators and executives but is also a leading citizen of his municipality, taking part in numerous and varied activities which are organized for the betterment of the city and its citizens.

Mr. Gillette was born at Cumberland, Maryland, on May 8, 1879, the son of George M. and Mary C. (Gephart) Gillette. George M. Gillette, who passed his life as a wholesale grocer, was born at Painesville, Ohio, and educated at Ashtabula, while his business career was centered at Cumberland, Maryland. Mary Gephart Gillette, his wife, was born at Cumberland, and is now in her eighty-ninth year.

After graduating from Allegheny County Academy at Cumberland, George Marshall Gillette entered Princeton University, where he was a student for two years. His first employment was with the Consolidation Coal Company, an organization which at the time followed the practice of hiring young college men and giving them training in all branches of the company's business. Following this course, Mr. Gillette demonstrated at the very beginning the qualities which he so clearly exhibits today and, accordingly, he passed rapidly through his professional apprenticeship, being given increasing responsibilities and enlarged opportunities as he mastered the details of the business. In 1928 Mr. Gillette resigned from the Consolidation Coal Company to join the organization of the Pennsylvania Coal Company and for the following five years he was active in the anthracite fields of the Pennsylvania region. Finally, in 1933, he was appointed a vice-president and the general manager of the Northwestern Mining & Exchange Company and established himself at Du Bois headquarters—developing his position through the present time until he is generally recognized as one of the leading figures in the coal industry in America. Aside from the duties of his managerial post, Mr. Gillette also serves as a director of the Pennsylvania Coal Company and of the Blossburg Coal Company, in addition to being a director of the Central Pennsylvania Coal Producers' Association and a member of the American Society of Mining and Metallurgical





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Engineers and the Coal Mining Institute of America. Locally, Mr. Gillette is most active, giving generously of his time and talent to many municipal, county and State organizations. He is chairman of the board of the Du Bois Hospital, president of the Bucktail Council of the Boy Scouts of America and a member of the board of the Du Bois Community Chest, as well as being a director of the Deposit National Bank of Du Bois. He is chairman of Du Bois Council of Defense. Independent politically, Mr. Gillette, who is a member of the Du Bois Rotary Club and the Du Bois Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, belongs to the Knights of Pythias at Somerset, Pennsylvania and such Masonic bodies as Somerset Lodge, No. 358, Free and Accepted Masons, Cumberland (Maryland) Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Cumberland Council, Royal and Select Masters, Cumberland Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Cumberland Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

George Marshall Gillette married, on May 29, 1900, Louisa S. Read, a daughter of Nelson C. and Helen H. L. Read, of Cumberland. Mr. and Mrs. Gillette are the parents of three children: 1. Helen H. L., a graduate of Goucher College, who married Joseph Williams, a musician and organist at Cumberland, and is the mother of two children: Marshall George and Josephine H. 2. Christine, a graduate of Goucher College, who married Charles A. Piper, president of the Liberty Trust Company, and is the mother of two children: Lois D. and Charles A., Jr. 3. Lois D., educated privately, who married Chesley N. Brooks, district manager of Southern Texas, the Texas Company, and who is the mother of a son, Chesley N., Jr.

WILLIAM HENRY FREEMAN—Without the early advantages of wealth or influential friends, William Henry Freeman achieved a career of noteworthy qualities as the result of his own unaided efforts. He was born in Crawford County, Pennsylvania, January 20, 1865, son of James Freeman. His mother died when he was an infant and he was reared by an aunt who was potentially influential in his education and the development of a rugged individualism.

Early in life Mr. Freeman began making his own livelihood and eventually entered the employ of J. T. Jones, an oil producer in the Bradford petroleum field. He learned the oil business in all its difficult and varied phases, and by hard work and thrift managed to acquire some oil property leases. To these he added gradually down the years until he became an important figure in oil production. Mr. Freeman joined few fraternal and social organizations, although active in civic affairs and always ready to serve the best interests of the community. He

was, however, affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of the Maccabees, and was a member of the United Brethren Church.

William Henry Freeman married Alice N. Henry, daughter of William and Mary (Bigley) Henry, her father a carpenter and builder of Clarion County, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Freeman became the parents of four children: 1. Royal William Freeman, a drilling contractor of Bradford, who married Naomi Derkis, and they are the parents of two children: Kenneth William and Charlyn. 2. Clarence Freeman, who died in infancy. 3. Stella May, who married Merle E. Stuchel, who is in the oil business. Children: i. Dorothy Maxine. ii. Alice Jean. iii. William H. iv. Norma June. 4. Melvin Emery Freeman, an oil producer in Sawyer City, Pennsylvania, who married Josephine Cotton, and their children are: i. Robert Melvin. ii. William Emery.

William Henry Freeman died on September 11, 1918, and was mourned as a substantial citizen and generous supporter of charitable and religious works. He was a man of high ideals who took pleasure in performing the duties of good citizenship. He numbered many friends in all walks of life, and influenced for good the careers of many with whom he had contacts. Wherever known he was highly regarded.

EDWIN W. ZOLLER—As painter and art teacher Edwin W. Zoller has performed an important work. In Du Bois, where he now focuses his activities, he is administrative head of the art department and assistant professor of fine arts at the Du Bois Undergraduate Center, conducted in connection with Pennsylvania State College. His own paintings have brought him wide admiration as they have been exhibited at many art centers, including not only Pittsburgh, New York and other American cities, but Paris, France, and Florence, Italy.

Mr. Zoller was born May 29, 1900, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, son of Charles and Elizabeth Marguerite (Richter) Zoller, of Pittsburgh. His father is now deceased.

Edwin Walter Zoller attended grammar and high schools in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, and in 1921 was graduated from Penn State College as a Bachelor of Arts. He had postgraduate study at Carnegie Institute of Technology, in Pittsburgh, where he studied painting between 1921 and 1924, and in that same year, 1924, did special research work in Renaissance painting in Italy. In 1927 and 1928 he had a year of painting study in Paris, France. Beginning his own teaching activities in 1921, he spent three years at Allegheny High School, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and three years as head of the art department of Perry High School. In 1927 he became lecturer in art and instructor in design at the Pittsburgh

Center of the Pennsylvania State College, so serving until 1933 and also acting in the same capacity in those years at summer sessions of Pennsylvania State College in Altoona. For a time, after 1933, he devoted his attention entirely to painting in Towanda, setting up his own art studio. But he found himself once more teaching at Towanda's Pennsylvania State College Center.

In 1934 he came to Du Bois as administrative head and assistant professor of fine arts at the Du Bois Undergraduate Center of Pennsylvania State College. Here he has remained since that time, and in spare time he has devoted himself to painting and has held many exhibitions of his work. In addition to the European and American exhibitions mentioned above, Mr. Zoller is represented in many private collections and in the Pittsburgh public schools. He is a member of the Associated Artists of Pittsburgh, the American Federation of Arts and the Pennsylvania Adult Education Association. He also is connected with the Du Bois Civic Arts Society and with other civic groups in Du Bois, where he is a member of the board of directors of the Du Bois Community Chest. He belongs to the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, the Du Bois Rotary Club and the Lutheran Church. Since 1925 he has done considerable lecturing on art and the history of art. He served his country during the 1917-18 World War period as a member of the Students' Army Training Corps. Politically he maintains an independent course, aligning himself with neither major party. In leisure time he enjoys traveling, and his familiarity with Spain and northern Africa, where he traveled extensively in 1928, has greatly enriched his painting.

On July 2, 1927, Edwin Walter Zoller married Lucille A. Lang, of Pittsburgh.

ARTHUR FRANK ELLIS—Postmaster of Cambridge Springs, Arthur Frank Ellis, although a comparatively young man has taken a leading rôle in the civic affairs of Cambridge Springs and has gained the wide respect of all business and professional men and women in Crawford County as well as winning a host of friends throughout northwestern Pennsylvania.

Arthur Frank Ellis was born at Meadville, Pennsylvania, February 18, 1907, the son of Albert F. and Esther (Murray) Ellis. Albert F. Ellis, after a busy life, is now retired. Passing through the public and high schools of Meadville, Arthur Frank Ellis went to Allegheny College, where he was awarded his degree of Master of Arts in 1929. While in college he became a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity, an organization in which he has retained his interest.

Upon completing his education, Mr. Ellis, in 1929, became interested in civic affairs and political activities, shortly becoming an employee of the Pennsylvania State Liquor Control Board—a position which he held until

1941, when he resigned to accept appointment as postmaster of Cambridge Springs. He has continued his interest in civic affairs, being a member of the Cambridge Springs Chamber of Commerce. His professional activities are supported by membership in the Crawford County Postmasters' Association, the Pennsylvania State Postmasters' Association, and the National Postmasters' Association.

In September of 1936, at Cambridge Springs, Arthur Frank Ellis married Mary Limber. Mr. and Mrs. Ellis are the parents of two children: 1. Martha Jane, born in 1937. 2. John Limber, born in 1939.

Mr. Ellis is fond of all outdoors sports but finds his chief means of recreation in hunting and fishing. He is also a bridge enthusiast.

PERCY GRANVILLE STURTEVANT—As an electrical engineer Percy Granville Sturtevant has performed a valuable service in the different communities where he has lived and worked, and he is now vice-president of the Erie County Electric Company and one of Erie's leading citizens and business men.

Mr. Sturtevant was born December 20, 1885, in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, son of Charles Granville and Elizabeth (Hanson) Sturtevant. He was descended from Samuel Sturtevant, progenitor of the family in America, who was born in 1624 in Rochester, England, and came to this continent in 1643, settling at Plympton, Massachusetts. He was for years among Plympton's leading citizens, and there he lived until the close of his life. His descendant, Lemuel Sturtevant, Percy G. Sturtevant's great-grandfather, born in Plympton, was on the sea for many years, achieving distinction as a whaler, and in later life was a shoemaker in Plympton, where he died. He married Olive Soule Churchill, also a native of Plympton, who also died there. Their son, Charles Henry Sturtevant, born November 28, 1834, at Plympton, died September 22, 1917, at Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, was associated with David Cushman, tack manufacturer, in Dighton, Massachusetts, but later he removed to Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, where they were pioneers. A carpenter by trade, he served in the Civil War, enlisting as a private in Company E, commanded by Captain Bumpus, in the thirty-second regiment of Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry. He married Rolinda Sherman, born May 8, 1839, in Plympton, Massachusetts, died October 12, 1924, in Detroit Lakes. Their son, Charles Granville Sturtevant, Percy Granville Sturtevant's father, was born February 1, 1861, in Plympton, Massachusetts, and died August 22, 1933, in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota. He was in early life a surveyor, and later became a right-of-way and tax agent with the Soo Railroad. Politically he was a Republican, and he served as chairman of the Republican committee in Minnesota and was for a time county treasurer in Detroit Lakes,



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Minnesota. His wife, Mrs. Elizabeth (Hanson) Sturtevant, Percy G. Sturtevant's mother, was born June 9, 1859, in Boston, Massachusetts, and died August 16, 1905, in Detroit Lakes.

Schools of Detroit Lakes, his birthplace, furnished Percy Granville Sturtevant's early education, and when he was graduated from high school there, in 1903, he became a student at the University of Minnesota, where he took the degree of Electrical Engineer in 1908. Next he became associated with the General Electric Company, at Harrison, New Jersey, where he remained for eighteen months as a foreman in the lamp department. Next he removed to the Detroit Lakes community once more, becoming utility man with the municipal electric plant there and so continuing for six months. Then he was with the General Electric Company at Lynn, Massachusetts, for nine months, doing meter and instrument work.

On September 27, 1911, he came to Erie as meter superintendent with the Erie County Electric Company, with which he remained thereafter and is still connected at the time of writing. He was made electrical engineer in 1918, and in 1923 became vice-president. He has rendered valuable service for many years in his present position as vice-president, and is one of Erie's talented technical workers and business officials, as well as a participant in many of the city's worth while civic and social activities. Politically he is a Republican. He belongs to the Erie Club, the Kalkwa Club, the Pennsylvania Society of Mayflower Descendants, Keystone Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons and the Masonic Scottish Rite Consistory (in which he has attained the thirty-second degree), and Luther Memorial Lutheran Church. In leisure time Mr. Sturtevant enjoys the out-of-doors and healthful recreations centering about the home, notably the raising of flowers and plants on the beautiful grounds surrounding it.

Percy Granville Sturtevant married, September 25, 1918, Irene Isabelle Hauer, of Erie, daughter of John and Catherine Hauer. Her father was a resident of Erie, who passed away in 1941, and her mother is now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Sturtevant became the parents of two children: 1. Jean Marguerite Sturtevant, born December 21, 1921. 2. Roger Granville Sturtevant, born October 20, 1925.

ROBERT J. HETZNECKER—Carrying on a general practice of law in Kane, Robert J. Hetznecker is one of this community's leading citizens.

Mr. Hetznecker was born July 9, 1905, in Kane, Pennsylvania, son of William Henry and Mary (Flynn) Hetznecker. His father, who came from Wilcox, Pennsylvania and is now deceased, was for many years a locomotive engineer with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. The mother was born in Ridgway, this State.

Kane schools provided Robert J. Hetznecker's early formal education, and after graduation from high school he became a student at Penn State College and Villanova College and was graduated in 1931 as a Bachelor of Laws from Dickinson Law School, in Carlisle, this State. While a student in law school, he studied also in the office of Mullin and Woods, lawyers in Kane, between 1927 and 1930. Admitted to the Pennsylvania bar on November 30, 1931, he remained for one year in the offices of the same firm, then entered upon his own independent practice of his profession. He operates a law office in Kane under his own name, and here takes part in some of the most important litigation arising in the community and district.

Active in the general affairs of his profession, Mr. Hetznecker is a member of the McKean County Bar Association, the Pennsylvania State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. Politically he is a Republican. He is active fraternally in a number of organizations—the Phi Kappa fraternity, a social fraternity that he joined in his student days; the Delta Chi legal fraternity; the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Loyal Order of Moose, and Rotary International (Kane). He belongs to St. Calistus' Roman Catholic Church, in Kane.

On August 13, 1938, Robert J. Hetznecker married Rae M. Arnold, of Kane, daughter of Edwin and Mary (Gaffney) Arnold.

RAY FLOYD COLVIN—Conducting a job printing business in Cambridge Springs, Ray Floyd Colvin is one of his community's active leaders.

Mr. Colvin was born November 16, 1894, in Edinboro, Pennsylvania, son of George Edward and Anna Colvin. His father is now living retired from his active endeavors. Public schools of Cambridge Springs provided Ray Floyd Colvin's early formal education, and after completing his high schools studies he entered the employ of the "Enterprise News" at the age of sixteen as a member of the staff. The newspaper was then owned by Mr. Moses, and Mr. Colvin remained with it from 1911 to 1922. After the paper changed hands, being taken over by William Rose, the present owner, Mr. Colvin continued with him until 1928. In that year he established a job printing business and became its sole owner and manager.

Not only has he built up a sizable business, but he has taken a lively interest in community affairs. Though technically a Republican, he is an independent voter. He is a member of the American Legion post in Cambridge Springs, his military service during the World War period of 1917-18 having been as a sergeant in the Quartermaster Corps at Camp Lee, Virginia. Mr. Colvin belongs to the Cambridge Springs Chamber of Commerce and the Erie

Press Club, and is a member of the Lutheran Church. In spare time he enjoys such healthful sports as bowling and baseball.

BENSON EDWIN TAYLOR—A long career in the business, industrial and financial life of Pennsylvania has brought Benson Edwin Taylor to many offices of large responsibility. He is now president of the Brockway City Bank and the Union Banking & Trust Company of Du Bois and an officer of several corporations. Mr. Taylor, who is widely known in the State, has also entered public life, serving for several years as a member of the cabinet of Governor John S. Fisher.

He was born in Hodgdon, Maine, on January 31, 1862, son of George W. and Eleanor (Taylor) Taylor, born respectively at Hodgdon and in the Canadian province of New Brunswick. His father was a farmer and lumberman, and until his nineteenth year, Benson Edwin Taylor remained on the home farm, meanwhile attending the local public schools. Late in the year 1880, however, he left Hodgdon for Ridgway, Pennsylvania, and has since remained a resident of this State. For about five years following his arrival he worked as a sawmill hand and lumberman at Ridgway. Then he began his independent business career as a merchant in Ridgway and in 1893 moved to Brockway, where he spent ten years in the general mercantile business. Another fifteen years were devoted to the clothing and furnishings business. At the end of this time, Mr. Taylor disposed of his mercantile interests and began an association with the Pennsylvania coal industry which brought him to the presidency of the McKnight Coal Company. During the World War period he formed connections with numerous mining companies in Indiana, Jefferson and Clearfield counties. His first important financial interests began in 1920. Upon the organization of the Brockway City Bank in that year, he was elected its president and has continued as such without interruption, building the bank during the boom years with wise conservatism, carrying it through the depression in a fundamentally sound condition, prepared again to meet the needs of expanding business.

In 1926, Mr. Taylor was called into the service of the Commonwealth with his appointment as Secretary of the Department of Property and Supply in the Cabinet of Governor John S. Fisher. In this office his record was outstanding to such an extent that he became the logical candidate to succeed Governor Fisher, but a serious automobile accident cut short his public career. Further honors in public life were tendered him—a post in the United States Treasury Department under Secretary Andrew Mellon, who requested him to take charge of the Division of Property and Supply. This request, however, came to him in a difficult period of the depression and Mr. Taylor as bank president felt it his duty to depositors and stock-

holders to remain on the job. Accordingly he declined the Federal appointment.

In January, 1931, in addition to his presidency of the Brockway City Bank, Mr. Taylor was elected president of the Union Banking & Trust Company in Du Bois, which he has since headed. This institution has served the Du Bois community for more than forty years. Incorporated on November 10, 1899, it opened for business in the McEwen Building at the corner of Brady Street and Scribner Avenue and remained there until 1903 when the present bank building was erected. Originally capitalized at \$125,000, the capital stock was increased to the present figure, \$250,000, on June 22, 1920, as a consequence of the steady development of the bank. Throughout its history it has enjoyed able management. The original president was A. R. Van Tassel and his associates were A. T. Sprankle, prominent local merchant, who became vice-president; and B. M. Marlin, first secretary and treasurer of the institution. The original board of directors was composed of J. B. Henderson, B. M. Marlin and B. M. Clark, all of Brookville, and the following members from Du Bois: A. R. Van Tassel, C. L. Hay, A. T. Sprankle, F. W. Prothero, H. S. Knarr, H. E. Ginter, J. E. Morris, J. F. Brady and W. C. Arnold. On July 18, 1918, F. G. St. Clair became the second president of the bank, in succession to A. R. Van Tassel. He served for eleven years and was followed in the presidency by J. F. Sprankle (*q. v.*), member of a family which has been prominent in the management of the bank throughout its history. Mr. Sprankle was president until his death on January 6, 1931. His successor was the present incumbent, Benson Edwin Taylor, who assumed office on January 13, 1931. Mr. Taylor, whose administration continues the best traditions of the institution, has as his associates: J. E. Merris, vice-president; Fred Brown, vice-president; A. P. Way, vice-president; M. H. Hartzfeld, treasurer; and J. F. Sprankle, Jr., son of the former president, who is now secretary of the bank.

In addition to his financial connections, Mr. Taylor is president of the Eastern Clay Products Company; vice-president of the Peerless Oil & Gas Company; vice-president of the Canadian-Honduras Company; and an officer and director of many other corporations. He is well known as an advocate of good roads and was president of the commission which had charge of building the State highway linking Buffalo, New York, and Clarksburg, West Virginia.

Mr. Taylor has always been a Republican in politics and is influential in his party. He is affiliated fraternally with Elk Lodge, No. 379, Free and Accepted Masons, and with all higher Masonic bodies in both York and Scottish rites, including Ridgway Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Ridgway Council, Royal and Select Masters; Ridgway Commandery, Knights Templar, of which he is



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Past Commander; Erie Lodge of Perfection and Pittsburgh Consistory, of both of which he is a life member; and Zem Zem Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Erie. Mr. Taylor is also affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Du Bois. He has helped to organize four golf clubs in the vicinity of Du Bois and has been a member in the past of both the Rotary and the Kiwanis clubs. A Presbyterian in religious faith, he has been a trustee of his church for many years.

On December 24, 1884, Benson Edwin Taylor married Emma Olmstead, of Ridgway. They are the parents of three children: 1. Vernon F., a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, now a resident of San Antonio, Texas, with a summer home at Tionesta. 2. Bonnie, who was graduated from Radcliffe College and married Paul S. Reed, of Tulsa, Oklahoma. They have two children: Marcia, sixteen years old; and David, who is fourteen. 3. Alice Eleanor, a graduate of Wellesley College. She was a resident of Philadelphia and was very active in child welfare work in that city. On October 14, 1941, she became the wife of the Rev. Joseph Harte, an Episcopal minister, of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

JOHN CHARLES GAFFNEY, D. D. S.—An outstanding member of the dental profession of Clearfield County, John Charles Gaffney, D. D. S., of Du Bois, Pennsylvania, is also an outstanding citizen of his municipality, being active not only as a merchant and as a banker but also operating a large farm—all in addition to his professional duties.

John Charles Gaffney was born at Houtzdale, Clearfield County, on January 16, 1885, son of John Charles and Catherine A. (Ackerd) Gaffney. John Charles Gaffney, who was a native of Houtzdale, passed his life as a miner, living to the age of eighty-one. Catherine A. Gaffney, his wife, also a native of Houtzdale, is now in her ninety-sixth year.

After receiving his secondary education in the parochial schools at Houtzdale, John Charles Gaffney entered the University of Pittsburgh where, in 1911, he received his degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. The same year, Dr. Gaffney began the general practice of his profession at Du Bois, opening offices which he has maintained through the present time, and enjoying one of the best practices in Clearfield County. A member of the Republican party politically, the doctor has always taken a deep interest in civic problems but has largely confined his public duties to extensions of his profession as in connection with the Du Bois Hospital and the Maple Avenue Hospital. He is very prominent in professional circles also, being the primary mover in the organization of the old Northern Pennsylvania Dental Society, now the Eighth District Dental Society, serving the original group as its president and continuing as a member of its successor as well as

belonging to the Pennsylvania Dental Society and the American Dental Association. Active in other interests of a private nature as well, the doctor was president for several years of the Peoples State Bank, a position which he held until the institution was merged in 1940 with the Union Banking & Trust Company. Other present banking interests of Dr. Gaffney include the presidencies of the Du Bois Building & Loan Association and the Community Consumers Discount Corporation. Two other present activities of the doctor include his ownership and operation of the Central Jewelry & Furniture Company and the ownership and operation of a three-hundred-acre farm. A member of the Du Bois Council, Knights of Columbus, and the Du Bois Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Dr. Gaffney is also a member of the Acorn Club and the Du Bois Board of Trade, serving this organization, which was formerly the Du Bois Industrial Society, as a director. He is a member of Saint Catherine's Church.

John Charles Gaffney married, on April 20, 1915, Anna Cornelia Cotter, of Osceola Mills, Pennsylvania. Dr. and Mrs. Gaffney are the parents of four children: 1. John Charles, Jr., who, after attending Saint Catherine's parochial schools, took his degree of Bachelor of Science at the University of Pittsburgh, his Master of Dental Science at Northwestern University, and is now a medical student at Loyola University in Chicago, Illinois. 2. Paul Cotter, who, after attending Saint Catherine's parochial schools, took his degree of Bachelor of Science from the University of Pittsburgh and is now studying medicine there. 3. Anna Catherine, who, after attending Mercyhurst School for two years, is now studying music at the Chicago Conservatory of Music and also attends the University of Chicago. 4. James Andrew, now a student in the Du Bois public schools.

FREDERICK ANTON FENSEL—As an architect, Frederick Anton Fensel has made a notable contribution to Bradford and its people and institutions, putting up a number of important buildings and beautiful residences here. He has also become active in a number of business and civic undertakings in this community and district.

Mr. Fensel was born April 15, 1905, in Windber, Somerset County, Pennsylvania, son of Peter and Victorina (Soisson) Fensel. His father, who came from Bavaria, Germany, was for many years a brewer until his death. The mother, still living, came from Lorraine, France.

St. Bernard's Parochial School, in Bradford, provided Frederick Anton Fensel's formal education through the graded and high school years. Then he spent three years at the Catholic University, in Washington, District of Columbia, and matriculated at the School of Fine

Arts of Yale University, in New Haven, Connecticut, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Fine Arts in 1931. When he was graduated from Yale, he immediately became associated with the firm of Lawrie & Green, architects, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, remaining with them until 1934. In that year Mr. Fensel became a registered architect in his own right, opening an office in Bradford and carrying on his own private practice down to the time of writing. In the Bradford district some of his leading works are the Mrs. Lewis Emery, Jr., residence, in South Bradford; the Bradford Children's Home; the Second and Third Ward schools; recreation center and community pool; the Healey Petroleum Office Building, now being erected; and numerous homes, among them two large ones in Minard Run for Thomas Mallory and R. B. Haggood, Jr.

Along with all his architectural work, Mr. Fensel serves as vice-president and a director of the Star Garage Corporation. He follows an independent course in his political life, not aligning himself with either of the major parties. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Society of Architects and the Knights of Columbus, and is active also in the Yale Club of Pittsburgh. He belongs to St. Bernard's Roman Catholic Church, in Bradford.

Frederick Anton Fensel married, January 13, 1940, Gretchen Walther, of Dayton, Ohio.

ENOCH CRAWFORD FILER—In the practice of law and in business, financial and civic affairs, Enoch Crawford Filer has taken a position of leadership in Erie, where he centers all his activities.

Mr. Filer was born March 17, 1897, in Grove City, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, son of Enoch L. and Mary Ann (Crawford) Filer. His paternal grandfather, also named Enoch Filer, was born in England and died in Sharon, Pennsylvania. He was owner and operator of coal mines and was in his political views a staunch Democrat. He married Elizabeth Lawton. Their son, Enoch L. Filer, born March 10, 1861, in Mercer County, Pennsylvania, died August 10, 1911, in Greenville, this State, was also a coal operator, though in politics he was a Republican. He belonged to the Protestant Episcopal Church. He married Mary Ann Crawford, born August 10, 1871, in Mercer County, Pennsylvania, died in Greenville in October, 1926, daughter of Robert Crawford, a native Scotchman, who died many years ago in Greenville after having lived for a number of years in retirement from his business activities.

Enoch Crawford Filer attended Greenville schools and was graduated from high school there in 1915, whereupon he became a student at Allegheny College, in Meadville, taking the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1919. He was graduated from the Law School of Harvard University in

1921 as a Bachelor of Laws, and in that same year was admitted to the Erie County bar and to practice in the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. Since that time he has been actively engaged in the practice of law in Erie, where his friends are many and loyal and where he has taken an increasingly important rôle in civic affairs.

Mr. Filer is a director of the Marine National Bank, of Erie, and president of the Erie Malleable Iron Company. A Republican in his political alignment, he served for twelve years as United States Commissioner. He is a member of the Erie County Bar Association, the Pennsylvania State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. In the Free and Accepted Masons he belongs to Eureka Lodge, No. 290, of Greenville; Erie Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and the Shrine Club. Mr. Filer is also a member and past treasurer of the local post of the American Legion, and he served during the World War at Camp Jackson, South Carolina, and was honorably discharged in 1919 from Fort Meade, Maryland. He belongs to the Erie Club, the Kahkwa Club and the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, which he joined in his student days. He is chancellor of the Erie diocese of the Protestant Episcopal Church and a member of the Cathedral of St. Paul, in Erie. In addition to all his other activities, Mr. Filer is a member of the board of incorporators and a director of Hamot Hospital, Erie, and a member of the board of incorporators and member of the board of trustees of Erie Cemetery.

Enoch Crawford Filer married, December 28, 1921, Margarita MacIntosh Burns, a native of Danville, Illinois, daughter of William C. and Jennie (MacIntosh) Burns, of Danville, who now reside in Erie. Mrs. Filer studied in the public schools of Danville, Illinois, her native city, and at the Leland Powers School, in Boston, Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. Filer became the parents of three daughters: 1. Mary Jane Filer, born January 25, 1930. 2. Elizabeth Filer, born January 13, 1933. 3. Margarita Filer, twin of Elizabeth, also born January 13, 1933.

FRED J. BROWN—Centering his business activities in Du Bois, Fred J. Brown is president of Brown's Boot Shops, an organization operating twenty-four stores in western Pennsylvania and two in New York State, one in Olean and one in Salamanca. Specializing in what Mr. Brown calls "family shoes," this company obtains its merchandise from manufacturers in all parts of the United States and employs approximately one hundred people.

Mr. Brown was born May 24, 1886, in Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, son of Lewis and Annie (Read) Brown, of this county, both now deceased. He still owns the Clearfield County farm on which both he and his father were born, and which his son, Robert C. Brown, now



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operates. This tract was an original land grant to Fred J. Brown's great-great-grandfather on the Read side of the house, made over to him in 1784 in return for service rendered by that pioneer in the Revolutionary War. It was not until 1802, however, that this pioneer member of the Read family actually took over the grant and lived on it. On this same property another of Fred J. Brown's great-great-grandfathers also lived—a man named Hamilton. The grandfather, son of the pioneer, was a boy when brought here and the father and Mr. Brown himself were born on this property. Fred J. Brown's holdings now amount to more than nine hundred acres, on which he raises pure-bred Hereford cattle, having one of the finest herds in the district. His paternal grandfather was Clark Brown, and his maternal grandfather was Josiah C. Read, who served as sheriff of Clearfield County and was a prominent citizen in his day. Clark Brown was a county commissioner.

Fred J. Brown attended parochial schools in Clearfield, Pennsylvania, and in boyhood worked in mercantile establishments there until he was twenty-one years of age. Attaining his majority in 1907, he came to Du Bois in that year to open and take charge of the Conn-Allen Shoe Store here. In 1908 Mr. Brown went into the retail shoe business on his own account in Du Bois, met with success, and gradually began acquiring and opening stores in other cities in western Pennsylvania. Today he operates what is recognized as being one of the finest small chains of retail stores in Pennsylvania and New York, with the twenty-four stores referred to above all coming under the head of the general organization.

Mr. Brown, as head of this shoe store chain, has come to be an accredited leader in the life of Du Bois and of this region of Pennsylvania, and has frequently been called upon to take the lead in other business enterprises. A few years ago, when the Vulcan Soot Blower Company, of Du Bois, encountered difficulties, Mr. Brown and others took it over and reorganized it into one of the finest plants of the district. Mr. Brown is president of this company, a director of the Triangle Spring Company of Du Bois, and a director of the Union Bank & Trust Company of Du Bois and the County National Bank of Clearfield. Politically he is a Democrat, and he is active in a number of local organizations, among them the Du Bois Board of Trade.

Fred J. Brown married Mary Cotter, of Osceola Mills, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Sarah, graduated from Du Bois schools, wife of Dr. O'Connor, a local physician; they have one child, Sarah O'Connor. 2. Louis F., a soldier in the United States Army. 3. Robert C., who operates his father's Clearfield County farm, the historic Brown family property. 4. Fred J., Jr., attending Du-

quesne University at the time of writing. 5. Mary Ann, a student in Du Bois schools. 6. Julian, also a student in Du Bois schools.

JAMES THEODORE VALONE, M. D.—A dozen years ago, after extensive professional training, Dr. James Theodore Valone began his career as a physician in Warren. He is today a well-known cardiologist, carrying on a large practice which centers in this city.

Dr. Valone was born in Ripley, New York, on January 31, 1903, son of Samuel and Rosalena (Pennica) Valone, both natives of Sicily and both now residents of Jamestown, New York, where the father is engaged in the cleaning and dyeing business. Samuel Valone was born on January 18, 1881. He is the son of Vincent Valone, an Italian farmer who was born and died in Italy, and Louise Valone, now living in Jamestown. Rosalena (Pennica) Valone, the mother, was born on October 8, 1884. Her father, who is now deceased, was a notary in Sicily for many years and was prominent in politics there. Her mother now lives in Dunkirk, New York.

James Theodore Valone completed his preliminary education in the public schools of Bradford, where he was graduated from high school in 1921, and subsequently entered the University of Buffalo. At this institution he took the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1923 and the degree of Doctor of Medicine from the Medical College in 1927. In 1927-28, Dr. Valone interned at Buffalo Children's Hospital. During the following year, until the fall of 1929, he served as interne at Buffalo General Hospital, after which, on October 1, 1929, he launched his career in Warren. Although he has not specifically limited his practice, he has specialized in diseases of the heart and is consulting cardiologist at Warren State Hospital as well as a member of the active medical staff of Warren General Hospital.

Dr. Valone, who is prominent in local medical circles, is past president of the Warren County Medical Society and a member of the Pennsylvania State Medical Association, the American Medical Association and the American Heart Association, Inc. In addition to his professional connections, he is a leading Catholic layman of Warren and is active in civic affairs. Dr. Valone is a member of the Warren Kiwanis Club. He has been Grand Knight of Warren Council, Knights of Columbus, for the past four years, and in this order is District Deputy of the 26th District of the Pennsylvania State Council, Knights of Columbus, a position he held for the past two years. Dr. Valone is also a member of the Warren Chamber of Commerce and the Young Men's Christian Association; the Conewango Club and St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church of Warren. He is

affiliated with the Alpha Phi Delta fraternity and is a member of the University of Buffalo Alumni Association. He is a past trustee of the Warren State Hospital, as well as a consultant to the hospital. In politics he is a Democrat.

On September 9, 1929, Dr. Valone married Jennie Rose La Duca, born at Buffalo, New York, March 6, 1902, daughter of Anthony and Rose (Cirrincione) La Duca, both natives of Sicily, both now living in Buffalo, where the father is a local politician. Mrs. Valone is a graduate of Hutchinson High School in Buffalo and of the Bryant and Stratton Business College there and was a stenographer before her marriage. She is a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in Warren, the Catholic Daughters of America, the American Red Cross; an active member of the Women's Club of Warren, the Warren County Medical Auxiliary and the Warren General Hospital Auxiliary.

Dr. and Mrs. Valone are the parents of two sons and a daughter: James Samuel, born December 29, 1934; Richard Anthony, born August 31, 1936; and Judith Rose, born August 23, 1941.

JOHN H. HAYES—President of the Du Bois Dairy Corporation, one of the leading organizations of its kind in northwestern Pennsylvania, John H. Hayes of Luthersburg, Clearfield County, is an outstanding citizen of his municipality, serving it not only in various public offices but also being interested in lumbering, farming and coal mining as well as the dairy corporation.

John H. Hayes was born at Kersey, Elk County, Pennsylvania, August 9, 1860, son of E. G. and Marguerite (Brockbank) Hayes. E. G. Hayes, who was a native of Elk County, passed his life as a school teacher, holding posts for many years in both Elk and Clearfield counties. Mrs. Marguerite B. Hayes, his wife, was a native of England.

After passing through the public schools of Brady Township, Clearfield County, John H. Hayes left the farm on which he was raised for the woods, finding employment in the lumber business in and around Luthersburg and becoming a lumber operator as a young man. Turning from this activity, Mr. Hayes became interested in dairying and built up a prize herd of cattle with which he organized a retail milk business, serving Du Bois. From this business he turned to coöperative marketing, being one of the organizers and directors of the Du Bois Coöperative Dairy and later gathering up the units of the coöperative, after its failure, into the Du Bois Dairy Corporation, becoming the president of the association, which is composed of a number of local men. Under his management, the corporation has assumed a leading place in its field in northwestern Pennsylvania, but Mr. Hayes

has also found time for other activities, being the manager of the Luthersburg Farm of the Du Bois Brewery Corporation for a period of thirteen years and also interesting himself in coal mining, purchasing a mine in Brady Township which, at the present, he leases. In addition to his private activities, Mr. Hayes has given generously of his time and talents to various local public offices, his posts including service as tax collector and road master. A Democrat politically, he is a member of the Luthersburg Grange and also belongs to the Luthersburg Lodge of the Knights of Pythias.

John H. Hayes married, on September 13, 1882, Ida Bailey of Brady Township, daughter of John and Esther (Schofield) Bailey. Mr. Bailey is a farmer and also a lumber operator. Mr. and Mrs. Hayes are the parents of three children: 1. Edith N., who married W. C. Carr, a farmer and county commissioner of Clearfield County. 2. John E., who married Grace Huey, and is the father of nine children: Frances, De Merle, De Los, Millicent, Richard, Carlyle, Charles, Jacqueline, and Kathleen. 3. Muriel M., who married W. E. Dickson, a safety engineer and poet of Pittsburgh.

J. C. DUNLAP—Taking an important part in the industrial life of Du Bois, J. C. Dunlap is general manager of the Triangle Auto Spring Corporation here. The company is nationally known, and ships its products to all parts of the United States and to foreign markets.

Mr. Dunlap was born March 3, 1910, in Du Bois, Pennsylvania, son of Harry B. and Lettie (Smith) Dunlap. His father was a native of Clearfield, Pennsylvania, and is now deceased. His mother is still living.

J. C. Dunlap attended graded and high schools in Du Bois, and in 1928, immediately after completing his high school studies, entered the employ of the Triangle Automobile Spring Company. Ambitious and talented, he quickly demonstrated his abilities and learned the business thoroughly, while at the same time he initiated a process of self-education by taking numerous correspondence school courses. Gradually and soundly he gained the confidence of his employers and was offered advancement until at length he became general manager of the entire plant, in which position he continues down to the time of writing. The Triangle Automobile Spring Company was established in 1919 in Pittsburgh by J. F. Bernhardt for the manufacture of automobile leaf springs. In 1927 land was purchased in Du Bois and a new plant was built. In 1928 Mr. Bernhardt was succeeded by his brother, A. R. Bernhardt, as manager, and D. E. Hibner became president. In 1934 O. T. Korb succeeded him, and in 1936 and 1937 Charles Reitz was president. In 1938 the company was reorganized as Triangle Auto Spring Corporation, with Frank J. St. Clair as president; Fred J. Brown, as vice-president; and E. M. Oldknow, as secretary-treas-



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urer. Mr. Dunlap was made general manager at that time, and has so served down to the time of writing. The company employs about fifty people, and ships its products to all parts of the United States and to other countries.

Mr. Dunlap interests himself in community affairs in Du Bois, where he is a member of the Methodist Church.

On August 18, 1934, J. C. Dunlap married Frances Waggett, of Du Bois. They have two daughters: Frances Dunlap, born May 7, 1939, and Gloria, born September 1, 1941.

WILLIAM ELBRIDGE BROWN—Although born only a few years before the turn of the century, William Elbridge Brown, of Clearfield, is a lawyer-banker of wide experience, well-known in financial circles of Pennsylvania. Included in his colorful career were three full years of military service during the first World War period. To the best interests of his city he devotes a good proportion of his energies and time.

Mr. Brown was born at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, April 4, 1893, son of Henry W. and Mary Adams (Hartman) Brown. His mother who died December 24, 1940, at the age of seventy-four years, was a native of Bigler Township, Clearfield County. His father, born at Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania, is now a man of fourscore years. William Elbridge Brown was graduated from the high school at Osceola Mills, Pennsylvania, and then attended the Williamsport-Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, this State. In preparation for the legal profession, he entered the law department of the University of Pittsburgh, from which he received, in 1917, the degree of Bachelor of Laws.

On May 8, that same year, 1917, Mr. Brown enlisted in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps, winning a commission as second lieutenant in the Quartermasters Corps, in August, 1917. He was promoted to first lieutenant in April, 1918, and received his honorable discharge from the United States Army in June, 1920. Upon returning to civilian life, Lieutenant Brown was admitted to the bar of Allegheny County in 1920 and of Clearfield County in 1921. During the following year he initiated a general practice of his profession at Clearfield, and confined practically all of his business activities to this field until 1926. In that year he became associated with the Clearfield Trust Company, as trust officer, a post he has filled capably ever since. In 1930 he was elected vice-president of the institution. The reputation of Mr. Brown as banker has spread far beyond the bounds of Clearfield. He had the honor and recognition of his leadership in finance in election to the presidency of the Pennsylvania State Bankers' Association, from which he retired in 1941. He remains a member of the association and a member of its council of administration. Mr. Brown is a member of the Clearfield School Board, a Republican in his political

views, and fraternally is affiliated as Past Post Commander of the American Legion. He is also a Past Commander of the Bi-County Committee comprising the counties of Clearfield and Center. He is a member and president of the board of trustees of the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, of Clearfield.

On October 18, 1918, William Elbridge Brown married Bernice Rumery Beyer, of Bigler Township, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, and they are the parents of two children: 1. William Elbridge Brown, Jr., a graduate of local schools, now an undergraduate at Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey. 2. Elisabeth Beyer Brown, attending Clearfield High School.

JOSEPH ANTHONY MANCUSO, M. D.—Since 1934 Dr. Joseph Anthony Mancuso has been engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in Meadville. He brings acknowledged qualifications to his professional responsibilities in this city and has many calls upon his services.

Dr. Mancuso was born at Fredonia, New York, on September 28, 1903, a son of Anthony and Rose (Mancuso) Mancuso, both born in Italy. In the paternal line he is a grandson of Gustavus and Jennie (Vacanti) Mancuso and in the maternal line of Joseph and Caroline (Pulvino) Mancuso. Both families were farmers in Italy and never came to this country. Anthony Mancuso, the father, was born in August, 1861, and after his arrival in the United States, settled at Fredonia, where he farmed until his retirement. He is a Democrat in politics and a member of the Roman Catholic Church. Rose (Mancuso) Mancuso, the mother, was born in Italy in 1868. Both parents are still living at Fredonia.

Dr. Joseph Anthony Mancuso received his preliminary education in the public schools of Fredonia and in 1923 was graduated from Fredonia Normal High School. Subsequently he studied pharmacy at the University of Buffalo and in 1925 received from that institution the degree of Graduate in Pharmacy. During the following two years he was engaged as a pharmacist in Warsaw and Jamestown, New York, but at the end of this time he decided to adopt the profession of medicine and enrolled at Canisius College, Buffalo, where he completed two years of pre-medical work, majoring in science. In 1929 he entered the Medical School of the University of Buffalo and in 1933 took the degree of Doctor of Medicine. While he was a medical student, Dr. Mancuso was attached to the staff of Buffalo Columbus Hospital as interne and externe for five years. After taking his medical degree, he was resident at St. Vincent's Hospital in Erie, Pennsylvania, for one year, and in September, 1934, launched his practice in Meadville, where his activities have since centered. Dr. Mancuso's offices in this city were located initially at No. 901 Park Avenue, but since

March, 1940, he has been located at No. 283 Walnut Street. Although he has never limited his practice, he specializes in surgery and has firmly established his reputation in this field.

Dr. Mancuso is a Fellow of the American Medical Association and a member of the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the Crawford County Medical Society. He is an active member of the surgical staff of Spencer Hospital in Meadville and in addition to his own practice, serves as deputy coroner of Crawford County. Apart from his professional connections, he is a member of the Taylor Hose Company of Meadville, and a member of the Meadville Boy Scout Council, a movement in which he has been very much interested. He belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Lodge No. 219, and Royal Order of Moose, Lodge No. 99. For a number of years he has held a commission as first lieutenant in the United States Army Reserve Officers' Corps in the Third Corps Area. Dr. Mancuso is affiliated with Epsilon Chapter of the Alpha Phi Delta fraternity and is a member of St. Brigid's, Roman Catholic Church in Meadville. He has made a hobby of reforestation and has purchased several large farms for the purpose of planting them with timber trees. Hunting and fishing are his other favorite diversions.

On April 8, 1937, Dr. Mancuso married Anne Karlin, who was born in Erie, daughter of the late Joseph Karlin, who was born in Germany and died in Erie. Her mother, whose maiden name was Schultz, was also born in Germany and is now deceased.

BERT CLIFFORD SKINNER—General business and financial affairs in Du Bois have for years constituted the major activity of Bert Clifford Skinner, who heads the contracting and building firm of Bert C. Skinner & Son, of this place, and is associated with many business, civic and social organizations in this region of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Skinner was born May 1, 1873, near Smicksburg, Pennsylvania, son of Robinson Coxson and Martha Jane (Adams) Skinner and member of a family which, along different lines of ancestry, dates back to early American times. He is descended in the fifth generation from Robert and Keziah (Blair) Adams, Richard and Mary (Dunlapp) Dodson, Thomas and Christiana (Young) Gahagen, and James Kennedy. The Skinner line, traced by the family, begins with Bert C. Skinner's great-grandparents, Cornelius and Rachel (Andrew) Skinner. Cornelius Skinner, born July 19, 1796, died November 18, 1852, lived in Armstrong and Jefferson counties; he married, March 10, 1818, Rachel Andrews, born November 22, 1796, died June 9, 1876. Records show that they had ten or more children, one of whom, John Skinner, born July 1, 1819, died August 19, 1890, lived on a farm

at Loop, Pennsylvania; he married, April 25, 1844, Mariah Gahagen, born June 1, 1819, in Indiana County, Pennsylvania, died April 12, 1891, at Loop. Their son, Robinson Coxson Skinner, Bert C. Skinner's father, born March 11, 1845, died January 2, 1887, lived at Loop, Indiana County, on his farm there, and was a skilled stonemason and builder; he married Martha Jane Adams on October 14, 1866. She was born April 29, 1846, in Porter Township, Jefferson County, Pennsylvania, and died September 24, 1915. The Adams line proceeds from Robert and Keziah (Blair) Adams, mentioned above, through their son, Thomas Adams, who married Elizabeth Dodson; and their son, Richard Adams, who married Martha Kennedy; to Martha Jane Adams, wife of Robinson C. Skinner and mother of Bert Clifford Skinner. Robinson Coxson and Martha Jane (Adams) Skinner were the parents of the following children: 1. James Blair Skinner, born July 23, 1868, took up his residence in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania; married Jennie Good, and they became the parents of seven children. 2. Charlotte Skinner, born April 23, 1870, was married to William Keen; they live at Rockton, on a farm, and have eight children. 3. Terney Robinson Skinner, born November 23, 1871, married the late Sarah Ashley; they became the parents of three children. 4. Bert Clifford Skinner, of further mention. 5. Bertha May Skinner, unmarried, a resident of Punxsutawney. 6. Morris Orville Skinner, born November 11, 1875, died in 1940, married Jennie Justus, of Jefferson County; they became the parents of five children. 7. Bessie Skinner, died young. 8. Harry Skinner, also died young. 9. Stella Skinner, died likewise in youth. 10. Preston Filmore Skinner, born May 11, 1882, married Grace Carroll, of Punxsutawney; they live in Reynoldsville and have six children.

After Bert Clifford Skinner completed his formal schooling, he turned his attention to business affairs and the serious activities of life. Like his father before him, he became interested in the building industry, and as time went on he took up general contracting. He became the organizer and head of Bert C. Skinner & Son, a general contracting and building firm, in Du Bois, which he operates down to the time of writing. Through it, he has been responsible for the erection of some of the leading structures in Du Bois and vicinity; and he has at the same time interested himself in the general affairs of his industry. He is a governor of the Pennsylvania branch of the Associated General Contractors of America and an active member of the national organization.

He also has other business interests in Du Bois and this region of Pennsylvania, being a director of the Citizens' Building and Loan Association, the Workmen's Mutual Building and Loan Association and the Deposit National Bank. He is also a director of the Du Bois Board of Trade. As a member of the Du Bois Rotary

Club, Mr. Skinner became interested some years ago in the formation of a local cemetery organization. He was one of the original twenty-five Rotarians who, seeing this need, with provisions incorporating perpetual care, sponsored the purchase and development of Morningside Cemetery, known far and wide for its dignity and peacefulness. Mr. Skinner continues today as a director of the Morningside Cemetery Association. He also holds directorships in the Young Men's Christian Association, Maple Avenue Hospital and the Union Outing Club at Home Camp.

He is a charter member of Susquehanna Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, at Clearfield, and is a State committeeman of the organization. For years prominent in Garfield Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, at Du Bois, Mr. Skinner was awarded, in 1938, the Cross of Honor of the national Order of the De Molay, of whose advisory council he is a member. In the Masonic Order he is affiliated with Bethany Commandery, Knights Templar, of Du Bois; Jefferson Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Brookville; Valley of Williamsport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and Jaffa Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Altoona. In the first Methodist Church he is a member of the official board and president of the board of trustees, and also serves on the board of statisticians of the Erie Conference.

Bert Clifford Skinner married, July 28, 1903, at North Point, Pennsylvania, Effa Lenore McCullough, born at Des Moines, Iowa, daughter of the Rev. Charles R. McCullough, a minister in the Allegheny Conference of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, and his wife, Hannah M. (McCullough) McCullough. On the paternal side of her house, Mrs. Skinner is descended in the fifth generation from Alexander McCullough, who served in the Revolutionary War. Alexander McCullough's son, David McCullough, Sr., married Susanna Boyles. Their son, David McCullough, Jr., married Frances Huffman. And their son, Charles R. McCullough, was Mrs. Skinner's father. On the maternal side of her house, Mrs. Skinner was a granddaughter of Samuel Alexander and Elizabeth (Stewart) McCullough; a great-granddaughter of William and Mary (Gravatt) Stewart; and a descendant in the fifth generation from Thomas and Polly (Fleming) Stewart, the former a soldier in the War of the American Revolution. Mrs. Skinner herself came with her parents to Pennsylvania when she was about seven years old, from her Iowa birthplace, and both before and after her marriage she took a lively interest in the life of her adopted State. Mrs. Skinner is a member of the First Methodist Church of Du Bois, along with her husband, and is affiliated with a number of organizations, including the Daughters of the American Revolution, the

White Shrine of Jerusalem, the Court of the Amaranth, the Order of Eastern Star and other groups. She has served the Eastern Star as an officer in the State organization, and has been responsible for founding chapters at Clearfield, Philipsburg and State College. She is a Republican in politics. Bert Clifford Skinner and Effa Lenore (McCullough) Skinner became the parents of a son, Kenneth Clifford Skinner, who was born February 19, 1905, in Du Bois, attended Du Bois schools, and after graduation from high school attended Stetson University, at De Land, Florida, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. He also took technical courses at Columbia University, New York. He is at the time of writing the junior member of the general contracting firm of Bert C. Skinner & Son, of Du Bois, in which he is associated with his father. He serves also as a director of the Workmen's Mutual Building & Loan Association. Politically a Republican, he is a member of the national college fraternity of Alpha Tau Omega and of several Masonic bodies, including lodge, Royal Arch Chapter, Knights Templar Commandery and Williamsport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He is a member of the official board of the First Methodist Church of Du Bois. Kenneth Clifford Skinner married, March 6, 1929, at De Land, Florida, Bassha J. Callaham, of Haralson, Georgia, daughter of Thomas and Bassha (O'Neal) Callaham, of that place. They live at Du Bois, where their son, Kenneth Bert Skinner, was born March 15, 1932.

RITCHIE THOMPSON MARSH—Engaged in a general practice of law in Erie, Ritchie Thompson Marsh has been a member of the law firm of Marsh, Spaeder, Baur and Marsh since 1934. He also serves as referee in bankruptcy here, and from time to time has performed other valuable services in different branches of civic and social life.

Mr. Marsh was born November 15, 1870, in Erie County, Pennsylvania, son of Wilson and Elmina (Sedgwick) Marsh and a descendant of Revolutionary ancestors on both sides of his house. His paternal grandparents, James and Mary (Thompson) Marsh, were both natives of Massachusetts, and both died in Erie County, Pennsylvania, where James Marsh was for years engaged in farming. The father, Wilson Marsh, was born May 5, 1853, in Erie County, and died in the city of Erie. At one time he lived in Massachusetts, and he migrated to Nova Scotia, Canada, remaining there for a time; but eventually he returned to Erie County. He was a farmer and one of the county's early settlers. Long active in politics, he served as postmaster for a short period. Though a Republican, he supported "free silver" and William Jennings Bryan when that great statesman was a candidate for the Presidency. During the Civil War,

Wilson Marsh served in the army, having been in the last draft. For some time before his death he lived retired in Erie. His wife, Ritchie Thompson Marsh's mother, was also a native of Erie County, and she died in Erie.

Ritchie Thompson Marsh attended public schools in Erie, and was graduated from the Pennsylvania State Teachers' College, at Edinboro, this State, in 1894, when he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts. At that time he took up the study of law in the office of former Judge Emory A. Walling, of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. Admitted to the bar of this Commonwealth on July 3, 1899, Mr. Marsh immediately settled in Erie, where he became a member of the law firm of Marsh and Eaton. Later he was a member of the firm of Marsh, Spaeder, Baur and Marsh, of this city, having become so connected in 1934. He is engaged today in a general practice of law, and his work has taken him before the State and Federal courts as a representative of different individuals and corporations. Particularly useful has been his work with insurance companies.

A Republican in his political alignment, Mr. Marsh has rendered valuable public service. In his early life he became a justice of the peace, and since 1926 he has served as a referee in bankruptcy for the United States Government. He belongs to the Erie County Bar Association, the Pennsylvania State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He is a member, too, of the Lake Shore Golf Club, the Culbertson Golf Club, the Erie Club and other social organizations, and has for years been active in the Free and Accepted Masons, the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In the Masonic Order Mr. Marsh is affiliated with many branches and special bodies and is a past officer in practically all of these, including the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He holds the thirty-second degree of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masonry. During the World War period Mr. Marsh served as a member of the legal advisory board set up in connection with administration of the selective service draft act, and he did a great deal in support of Liberty Loan and Red Cross campaigns. Today Mr. Marsh is a trustee of the Erie Public Library, the Edinboro State Teachers' College and St. Vincent's Hospital (Erie). As a diversion Mr. Marsh devotes considerable time to farming on his own farm near Erie.

Ritchie Thompson Marsh married (first) Henrietta McClelland, who was born in Erie County and died in Erie, daughter of the late George and Elizabeth (Warfel) McClelland. They became the parents of a daughter, Winefred Marsh, who married Benjamin Sampson, of Detroit, Michigan, and is the mother of their son, Richard J. Sampson. Ritchie Thompson Marsh married (second), September 27, 1911, Clara Roberts, of Cleveland, Ohio, daughter of Louis and Walburga Roberts, of that city.

WALTER SIVERLY BORLAND—Recognized as one of Oil City's leading retail lumber merchants, Walter Siverly Borland has earned the admiration and confidence of his fellow-citizens here and of the entire business community of this district of northwestern Pennsylvania.

Mr. Borland was born February 1, 1878, in Oil City, Pennsylvania, son of D. T. and Mary Ann (Kennedy) Borland. His paternal grandparents, Thomas and Catherine (Huffman) Borland, were both native Pennsylvanians. The grandfather was a drilling contractor and a Republican in his political views, long active in the affairs of Tarentum until his death here. The grandmother was born in Tarentum and also died in that place. Their son, D. T. Borland, Walter S. Borland's father, was born in 1836 in Tarentum and died in Oil City on April 20, 1918. He was a lumber merchant and oil producer, as well as an owner of oil wells. He was a Republican in politics and an active member of Trinity Methodist Church, and during the Civil War was a corporal in Company F, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. His wife, Mary Ann (Kennedy) Borland, mother of Walter Siverly Borland, was born February 14, 1840, in Tarentum, and died in Oil City, Pennsylvania, November 1, 1920.

Walter Siverly Borland attended schools in his native Pennsylvania district, and was graduated from high school at Siverly, Pennsylvania, in 1895, and from Allegheny College, Meadville, in 1900, with the degree of Civil Engineer. After graduation from college, he became coach at Louisiana State University and so continued for four years. In 1904, in Oil City, he entered the lumber business as a partner with his brother, the late W. K. Borland, the two men forming the Borland Lumber Company. The brother had already started a retail lumber business, which at once entered upon a period of expansion when the two men joined hands. The Borland Lumber Company continues today as one of Oil City's leading enterprises.

Mr. Borland is also a director of the Oil City National Bank, a director of the Oil City Glass & Bottle Company and the People's Building & Loan Association, and a member of the Oil City Chamber of Commerce. His participation in the civic and social life of Oil City was of value. In politics he adhered to the Republican standard. He was a director of the Oil City Boat Club, and he belongs to Oil City Lodge, No. 344, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He was a member also of the Retail Lumber Dealers' Association of Pennsylvania, and in spare time he particularly enjoys fishing and hunting.

On May 3, 1910, Walter Siverly Borland married Rachel Cooper, a native of Oil City, daughter of Charles and Britta (Carnaham) Cooper, of Oil City, both of



W. S. Borland



them now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Borland became the parents of the following children: 1. William K. Borland, born February 12, 1911, who became a mechanical engineer with the Mississippi Fuel Company, of St. Louis, Missouri; he married Eula Morris, of Monroe, Louisiana, and they became the parents of two sons: Robert and David Borland. 2. Thomas C. Borland, born December 21, 1914, now field engineer with the Stanolind Oil & Gas Company, of Anahuac, Texas. 3. Catherine Borland, born April 20, 1917, wife of Dr. William Brehn, a physician, of Franklin, Pennsylvania; they have a son, William Brehn. 4. Rachael Borland, born in November, 1920, a senior at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, at the time of writing. 5. Josephine Borland, born March 14, 1923, who also became a student at Cornell.

JOHN GEORGE PIFER and WILLIAM JAMES PIFER—Reared in the lumber business started by their grandfather, John George Pifer and William James Pifer now operate together the partnership known as G. W. Pifer Sons, handling retail lumber and builders' supplies and operating within a thirty-mile radius around Du Bois.

John George Pifer was born August 29, 1902, in Du Bois, and William James Pifer was born here June 27, 1912. Both were sons of Charles Elmer and Mary Elizabeth (Shaw) Pifer, the former of whom is now deceased. Charles Elmer Pifer was of Armstrong County and Mary Elizabeth Pifer of Jefferson County. The Pifer family is an old and well-established one in Pennsylvania, having been brought here by G. F. Pfeiffer (as the name was originally spelled), who came from Darmstadt, Germany, in 1844. He served in the German Army before coming to these shores, and was for eight or nine years a truck farmer in or near East Liberty, outside of Pittsburgh, where his first wife died. He then removed to Armstrong County. There his children: Conrad, George, Henry, John, and Martha of the first marriage and Kate of the second, were apprenticed to different trades.

One of these children, George W. Pifer, grandfather of the brothers whose names head this review, lived from October 24, 1844, to October 31, 1911. In his early life he served for four years as a sergeant in the Union Army during the Civil War. For some years he farmed in Manor Township, Armstrong County, and later in Clarion County, where he operated a bakery and a grocery for a time. He then conducted a hotel in Jefferson City, Clarion County. It was on June 6, 1882, that he came to Du Bois. Here he opened a shingle mill in partnership with Dell Fairchild—the enterprise out of which the firm of G. W. Pifer Sons grew. A few years later he withdrew from that association, but started, instead, a sawmill business with his brother, John Pifer. The two brothers, centering

their work in Du Bois, operated over a wide area in Clearfield, Clarion, Jefferson, Elk and McKean counties. While so engaged, they added to their sawmill a planing mill and retail lumber firm in Du Bois, with Squire J. A. Bowersox as a partner. This new business gradually occupied more and more of their time, and they admitted to the firm a Mr. Hess, who withdrew after a year from the firm that was known as Pifer & Hess through that period. Mr. Pifer's sons, James Hurbert and Charles Elmer Pifer, now entered the business, and formed a new company, called G. W. Pifer & Sons, which continued as such until George W. Pifer's death, in 1911, when it became G. W. Pifer Sons. In 1936 Charles Elmer Pifer gave his share in the business to his two sons, John George and William James Pifer, who bought the share of their uncle, James H. Pifer, when a serious illness necessitated his retirement.

George W. Pifer, founder of this business, married, November 2, 1865, Hannah Schrum, who was born March 27, 1846, and died August 18, 1874. Their fourth child and second son, Charles Elmer Pifer, was born December 13, 1871. He married Mary Elizabeth Shaw, January 30, 1901, and died February 28, 1937. For further details of the family see the record of "The Pifer Family" in this work. Charles E. and Mary E. (Shaw) Pifer had five children, two sons and three daughters.

The two sons, John George and William James Pifer, attended grade and high schools in Sandy Township, and early started their careers in the lumber industry. Forming an association with the firm started by their grandfather, they took over complete control of the business in 1936, when they acquired their father's share by gift and their uncle's share by purchase. They have successfully operated the firm of G. W. Pifer Sons down to the time of writing, and are widely known for their work as dealers in lumber and builders' supplies in Du Bois and its environs.

John G. Pifer, the first of these sons, is also a director of the Citizens' Building & Loan Association, a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Sandy Township Board of Authority. He is also a director of the Young Men's Christian Association. Both are members of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Loyal Order of Moose and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and both belong to the Presbyterian Church, in which John G. Pifer is a trustee.

John G. Pifer married, June 25, 1927, Lillian Ruth Kremkau, of Punxsutawney, Jefferson County, Pennsylvania. They have three children: Charles La Mar Pifer, John Allen Pifer, and William Lee Pifer. The father, John G. Pifer, is fond of gardening, raises chickens and horses, and also does some hunting and fishing in his spare time.

His brother, William James Pifer, is unmarried.

WILLIAM ALBERT PERRY—A university trained electrical and mining engineer, William Albert Perry early turned his attention to the coal business with which he has since been connected prominently in Pennsylvania. For a number of years Clearfield has been his home and headquarters of his enterprises, which include other than coal companies, and to local civic and charity movements and organizations he gives hearty support and helpful leadership.

Mr. Perry was born at New England, Athens County, Ohio, September 14, 1881, son of Charles and Margaret Ann (Chambers) Perry, both of whom are deceased. His mother was a native of Pennsylvania and his father of Canada. William Albert Perry grew up on his father's farm and attended the public schools. He went to Ohio University and pursued courses in electrical engineering, but interrupted his studies to spend two years in Mexico on engineering projects. Returning to Ohio State University he completed work in mining engineering, and then entered the employ of the Republic Iron and Steel Company, at Republic, Pennsylvania, as superintendent of the plant.

Six months later, Mr. Perry went with the W. J. Rainey Coke Company, a move that determined his future career. For six months he remained with this concern and then was division superintendent of the United Coal Company. His next move was to engage in the coal trade as an independent operator, the course he has since pursued in Pennsylvania and West Virginia. He has a wholesale and retail coal business in Clearfield, under the trade name of W. A. Perry, and he is vice-president of the Greensburg & Connellsville Coal & Coke Company; president of the Perry Moshannon Company, and owns and operates the widely known restaurant and service station two miles east of Clearfield, called Evergreen Terrace.

Aside from business, Mr. Perry freely donates his services to various civic organizations and enjoys several fraternal and club memberships. He is chairman of the finance committee of the Clearfield Red Cross Society; vice-president and a director of the Joseph and Elizabeth Shaw Public Library; and was one of the organizers and a member of the Corporate Council of the Clearfield Community Chest. Fraternally he is affiliated with Cambridge Lodge, No. 66, Free and Accepted Masons, and Cambridge Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, both of Cambridge, Ohio; Pittsburgh Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Pittsburgh Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is prominent among the members of the Clearfield Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce. He attends and has been a trustee of the Presbyterian Church.

On June 28, 1924, William Albert Perry married Anna Mae McCartney, of Indiana, Pennsylvania, and they are the parents of a daughter, Patricia Anne, born May 16, 1925, now attending Clearfield High School.

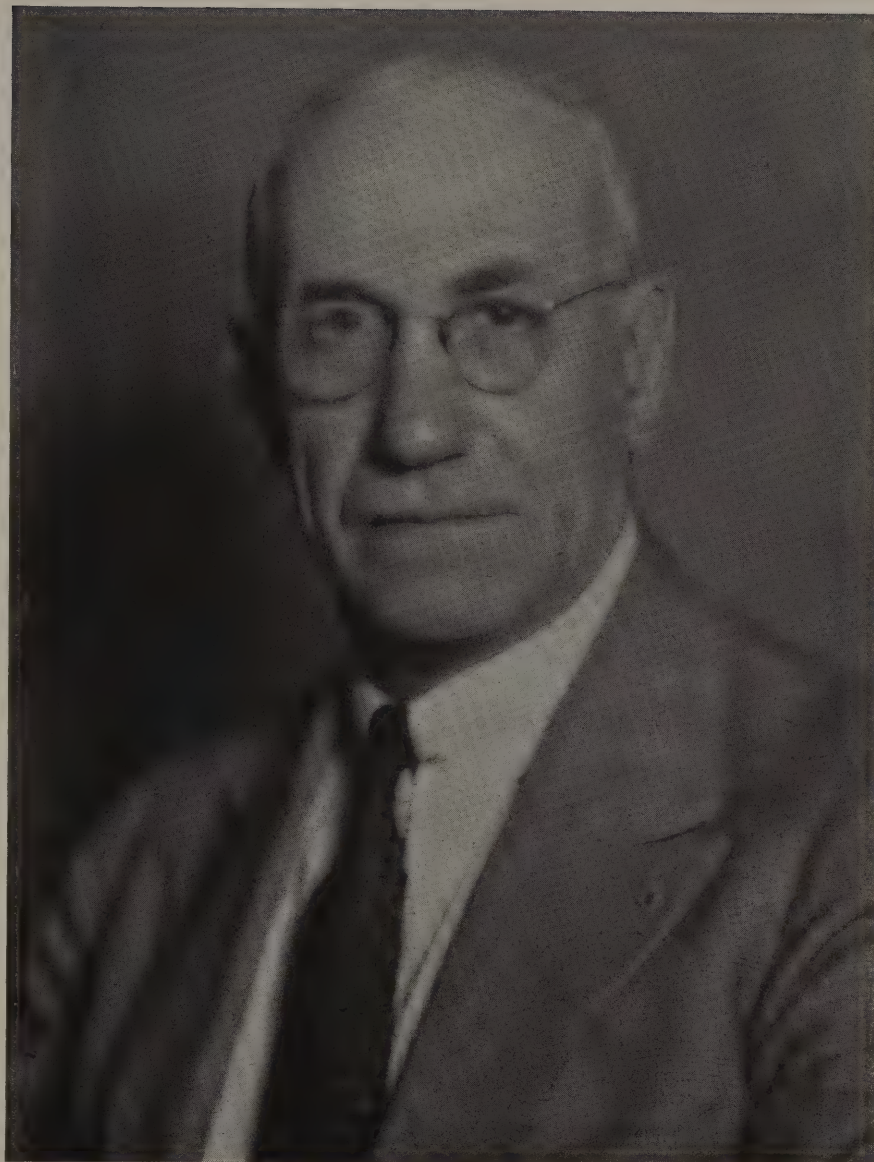
RALPH EUGENE SCOTT—With a broad background of business experience, Ralph Eugene Scott, of Smethport and Bradford, began his public service in 1932 with election to his present post of register of wills and clerk of the McKean County Orphans' Court. As a county official he has his headquarters in Smethport, though he lives in Bradford.

Mr. Scott was born June 18, 1870, in Reynoldsville, Jefferson County, Pennsylvania, son of Walter and Amelia (Ferris) Scott. His father was a sawyer and stationary engineer of Elk and McKean counties. His mother came from New York State. Both are now deceased.

Common schools provided Ralph Eugene Scott's early formal education, and at the age of fifteen years he went to work in the sawmills of Elk and McKean counties. He spent several years in that business then, in 1901, went on the road as a representative of the J. W. Milligan Company, of Bradford, selling pianos. He continued this work for some years, then sold Packard automobiles in and near Bradford until 1932, when he was elected register of wills and clerk of the Orphans' Court. He is, at the time of writing, serving his third term in this position, having won the third election as a candidate on the tickets of both Republican and Democratic parties.

He is himself a Republican in his political views. He belongs to the Epicurean Club, and in the Free and Accepted Masons is affiliated with Union Lodge, No. 334, Coudersport Consistory of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and Zem Zem Temple (Erie) of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a Methodist in his religious faith.

On December 24, 1894, Ralph Eugene Scott married Jennie L. Crawford, daughter of Steward and Eliza (McCullough) Crawford, who are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Scott became the parents of the following children: 1. Pauline, graduated from local schools and Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, New York; she became the wife of George Rhodes, of Keating Township, an oil producer, and the mother of their two children, Scott and Claire Louise Rhodes. 2. Lucille, graduated from Bradford High School became the wife of Harry Boylan, of Keating Township, superintendent of the Tidewater Oil Company, and mother of their daughter, Harrie Jane Boylan. 3. Ralph E., Jr., graduated from Bradford High School and the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce of the University of Pennsylvania, took his Bachelor of Laws degree in 1940 at Fordham University, New York City, then became assistant secretary of the trust department of the Irving Trust Company, New York City; he married Myra Watson, of Jacksonville, Florida. 4. Richard Crawford, a student in Bucknell University at the time of writing.



Ralph E. Scott

HAROLD DALE WOOLRIDGE—It is probable that Harold Dale Woolridge, prominent business man of Clearfield, Pennsylvania, knows more about the topography of Clearfield County than any other resident of this section of the State. Afoot and in canoe, by motor car and rail, he has traveled almost every foot of this region that he loves so well and with which his career has been identified. He equally well has been a student of the history of the area and owns an exceptionally fine library of annals and stories of Clearfield, city and county.

Mr. Woolridge was born at Woodland, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, March 19, 1890, son of Ashley E. and Agnes (Dale) Woolridge, both of whom are now deceased. His mother was a native of Graham Township in this county. His father, born in Bradford Township, Clearfield County, was a general merchant for twenty-three years, county commissioner from 1893 to 1899, and active in the coal and lumber business to the time of his passing. He was one of those substantial progressive citizens who are of such great help in promoting the best interests of the place where their lives are cast.

The parents of Harold Dale Woolridge held education to be one of the bases of a well-rounded life and encouraged their son to obtain good schooling. He was graduated from local grammar and high schools and completed his education in the Central State Normal School. For a year he taught at Westover in the southwest corner of Clearfield County, but decided that a career as an educator was not what he sought. He therefore became associated with his father in the Woodland Cannel Coal Company, and after a few years was the practical manager of the business. He then, with his father and brother, formed the Woolridge Coal Company located at Woodland, which they have since operated with success.

Following in the tradition of his family Harold Dale Woolridge has been an exemplary citizen, always ready to contribute of his time and energies to the best interests of the community. His business headquarters are in the Clearfield Trust Company Building in Clearfield, and he is president of the Clearfield Borough Council. He is a member of the local draft board, a Republican in political allegiance, and prominent in the Rotary Club. Fraternally he is affiliated with Clearfield Lodge, No. 314, Free and Accepted Masons; Clearfield Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Phillipsburg Commandery, No. 74, Ancient York Rite, and Jaffa Temple, at Altoona, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. An outdoor man, he hunts and fishes, swims and plays golf, and is a member of the Clearfield-Curwensville Country Club. He attends the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In 1912 Harold Dale Woolridge married Myrtle Dickson, a native of Wallacetown, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, and they are the parents of the following children: 1. Rembrandt, a graduate of local grade and high schools

and Pennsylvania State College, now engaged in the insurance business; he married Mary Jane Lee, of Clearfield. 2. Jane, a graduate of Clearfield grade and high schools, and Pennsylvania State College, who taught school for four years prior to marrying Joseph Logan. 3. Ashley, a graduate of local schools and Lock Haven State Teachers College, with the degree of Bachelor of Science from the latter institution; studied at Pennsylvania State College for his degree of Master of Arts, and now is in the United States Army as a flying cadet. 4. Richard, attending Pennsylvania State College. 5. Margaret, also at Pennsylvania State College.

JESSAMINE SOLOMON JIULIANTE—Carrying on a general practice of law in Erie, Jessamine Solomon Jiuliente has distinguished himself by his services in his profession and by his public-spirited participation in the public affairs of the city.

Mr. Jiuliente was born April 26, 1899, in Erie, Pennsylvania, son of Dominick and Nicoletta (Di Tullio) Jiuliente, both of Italian birth. He attended public schools here, was graduated from high school at the age of fifteen years, then attended the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce at the University of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia, where he was graduated in 1917 at the age of eighteen years as a Bachelor of Science in Economics. Unlike those who, as young men, receive all life's sweets on the proverbial "silver spoon," Mr. Jiuliente was compelled by circumstances to work for all that he obtained, including his education in high school and college years. At the time of his graduation, the World War had been raging for three years and was just then embroiling the United States as an active participating nation. Volunteering his services, Mr. Jiuliente enlisted in the spring of 1917 for the duration of the conflict, and in the period that followed was assigned to different camps throughout the United States. He held the rank of ordnance sergeant at the time of his honorable discharge, February 7, 1919.

Returning to civil life, Mr. Jiuliente resumed his studies at the University of Pennsylvania, this time attending the law school, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1922. In that year he was one of twenty-five students selected from universities in the United States to go to Italy under the auspices of the Italian Government and study conditions there. These students were all chosen on a scholarship basis, and were enabled to make the tour without expense to themselves. In the autumn of 1922 Mr. Jiuliente was admitted to the bar of the State of Pennsylvania, whereupon he at once started the practice of law in Erie. Since that time he has remained here, practicing mainly in the criminal courts and figuring in some of the most prominent and important criminal cases in Erie County over a period of many years.

While carrying on his professional work, Mr. Jiuliente has concerned himself extensively with public affairs. He served from 1928 to 1932 as assistant district attorney in the county of Erie, and from 1932 onward through a part of 1933 he was assistant city solicitor for the city of Erie. He was appointed deputy attorney-general of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in August, 1935, and served until September, 1939. Mr. Jiuliente is today a member of the Order of the Sons of Italy, to whose Supreme Council he was formerly a delegate. He is a committeeman for the Boy Scouts' Troop No. 48, in Erie, and here is also active in American Legion work, serving in 1927 and 1928 as commander of the Erie Post, then the largest in Pennsylvania. In 1929, 1930 and 1931 Mr. Jiuliente was district commander of the Twenty-ninth Legion District, Department of Pennsylvania. He is serving as government appeal agent for the Third Ward Draft Board in Erie.

For his interest in the general affairs of the legal profession, Mr. Jiuliente is widely known. He is a member of the Erie County Bar Association, the Pennsylvania Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He belongs also to the Erie Press Club, the Presque Isle Sportsman's League, the Erie County Historical Society, the Exchange Club, the United Professional and Business Men's Association, the Erie County Motor Association, the Chamber of Commerce, the Maennerchor, the South Erie Turner Society, the Young Men's Christian Association, the Loyal Order of Moose, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Jessamine Solomon Jiuliente married, December 27, 1922, Rose A. Alfonso, of Philadelphia. They became the parents of three children: 1. Jessamine Solomon Jiuliente, Jr., born November 20, 1925. 2. Joyce Jacqueline Jiuliente, born January 25, 1928. 3. Joan Janet Jiuliente, born May 26, 1929.

WILLIAM WEBBER BARNUM—More than forty years ago William Webber Barnum, of Smethport, McKean County, became interested in dairying and thereafter made this his vocation. He was but a lad at the time, but was free to choose since his father, a builder and contractor, wanted the boy to become associated with him. However, he decided otherwise. Three things stand out in his career: First, he pursued his business in one of the best dairy sections in the country, northwest Pennsylvania, southwest New York and southern Ontario. Second: He supplemented practical experience in dairying with university teaching on the subject. Third: His activities have been identified with the manufacture of milk products rather than with producing milk. All of which is evidence of sound judgment, excellent foresight

and a continued keeping in step with the advances made in his industry.

Mr. Barnum was born in Aylmer, Elgin County, Ontario, Canada, May 7, 1883, son of Timothy and Caroline (Webber) Barnum, both natives of the Province of Ontario, Canada. Both parents are now deceased. His mother was born at Palmerton and his father on the Seventh Concession of East Nissomi, Oxford County. His mother was the daughter of William Webber, whose family originally came to America from Devonshire, England. The father of Timothy Barnum went from the Buffalo section of New York into Ontario in 1839 and was one of the pioneer developers of what is now Oxford County, in the southernmost tip of the Province. His family was almost wholly New England, ancestors coming from Kent County, old England, to settle in Connecticut. The first of the name in Connecticut was one Thomas Barnum, who was at Fairfield prior to 1662 and, later (1684) became one of the first eight settlers of Danbury, Connecticut.

William Webber Barnum was educated in Provincial schools and just before the turn of the century became a dairyman in Canada. In 1904 he sought larger opportunity in the "States" in his line of business, in the Buffalo area. Several years later, although a full grown man and experienced, he decided that there was a great deal for him to learn before he could advance further and took the time to pursue a series of courses in dairying and related subjects at Cornell University. For a time thereafter he was the manager of milk plants in various places until 1922, since which time he has been situated in Smethport. He bought a local creamery which at that time specialized in the making of butter. He changed all its equipment, however, and for some years has centered his attention upon the pasteurizing of milk for local consumption. He also does a wholesale business, but it is subsidiary to the main product.

With Smethport civic, fraternal and commercial organizations, Mr. Barnum is actively connected. He is secretary of the Rotary Club, of the Community Chest and of the Conopus Club. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Belfast, New York, Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, and the Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. The Barnum family attends the Methodist Episcopal Church. They are very fond of music, especially the classical, enjoying it constantly by reason of an extraordinary varied collection of records.

On September 26, 1917, William Webber Barnum married Bertha Southworth, of Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania.

JAMES PATRICK ROSSITER—In professional and public life James Patrick Rossiter has for years occupied a prominent position in Erie. Here he is engaged



William H. Barnum

in the practice of law, and he has held many public offices, including that of mayor of Erie.

Mr. Rossiter was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, son of Louis T. and Elizabeth Cecilia (Griffin) Rossiter. His paternal grandfather was James P. Rossiter, and the paternal grandmother was of the McCusker family. Both were born in Philadelphia and died there. James Patrick Rossiter's maternal grandfather, Thomas Griffin, was also a Philadelphian, and spent his whole life there. Louis T. Rossiter, James Patrick Rossiter's father, was born in Philadelphia in June, 1863, and came with his family from Luzerne County, where they lived for a time, to Erie, arriving here in 1903 and becoming superintendent of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. Later he established his own insurance business. This business, which had its inception in 1910, was the forerunner of the present enterprise, of which the elder Mr. Rossiter is president and general manager, with headquarters in Erie. This firm is known as Rossiter-Kessler, Inc., and is situated at No. 7 East Seventh Street, Erie. Mr. Rossiter is a Democrat in his political views, and in 1940 was a Presidential elector. He belongs to St. Peter's Roman Catholic Cathedral. His wife, James Patrick Rossiter's mother, Elizabeth Cecilia (Griffin) Rossiter, was born in Philadelphia in November, 1866, and died March 17, 1930, in Erie.

After completing his preliminary schooling, James Patrick Rossiter attended Erie High School, where he was graduated in 1910. He then became a student at Pennsylvania State College, where he remained for two years and was a member of the 1914 class. In 1916 he was graduated from Georgetown University Law School with the degree of Bachelor of Laws, and at once he started his general practice of law in Erie. He has continued this work down to the time of writing. For a time he was associated with William E. Hirt, who later became a judge of the Pennsylvania Superior Court. Afterward Mr. Rossiter was connected in professional practice with Miles B. Kitts, who became presiding judge of the Erie County Court.

Mr. Rossiter also has figured prominently in public life in Erie. A Democrat in his partisan alignment, he was early active in party affairs. In 1920 and 1921 he was assistant United States attorney for western Pennsylvania. Between 1924 and 1932 he was a delegate to the Democratic national conventions, and in 1936 he again served in that capacity. From 1932 to 1936 he was mayor of Erie, and in that capacity he introduced many worth while projects for improving conditions in his home city. From 1937 to 1939 Mr. Rossiter was general counsel of the General State Authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. During the World War, Mr. Rossiter received training in several military camps, including Fort Niagara, New York, where he received his com-

mission of second lieutenant. He was honorably discharged from that camp at the close of hostilities after valuable service with the Field Artillery Corps. At one time he was commander of his post of the American Legion in Erie. He is a member of Erie Lodge, Loyal Order of Moose, in which he was at one time a governor, and he also belongs to the Knights of Columbus, the Erie Bar Association, the Pennsylvania State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He is a member of St. Peter's Roman Catholic Cathedral.

FRANK G. ST. CLAIR—During the half a century which he spent in the Pennsylvania coal industry, Frank G. St. Clair, of Du Bois, became one of its best known figures, serving in many positions of responsibility until his retirement in 1936. Since that time he has occupied himself with local business interests at Du Bois, where he is now president of the Triangle Auto Spring Corporation.

Mr. St. Clair was born in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, on December 3, 1866, son of James S. and Anna Belle (Graffius) St. Clair, both of Punxsutawney. His father, who was in early life a watchmaker and jeweler, was later a lumberman and sawmill operator.

As a boy, Frank G. St. Clair attended the public schools of his birthplace and afterwards worked with his father in the operation of the latter's sawmill. Subsequently he completed a course at the City Business College in Pittsburgh and in 1886 entered the employ of the R. & P. Coal Company, in whose service he rounded out half a century of activity, terminated only by his retirement in 1936. Meanwhile, he had become one of the best known furnace men in northwestern Pennsylvania. Until 1918 he was auditor and treasurer of numerous coal companies and furnaces and in the latter year was appointed general manager of all the furnaces of the Iselin interests in this section of Pennsylvania. Since his retirement, Mr. St. Clair has retained his local interests at Du Bois. He is a former president of the Union Banking & Trust Company, holding this office from 1921 through 1931, and is at present a director of the Deposit National Bank and of the Brockway Glass Company at Brockway, Pennsylvania. In 1938, he assumed further responsibilities as president of the Triangle Auto Spring Corporation of Du Bois, a concern then heavily in debt. In three years' time, under his leadership, it has retired its indebtedness and now shows a substantial operating profit. Mr. St. Clair continues as head of the corporation. He has always been active in local community affairs, is a member of the Acorn Club and for twenty years has been a member of the Rotary Club. In whatever community he has lived, he has been an active member of the Presbyterian Church, serving as deacon and elder and in other church offices. In politics, Mr. St. Clair is a Republican.

He married, on October 29, 1888, Emma Noerr, of Jefferson County, daughter of George Noerr, a pioneer lumberman there. Mr. and Mrs. St. Clair are the parents of one daughter, Martha, who was educated in the public schools of Pennsylvania and at Wellesley College, where she was a classmate of Madame Chiang Kai-shek. She married Edwin A. Early, an architect, and they are the parents of two children: Edwin and Martha, both attending high school.

WAYNE WHITING BLEAKLEY, Jr.—In assuming the presidency of the Franklin "News-Herald," Wayne Whiting Bleakley, Jr., reverted to the example of his great-grandfather, James Bleakley, who began the publication of the "Democratic Arch" at Franklin a century ago. Members of his family have been conspicuous in the life of Franklin and Venango County during the intervening years.

Mr. Bleakley was born at Franklin on January 3, 1915, son of Wayne Whiting Bleakley, Sr., and Margaret (Amberson) Bleakley and a descendant of James Bleakley, born in Ireland of Scottish-Irish stock during the eighteenth century. His son, John Bleakley, who was born at Merley, County Tyrone, Ireland, on October 20, 1788, came to the United States with his wife in June, 1819, and settled in Berks County, Pennsylvania. In 1833 he removed to Venango County, where he resided until his death on September 11, 1869. His son, James Bleakley, was born near Unionville in Berks County on September 13, 1820. Learning the printer's trade in his youth, he worked as a journeyman for several years and, in 1842, with John W. Shugert, established the "Democratic Arch" at Franklin. The files of this newspaper, which are in possession of the Bleakley family, are the earliest of any Venango County newspaper. James Bleakley was subsequently associated with A. P. Whitaker in the publication of the "Venango Spectator," beginning in 1851, but in latter years his interests in other fields developed rapidly. He became a merchant in Franklin, established a private banking house in 1854 and, in 1864, assisted in organizing the First National Bank of Franklin, of which he was for a time cashier, and in 1868 founded the International Bank of Franklin, of which he was president until his death and in which his sons succeeded him. In 1870 he established a banking firm at Sharon, Pennsylvania. James Bleakley was a pioneer in the Venango County oil industry, a large holder of property investments and an associate in numerous industrial enterprises, including a foundry, tannery, oil refinery and tinning establishment. He served the Franklin community and Venango County in responsible public offices and until his death on October 3, 1883, remained one of the first citizens of the county, whose development he notably furthered. He married,

in 1843, Elizabeth Dubbs, daughter of a pioneer Franklin merchant, and they became the parents of seven children.

Orrin Dubbs Bleakley, son of this marriage, was born at Franklin on May 15, 1854. After completing his preparatory education at Franklin, he attended the University of Bonn in Germany, and upon his return to the United States, entered the International Bank at Franklin, of which his father was president. The expansion of his holdings in the oil industry reached such proportions that by 1876 they required all his time and for the next seven years he devoted himself to oil production, participating profitably in the Edenburg and Bradford booms. In 1883 he purchased his father's interest in the International Bank and continued its operation with his brothers until 1901, when he organized the Franklin Trust Company and became its president. Under his leadership this institution became the largest bank in Franklin. Orrin D. Bleakley was also vice-president of the First National Bank of Franklin and a stockholder in many business and industrial concerns of Venango County. As an enterprising business leader and public-spirited citizen he continued his father's example, perpetuating the tradition long associated in Venango County with the family name. He married Harriet Elizabeth Richardson, daughter of Richard Richardson, and they became the parents of two sons, Rollin Richardson and Wayne Whiting Bleakley, who succeeded their father in his various financial and business interests.

Wayne Whiting Bleakley, younger of these sons and father of Wayne Whiting Bleakley, Jr., was born in Franklin on October 31, 1891. He has been a banker in this city throughout his career and is now vice-president of the Franklin Trust Company, established by his father. During the World War he served in the National Army, holding a commission as first lieutenant. He married Margaret Amberson, of Franklin.

Wayne Whiting Bleakley, Jr., son of this marriage, was educated in the Franklin public schools and after studying at The Hill School at Pottstown, entered Pennsylvania State College, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1938. For a brief period he was associated with the Jones & Laughlin Steel Corporation, but soon returned to Franklin to take over the presidency of the Franklin News-Herald Company, publishers of the "News-Herald," an important organ of news and opinion in Venango County. In this office he finds a congenial field for his efforts and a position whose community responsibilities are in keeping with the family name.

Mr. Bleakley, who is active socially as well as in business, is a member of the Franklin Club and Wanango Country Club and is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is independent in politics and a member of the Episcopal Church.



Haynes H. K. Bleakley Jr.



JOSEPH FLEMING SPRANKLE, Sr.—In his active career at Du Bois, where the family has long been prominent, Joseph Fleming Sprankle, Sr., devoted himself primarily to banking and at the time of his death was president of the Union Banking & Trust Company of this city. His notable record in finance and his able management of other business interests stamped him as one of the leading citizens of his day in this community.

Mr. Sprankle was born at Pittsburgh, son of A. T. Sprankle, a Du Bois merchant who originally established the grocery business conducted by members of the family for many years. The father was both a merchant and banker, and Joseph Fleming Sprankle, Sr., followed him in his career.

After a common school education, Mr. Sprankle attended Eastman's Business College at Poughkeepsie, New York, and upon his return directly entered the employ of the Union Banking & Trust Company at Du Bois. Beginning as a clerk, he rose gradually within the organization through the merit of his services which brought him, successively, to virtually all positions in the institution. On May 21, 1929, he was elected president of the Union Banking & Trust Company and served as such until his death two years later. For this office he was well qualified by experience and record, and his able leadership meant much to the institution in the difficult years attending the onset of the depression.

In addition to his responsibilities as an officer of the Union Banking & Trust Company, Mr. Sprankle carried on for years the Du Bois grocery business which had been established by his father. Influential and active in all local affairs, he set an example of good citizenship whose value was clearly recognized and was associated with the principal community institutions, including the Acorn Club, the Rotary Club and the Du Bois Country Club. In politics, Mr. Sprankle was a Republican.

He married, on November 13, 1901, Helen Van Tassel Wood, of Du Bois, daughter of Rodelle Adelbert Wood, of Cooperstown, New York, and Elizabeth Higgins (Van Tassel) Wood, of New York City. Mr. and Mrs. Sprankle became the parents of the following children: 1. Joseph Fleming, Jr., born March 24, 1904. He received his early education in the local public schools, attended Haverford College two years and later studied at Princeton University, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Science, and at Harvard University Graduate School, from which he received the degree of Master of Business Administration. In 1931 he entered the service of the Union Banking & Trust Company at Du Bois as a clerk and in January, 1940, became secretary and director of the institution, in which capacities he has since served. He married Clarinda Grace Phillips, of Butler, Pennsylvania, on November 30, 1939, and has two children: Benjamin Phillips Diebold, a son of Mrs. Sprankle by a

former marriage, and Joseph Fleming, 3d, born November 30, 1940. 2. Albert Taylor, born August 5, 1907, a graduate of Westminster Preparatory School at Simsbury, Connecticut, one-time student at Yale University, and a graduate of Bucknell College. He is now engaged in banking at Butler. On June 9, 1934, he married Mary Irene Ritts. 3. David Van Tassel, born May 23, 1913, a graduate of Du Bois schools, Phillips Academy at Andover, Massachusetts, and of Yale University, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1935. He is now associated with the Intaglio Service Corporation in New York City.

Joseph Fleming Sprankle, Sr., died at Du Bois on January 6, 1931, after a career marked by business success and community service, which brought him honor, respect and the regard of his fellow-townsmen. For many years he was a major figure in the life of Du Bois, and his attainments brought him an extended reputation throughout northwest Pennsylvania.

WALTER WELCH—As a leading member of the Clearfield County bar and past district attorney of the county, Walter Welch occupies a position of recognized prominence both in his profession and in the general life of the Clearfield area. He came to the law through many difficulties after a boyhood spent in the coal fields and brought to the profession of his choice qualifications of so high an order that his success was immediate and has been continued down through the intervening years.

Mr. Welch was born in Plymouth, Luzerne County, on March 7, 1875, son of Moses and Catherine (Pettit) Welch. His parents were early settlers in the celebrated coal fields of Houtzdale, establishing their home in that region in the late seventies, following the opening of the Clearfield development.

Walter Welch was reared in Woodward Township, Clearfield County. He attended the local public schools until his thirteenth year and at the end of that time went to work as trapper boy in the coal mines in order to contribute to the meager family income. In those days miners were paid hardly a subsistence wage, won by back-breaking toil. Mr. Welch knows the life well. It was his life for ten years. While working at trapping, mule-driving and handling the pick, he studied in his spare time in order to gain a knowledge of the higher educational subjects denied him in his youth.

The outbreak of the Spanish-American War brought a welcome relief from the monotony of his life. Mr. Welch was the first man in his section of Clearfield County to volunteer for service. Mustered into Company E, 5th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, which was recruited at Clearfield, he continued on active duty until the close of the war, after which he received his honorable discharge from the army and returned to civil life.

Upon the resumption of his career in Clearfield County, he was at once appointed confidential secretary to Colonel E. A. Irvin, of Curwensville, one of the county's largest landowners, a prominent lumberman and the owner of immensely important coal lands. By the character of his service, Mr. Welch so won the confidence of his employer that during the protracted illness of Colonel Irvin the young man administered all his affairs. In doing so he won the gratitude of the Irvin family because of his faithful service and the ability which he manifested. His future became secure, carrying with it the probability of increasing responsibilities of a lucrative nature. Mr. Welch, however, had set his heart upon a career at the bar.

Accordingly, he resigned his comfortable connection and entered the offices of Murray and O'Laughlin, Clearfield attorneys. Here he studied privately for the bar, meanwhile serving as clerk, and at length successfully passed the State examinations. Just as he was on the point of applying for admission to the Clearfield bar, he was offered and accepted a post in the office of Sheriff-Elect Cornelius Allen. Here again he served with devotion and efficiency, and upon the expiration of Sheriff Allen's term after three years, his successor, although of the opposite political faith, asked Mr. Welch to continue in his former capacity. Mr. Welch, however, preferred to take up the practice of law. Following his admission to the Clearfield County bar, he was immediately nominated by the Democratic party for the office of district attorney of the county. Failing of election by a narrow margin, he began the practice of his profession and in 1912, four years after his first venture into politics, he again received the Democratic nomination for district attorney of Clearfield County. On this occasion he was swept into office by a large majority, running ahead of his ticket in almost every election district. Upon his induction as district attorney, the responsibilities awaiting him were arduous. A sizable crime wave in the district had resulted in ten indictments for homicide, the prosecution of which devolved upon the new incumbent. With characteristic energy, Mr. Welch plunged into his work and quickly cleared the largest volume of criminal court work confronting a district attorney for Clearfield County in a long period of years. Disposition was made of all pending cases and a number of defendants, as a result of his forceful prosecution, paid the extreme penalty provided by law in capital cases. Mr. Welch rounded out his full term as district attorney, achieving a distinguished record. In this connection it was written of him: "He brought to the office a clean record, and he left it just as clean in every respect."

Since his retirement as district attorney, Mr. Welch has devoted himself without interruption to the practice of law at Clearfield. During the past quarter of a century

he has successfully represented many important interests and has been retained as attorney or counsel in a wide variety of cases, the satisfactory outcome of which reflects his legal attainments and scholarship and his zeal on behalf of his clients. In 1933 he was appointed county attorney for the Home Owners Loan Corporation and has since been its legal representative in Clearfield County. Throughout the greater part of this period, Mr. Welch has also served as secretary and director of the Clearfield Building & Loan Association. He is a member of the American Bar Association and the Commercial Law League of America and is past secretary of the District Attorneys' Association, serving during his own tenure in public office. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, in which he has taken the fourth degree and is Past Grand Knight of Clearfield Council, holding office for two terms. In addition to these connections, Mr. Welch is a member and past officer of the local post of the Spanish War Veterans' Association and for a number of terms has been treasurer of the Clearfield Fire Department. Since 1937 he has been secretary of the Clearfield County Historical Society. His civic interests are numerous and through them he has contributed in many ways to the progress of his community and the enrichment of its life.

In 1904, Walter Welch married Minnie Bilger, daughter of Alfred L. and Elizabeth (Weber) Bilger, of Curwensville.

FRANCIS MARION HUNTER—The Hunter family has long occupied a prominent place in the life of Saegertown and this region of Pennsylvania, where Francis Marion Hunter is sole owner and head of the Hunter Funeral Home, one of the oldest establishments of its kind in the district. This well-known Saegertown institution was founded by his father, and is now dependent for its more active direction upon his son, Gordon Hunter, three generations of the family having been represented in the business.

The family appeared in Crawford County as early as 1817, when Francis Marion Hunter's grandparents settled here. The Hunters and the Emerys, who were respectively his paternal and maternal families, were both of Scotch-Irish descent. David Wilson Hunter, Francis M. Hunter's father, was a cabinetmaker and funeral director from 1839 onward for the rest of his life, and it was he who established the Hunter Funeral Home. He was noted for the fine coffins that he made, the first of these now being in possession of his son. David W. Hunter was also engaged in farming, and achieved a record of leadership that became a source of pride to his family and friends in Crawford County. He married Ellen Emery.





Joseph D. Plummer

Their son, Francis Marion Hunter, was born February 14, 1864, in Saegertown, Pennsylvania, and here attended public schools through the high school grades. He early became fond and proud of his father, with whom he became associated as soon as he attained the proper stage of young manhood. He was the youngest of a family of nine children, but he revealed a splendid sense of responsibility, and, at his father's death, in 1904, was appointed executor of the estate. As a recompense for years of faithful work with the family business, he inherited the main portion of his father's property and took over active management of the Hunter Funeral Home. In 1905 he bought the holdings of the other heirs and became sole owner. At once he instituted certain needed changes, built a fine new building in the same year, and made a number of important improvements. Since that time he has from time to time added new buildings. The Hunter Funeral Home now has the finest and most modern type of equipment that it is possible to obtain, including two ultra-modern hearses, one ambulance and a hearse built on sleigh runners for winter use. The Hunter Home carries a full line of funeral stock and is a real credit to Saegertown.

Francis Marion Hunter has three children and a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and five of these younger members of the family have come into the business with him. His youngest son, Gordon Hunter, is taking over active management at the time of writing, gradually assuming responsibilities that his father is relinquishing as he enters into a period of well-earned respite from the busy labors of a lifetime. The firm is known as F. M. Hunter & Son.

Still taking a lively interest in the business and in community affairs, however, Francis Marion Hunter is connected with a number of other local institutions representing different branches of Saegertown life. He had been vice-president of the Saegertown National Bank after 1924, though he no longer holds this position, the bank being non-existent. He was also the bank's largest stockholder. He has been general secretary of the Saegertown Young Men's Christian Association since 1892. He belongs to the Grange, the Sons of Temperance, the Knights of Pythias (in which he is a Past Chancellor of his lodge), the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (in which he is a Past Noble Grand of his lodge), and the Free and Accepted Masons. In the Masonic Order he is affiliated with several branches, and holds the thirty-second degree of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Coudersport Consistory. Mr. Hunter is justly proud of his business record and of the fact that he is universally known as "Gramp-py" in Saegertown. He is a temperance leader, and has done much for the cause in his community.

Francis Marion Hunter married, June 15, 1885, in Crawford County, Pennsylvania, Lettie Lord, daughter

of Daniel and Bessie (Gordon) Lord. Her father was of Scotch-Irish descent, long a farmer in this county. Mr. and Mrs. Hunter became the parents of the following children: 1. Ethel Hunter, wife of Frank Osbourne, a funeral director, associated with his father-in-law; the Osbournes have five children: i. Ralph Osbourne, a banker, married Mary Smith. ii. Florence Osbourne, wife of Robert Steinbrook, a banker; they have two children. iii. Dorothy Osbourne, wife of Calvin Pickens, a merchant in Saegertown, and mother of their one child. iv. Richard Osbourne, of the United States Army. v. Donald Osbourne, a mechanic. 2. Iva Hunter, wife of Leroy Hickernell, now deceased; she lives at home with her parents. 3. Gordon Emery Hunter, graduated from Allegheny College, Meadville, Pennsylvania, and the Eckels College of Embalming, Philadelphia, formerly engaged in the furniture business, now associated with his father in the conduct of the Hunter Funeral Home, as indicated above; he has followed in his father's footsteps in the path of community activity, being a Democrat, a past Burgess of Saegertown and past president of the school board, and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he holds the thirty-second degree, as does his father; he married Hazel Woodcock, who is now deceased, and they became the parents of the following children: i. Betty Hunter, now deceased. ii. Kenneth Hunter, associated with his father and grandfather in business, married and has two children. iii. Ruth Hunter. iv. Joan Hunter. v. Jean Hunter. The three daughters, Ruth, Joan, and Jean Hunter, are all musicians, who do considerable singing over the radio. Francis Marion Hunter is happy in the achievement of these and his other grandchildren. The Hunters deserve great credit for continuance of a fine family tradition down the generations.

JOSEPH DIERINGER PLUMER—Engaged in the wholesale tobacco business in Franklin, Joseph Dieringer Plumer is postmaster of the city and one of its leading citizens.

Mr. Plumer was born December 29, 1882, at Franklin, Pennsylvania, son of Ralph C. and Margaret D. Plumer. His father was connected with the Atlantic Refining Company and the Venango Mills, of Franklin, and with the General Manifold & Printing Company.

Franklin schools provided Joseph D. Plumer's early formal education, and after completing his high school studies he became a student at the Miller Night School of Accounting. Accepting a position as messenger in the collection department of the First National Bank of Franklin, which was then controlled by the Plumer family, Mr. Plumer started work there on October 11, 1898. For a decade he continued with that institution, serving

as bookkeeper and teller. Then, in 1908, he left the bank to take up a homestead in Oregon, where he resided for a year and a half. He purchased the quarter section, containing 160 acres, from the United States Government after a time. Upon leaving the homestead, Mr. Plumer removed to Portland, Oregon, where he took work as auditor for a hotel company, operating three hotels and a summer resort and so continuing until 1915. In that year he returned to Pennsylvania to take a position as assistant cashier of the Clarion County National Bank, of Knox, Pennsylvania. He remained there for ten years, resigning in 1925 and purchasing an interest, with his brothers, in the wholesale tobacco business in Franklin, where he still carries on this effort.

Interested in public affairs from an early period in his career, Mr. Plumer has been a consistent Democrat, acting as his party's county chairman and in several public offices. In Knox he was a member of the Borough Council, and afterward he became inheritance tax appraiser and investigator for the State of Pennsylvania in Venango County. On October 21, 1937, he was appointed postmaster of Franklin, and he so continues down to the time of writing. In addition to his other activities, Mr. Plumer is a member of the Franklin Kiwanis Club, the Franklin Club, the Washington Masonic Club and the Elks' Club. In the Free and Accepted Masons he is affiliated with Edenburg Lodge, No. 550, of Knox Venango Chapter, No. 211, of Royal Arch Masons, of Franklin, and Venango Lodge of Perfection, at Oil City. He is also a member of Franklin Lodge, No. 110, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is active in St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church, in Franklin, where he is a member of the vestry.

On September 17, 1906, at Franklin, Pennsylvania, Joseph Dieringer Plumer married Frances Elizabeth Dallas, daughter of Wilbur C. and Henriette E. Dallas. The following are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Plumer: 1. Joseph Dallas Plumer, born February 12, 1912. 2. Ralph Frampton Plumer, born October 20, 1919. 3. Frances Elizabeth Plumer, born July 19, 1921.

ASBURY WRIGHT LEE, Jr.—For many years the name of Lee has been conspicuous in the business and civic life of Clearfield County. Asbury Wright Lee, Jr., who has succeeded to the interests established by his father, was early trained to large responsibilities by virtue of the family background and position and has met them fully during the course of his active career, which now covers some thirty years.

Mr. Lee was born at Clearfield, Pennsylvania, on February 26, 1892, son of Asbury Wright and Lillie May (Goodfellow) Lee. He is a great-grandson of the Rev.

Timothy Lee, who was a Methodist minister near Baltimore, Maryland, and a grandson of the Rev. Joseph S. Lee, a Methodist circuit rider of Pennsylvania's early days. His father, born at Bedford, Pennsylvania, on May 14, 1841, came into Clearfield County as a boy with his own father and lived for a number of years at Glen Hope. After he attained his majority, he became interested in the Clearfield County lumber industry and while still in early manhood was elected register and recorder of the county, moving at that time into the town of Clearfield, which was always afterward his home. Asbury Wright Lee, Sr., gradually extended his lumber holdings in this region and subsequently in Kentucky, where he owned large timber tracts in association with John W. Wrigley. He continued active in the lumber business until about 1925, when the last of his holdings was cut and at that time organized the Lee Clay Products Company on the site of the lumber mill at Clearfield, Kentucky. This enterprise is still operated by his son and other associates. Early in the development of electric public utilities, Mr. Lee also became interested in several such properties, along with such men as John S. Fisher, later Governor of Pennsylvania, P. T. Davis and W. W. Wrigley, and these were all operated successfully. In addition, he was one of the organizers and at two different times served as president of the Clearfield Trust Company, of Clearfield, Pennsylvania, and was a director of the bank at the time of his death. Public-spirited and interested in all local affairs, he exercised a constructive influence in this county for many years. He died on November 21, 1927, after a long and distinguished career which brought him honor as well as success. Asbury Wright and Lillie May (Goodfellow) Lee were the parents of three children: Mary Eliza, born October 25, 1885, died February 7, 1924; Lilly Bartram, born December 21, 1891, married, June 12, 1915, Augustus L. Moore; and Asbury Wright, Jr., of this record.

Asbury Wright Lee, Jr., received his education in the Pennsylvania public schools and at a preparatory school in Asheville, North Carolina. While he was still a boy he became associated with his father in his numerous business enterprises and after completing his education, devoted all his time to these interests, gradually assuming increasing responsibilities in their management. Since his father's death he has continued the principal enterprise with which the family name is associated. Mr. Lee is now secretary and treasurer of the Lee Clay Products Company. He is also a director of the Clearfield Trust Company. Mr. Lee has always recognized the obligations of good citizenship and in his own community has assumed many civic responsibilities. He served five years as president of the Clearfield Chamber of Commerce, has been secretary for twenty years of the Clearfield Hospital Association and has given effective support to

all other community institutions with whose work or objectives he is in sympathy.

In addition to his business and civic connections, Mr. Lee is a well-known sportsman and since 1935 has served as a member of the Pennsylvania Game Commission. He is affiliated fraternally with Clearfield Lodge, No. 314, Free and Accepted Masons, and in this order is also a member of various higher bodies, including Clearfield Royal Arch Chapter; Williamsport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and Jaffa Temple of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Lee is a member and director of the Clearfield-Curwensville Country Club and a member of the American Legion, to which he is eligible by virtue of a year of service in the Ordnance Department of the United States Army during the World War. He is a Democrat in politics and an active Methodist layman, serving as a trustee of Trinity Methodist Church in Clearfield and as assistant secretary of the Sunday school.

On November 22, 1913, Asbury Wright Lee, Jr., married Jane Joplin, who was born in Omaha, Nebraska, and was a resident of Kentucky during the greater part of her life. They are the parents of four children: 1. Asbury Wright, 3d, born September 11, 1914, educated at Culver Military Academy, now an officer in the United States Army stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky. He married Sally Hoffman and they have two sons: Asbury Wright, 4th, and Robert Edmund Wright. 2. Mary Jane, a graduate of Highland Hall, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania, and Finch College in New York City, who married H. Rembrandt Woolridge, of Clearfield, Pennsylvania, and has one son, George Ashley Woolridge. 3. Joseph Joplin, born May 21, 1921, a graduate of Lawrenceville School, now a student at Williams College. 4. Anna Vaughan, born July 18, 1925, now a student at Mary C. Wheeler School, Providence, Rhode Island.

CHARLES WALTER LONG—As a member of the firm of Long & Day, dealers in air-seal burial vaults, Charles Walter Long helps to do service work for forty-four funeral directors in Cambridge Springs and nearby northwestern Pennsylvania.

Mr. Long was born June 27, 1900, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, son of Charles H. and Margaret G. (McMichaels) Long. His father is a retired railway worker, long associated with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in Philadelphia.

Charles Walter Long attended public schools in Pittsburgh, and upon completing his studies at Crafton High School became a student at Washington and Jefferson College, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1926. Between the periods at high school and college, he worked for four years at the Carnegie Steel Mills in Pittsburgh. When he received his degree in 1926 he became immediately associated with the Bell

Telephone Company and was stationed in Detroit, Michigan. In 1928 he was transferred to a Pennsylvania division of the same company. For a short time he also represented a jobbing firm selling merchandise at wholesale. From 1931 to 1934 Mr. Long represented the Dunlop Tire Company in Connellsville, Pennsylvania. In 1935 Mr. Long formed a partnership with S. Bernard Day (*q. v.*), in Washington, Pennsylvania, and they operated a gasoline, oil, tire and battery business of their own, but in 1939 sold all their holdings there and came to Cambridge Springs to begin their present work.

The present Long & Day firm handles the Ledyard line of air-seal concrete burial vaults, as well as two other lines of vaults, metal and sectional. They furnish, too, a complete line of burial equipment, and as a side business manufacture stone cemetery and garden urns. Long & Day established, in 1941, a cement and gravel company, and they also act as representatives of the American Oil Company. Working within a radius of fifty miles around Cambridge Springs, this firm is widely and favorably known throughout this region of Pennsylvania. Messrs. Long and Day bought the enterprise from their predecessors, Blystone and Robbins.

Mr. Long is not only active in business affairs, but is a leader in political, civic and social matters. He is a Republican in politics, and is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Cambridge Springs. He is fond of travel, and has always closely followed developments in baseball and football, in both of which he served on the varsity teams in his college days.

Charles Walter Long married, June 23, 1928, in Wheeling, West Virginia, Nellie Starrett. They became the parents of two children: 1. Charles Guy Long, born March 9, 1930. 2. Margaret Josephine Long, born September 28, 1939.

S. BERNARD DAY—Active as a partner in the firm of Long & Day, dealers in burial vaults in Cambridge Springs, S. Bernard Day holds a prominent position in the life of his adopted community and this district of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Day was born July 12, 1907, in Washington, Pennsylvania, son of Stephen B. and Dora S. (Smith) Day. His father was a dairyman in Washington.

Washington schools provided S. Bernard Day's early education, and in 1930 he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Washington and Jefferson College. He commenced his business career as local representative in Brownsville, Pennsylvania, of the Columbia Gas Company, of Pittsburgh, and was also connected for a time with the Pontiac Motor Sales Company there. In 1935 he entered into partnership with Charles Walter Long (*q. v.*) to establish the firm of Long & Day, which came into being when the two men purchased the business from

Blystone & Robbins. The firm handles the Ledyard line of air-seal concrete burial vaults and two other lines of vaults, metal and sectional. They have also a full line of burial equipment, and manufacture stone cemetery and garden urns. Long & Day established a cement and gravel company in 1941, and at the same time act as representatives of the American Oil Company. They work within a radius of fifty miles around Cambridge Springs and are widely known throughout this district of Pennsylvania.

Along with his business activities, Mr. Day is an Independent Republican in politics and a leading figure in public life. He served for four years with the National Guard of Pennsylvania while living in Washington, holding the sergeant's rank. In the Free and Accepted Masons, S. Bernard Day is affiliated with the lodge in Washington, and he also belongs to the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity, which he joined in his student days. He is a Baptist in religious faith.

In 1933, at Myersdale, Pennsylvania, S. Bernard Day married Virginia De Normandie, daughter of E. Baker and Virginia (Greer) De Normandie. Mr. and Mrs. Day became the parents of two sons: 1. Bernard, born September 27, 1935. 2. Richard, born October 1, 1940.

CHARLES WESLEY LILLIBRIDGE—For more than thirty years Charles Wesley Lillibridge has served as superintendent of the McKean County public schools, an incumbency notable both for length of service and for the development of the county school system under his leadership.

Mr. Lillibridge was born at Port Allegany on February 17, 1878, son of Wilbur Stanton and Eva (Webster) Lillibridge. His father, who was also born at Port Allegany, was a farmer and lumberman. His mother was born at Hinsdale, New York.

After his preliminary education, completed with his graduation from Port Allegany High School, Charles Wesley Lillibridge entered Clarion State Normal School in preparation for his chosen profession. From this institution he was graduated in 1899. Thirty years later, in 1929, he also received the diploma of the Mansfield State Teachers College. Since his graduation from Clarion State Normal School in July, 1899, Mr. Lillibridge has devoted himself without interruption to his responsibilities as a teacher and as an administrator of public schools. Initially, he taught in the rural schools of McKean, Potter and Jefferson counties, continuing until 1904, when he was chosen principal of the Eldred elementary and high schools, at Eldred, McKean County. This position he held for seven years. In 1911 he was elected to the superintendency of the McKean County public schools, an office he has held since that time, being elected on April 14, 1942, for the ninth consecutive term.

Some of the most noteworthy features of his administration have been the consolidation of schools in practically all townships of the county, with the transportation of more than sixty per cent. of all pupils living in fourth-class school districts to recently erected modern school buildings. During the period of his incumbency, more than one hundred of the one-teacher schools of the county have been abandoned and the pupils transported to nineteen splendidly equipped consolidated schools. Music and art programs have been developed, so that at the present time more than ninety per cent. of all pupils in the county have the advantages of expert instruction in music. A new course of study in art has been prepared and placed in the schools of the county.

During his thirty-one years as superintendent, Mr. Lillibridge has served on many State committees, appointed either by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction or the State Education Association. The most important of these have been: the committee appointed by Superintendent James N. Rule to make a survey of the most desirable school unit for Pennsylvania; and several committees of the State Education Association, as follows: the Legislative Committee, of which he was a member for four years, 1915-19; the Committee on Retirement Relations, on which he served from 1931 to 1934; the Committee on Permanent Certification, of which he is past chairman; and the Committee on Retirement Problems, of which he became a member in 1940 and of which he was chairman in 1941-42. Mr. Lillibridge was also elected State delegate to the National Conventions of Educators held at Columbus, Ohio, in 1927, and at Los Angeles, California, in 1931. He served as president of the County Superintendents' Department of the Pennsylvania State Convention in 1933 and was *ex officio* delegate to the National Education Convention which convened that year in Chicago.

Mr. Lillibridge is a member and treasurer of the Pennsylvania Schoolmen's Club and in addition to his professional connections is a member of the Smethport Rotary Club, of which he was first president, the Eldred Masonic Lodge and the higher Masonic bodies in the Scottish Rite, including Coudersport Consistory. He is a member of the Methodist Church in Smethport, where he makes his home.

On August 14, 1907, Charles Wesley Lillibridge married Lucy Lora Knowlton, daughter of William and Mary (Smith) Knowlton. They became the parents of five children: 1. Mary Evelyn, born December 29, 1908, was graduated in June from the George Peabody College, Nashville, Tennessee; is a teacher in the Bradford schools. 2. Stanton K., born February 11, 1911, died June 11, 1933. 3. Alice M., born April 1, 1913, was graduated from Lock Haven Teachers College in 1933; married, in June, 1935, William E. Van Dyke,

of Smethport, and has two children: Nancy Grace and William Charles. 4. Janet R., born November 12, 1914, was graduated from the University of Michigan in 1937; married, in June, 1942, to George Wilcox, of Duke Center, Pennsylvania. 5. Dorothy, born February 10, 1917, was graduated from Michigan State College in 1939; married Charles Coon, of Ypsilanti, Michigan, in June, 1942.

ANTHONY HILE—During more than half a century of service with the Curwensville National Bank and its predecessors, Anthony Hile has risen to the presidency of this institution. He is well known in banking circles of northwest Pennsylvania and has been treasurer of Curwensville Borough for more than twenty-five years.

Mr. Hile, a descendant of old American families, was born in Lumber City, Clearfield County, on June 12, 1864, son of James Harvey and Mary Hannah (Henry) Hile. In the direct paternal line, he traces his ancestry to Christian Hile (Heyl) and his wife Catrina, who came from Germany in 1753 and settled in Hunterdon County, New Jersey. In other lines, he is a descendant of George Peirce (Pearce) and his wife, Ann Gainer, who came from Gloucestershire, England, in 1684; from Godwin Walter, who came from the vicinity of London in 1685 and married, later, Elizabeth Sanghurst; and from John Passmore and his wife, Mary Buxcey, who came from Berkshire, England, in 1713-14. All were Quakers and pioneers of Chester County, Pennsylvania. Mr. Hile also descends from John George Mettler, who came from Holland or Germany in 1734 and from Peter Bloom (Blum) and his wife, Eve Ann Wagner, who came from Germany in 1752, both families settling in Hunterdon County, New Jersey; from Joseph Patterson, an Ulsterman, who settled in the colonies; and from John Henry and his wife, Elizabeth McBride, who came from County Down, Ireland, about 1798. Mr. Hile's father, James Harvey Hile, who was born in 1840 and died in 1927, was a log scaler, a justice of the peace in Clearfield County for twenty years and auditor of the county for one term.

Anthony Hile was educated in the public schools near his boyhood home and at a small academy, long since discontinued. He began his active career in 1881 as a store clerk and continued this connection until 1886, when he first entered the service of the Curwensville Bank, later succeeded by the present Curwensville National Bank. He has devoted the remainder of his career to banking, all of it spent with the institution whose staff he joined more than fifty-five years ago. Beginning as bookkeeper, Mr. Hile served a thorough apprenticeship in banking practice and won successive promotions on the basis of his record and experience. In 1908 he be-

came cashier and in 1932 assumed the presidency of the bank, which he has since held. He has been a member of the board of directors since 1912.

Mr. Hile has long been active in the civic life of Curwensville and with his election as treasurer in 1916 brought to the borough government his expert financial knowledge, as well as his familiarity with local needs and problems. He has served as treasurer of the borough during the intervening years. He is a director of the Curwensville Cemetery Company, having served since 1931; a member of Susquehanna Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution; Noble Lodge, No. 480, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is Past Master; Bethesda Lodge, No. 821, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is Past Noble Grand; and Susquehanna Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. He has been interested in genealogy for many years and is a member both of the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania and of the Institute of American Genealogy, of Chicago. By virtue of his long banking service he has also been elected to membership in the Fifty Year Club of the Pennsylvania Bankers Association. Mr. Hile is a Presbyterian in religious faith and has served as an elder of the Curwensville Presbyterian Church since January, 1896, and as treasurer from 1887 to 1933. In politics he is a Democrat.

On October 22, 1890, in Lawrence Township, Clearfield County, Anthony Hile married Margaret Eleanor Mead, who was born on October 6, 1864, and died on June 15, 1897. She was a daughter of Henry Irwin and Lydia Jane (Alexander) Mead. Mr. and Mrs. Hile became the parents of two children: Anthony, born June 16, 1894, died September 11, 1895; and Margaret, born June 6, 1897, educated at West Chester State Teachers College.

CHESTER HALE SIPE—State Senator, attorney, civic leader and historical authority, such is the record of Chester H. (C. Hale) Sipe, of Butler, ranked among the outstanding leaders of southwestern Pennsylvania. Fittingly enough his achievements perpetuate the fame of a family which for generations has been a factor in the life of the Commonwealth, where his first maternal ancestors are said to have settled prior to the coming of William Penn.

Senator Sipe was born in the old family homestead at South Buffalo, Armstrong County, November 16, 1880, the son of Hiram Hill and Mary (Golden) Sipe, both of his native county, where his paternal forebears have resided since 1795, and where his great-great-great-grandfather, Charles Sipe, purchased the family farm which has since been handed down from one generation to the next. Charles Sipe deeded the property to his son, Charles Sipe, Jr., who in turn passed it on to George Sipe, Senator Sipe's grandfather, who married Barbara

Painter (also spelled Bender). The Senator's father, Hiram Hill Sipe, took over the establishment and conducted it until his passing in 1927, specializing in hog raising. Maternally Senator Sipe traces his ancestry to representatives who settled in this State in 1654, in a section then known as New Sweden.

After receiving the early part of his general education in the public schools of South Buffalo Township, Senator Sipe completed this part of his studies at the Salt Lick Academy and then matriculated at Thiel College from which he was graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree. He then took up the study of law in the office of Levi M. Wise in Butler, and was admitted to the Butler County bar on February 22, 1909. Instead of immediately engaging in practice he entered the teaching profession as a member of the Butler High School faculty and for a time was principal of the Worthington Schools in Armstrong County, where he continued until 1914, when he went to Pittsburgh to become counsel on income taxes for the United States Government. He was with this agency during the World War and resigned in 1919 to enter a private law practice as a member of the Pittsburgh law firm of Weil, Sipe and Campbell. He continued in this capacity for four years and then returned to Butler, where he operated independently until April 1, 1925, when he became a member of the law firm of Reiber, Hosford and Sipe, corporation lawyers. This establishment has since been dissolved.

Senator Sipe's prominence in public office dates back to 1928, when he campaigned as the Democratic candidate to Congress from the district embracing Butler, Beaver and Lawrence counties. Despite the fact he led the ticket he was defeated in the ensuing election and did not run again for office until the fall of 1936, when he was chosen State Senator from the 41st District, representing Butler and Armstrong counties. As a man exceedingly well versed in the history of his country, his State and his county, Senator Sipe has carried this interest to the Senate in a highly profitable manner. By happy coincidence this year (1937) marks the three hundredth anniversary of the establishment of New Sweden, the first settlement in the State of Pennsylvania. Governor George H. Earle, recognizing the qualifications of the Senator, appointed him a member of the Pennsylvania Three Hundredth Anniversary Commission. Commenting upon this choice a local press dispatch says in part:

The appointment of Senator Sipe is believed largely a result of his introduction at the last session of the Legislature of a bill providing an appropriation of \$40,000 for the celebration. Sipe piloted the bill through the Senate, taking the floor at one time against an amendment to reduce the appropriation to \$25,000. The speech which he delivered at that time, held largely responsible for defeat of the amendment and the ultimate appropriation of \$40,000, dealt with the historical importance of New

Sweden. The speech has since been taken verbatim from the legislative record, and the Pennsylvania Historical Commission has distributed twenty thousand copies to schools, colleges and public libraries. In introducing the bill for an appropriation, Senator Sipe pointed out that New Sweden not only became the first settlement in Pennsylvania, but was entitled to recognition also for its erection of the first State house, its setting up of the first courts of law, and its establishment of the first churches.

Through his interest in history and his talents as a writer he is the author of several highly interesting works, among them: "Mount Vernon and the Washington Family," "The Indian Chiefs of Pennsylvania," "The Indian Wars of Pennsylvania," and the "History of Butler County," the two latter being published in 1927, and receiving wide recognition from historical authorities and the public alike. As a member of the Butler County Historical Society, Senator Sipe has made many valuable contributions, notably in launching a campaign for the erection of markers at historic sites in this region. In this connection we learn of the work he accomplished in placing the Washington Marker on Buhl's Hill, which borders the Evans City-Conoquenessing Road. He campaigned for this in 1925 by writing an article in the "Butler Eagle," urging the marking of the approximate spot in the vicinity of the place where Washington was fired upon by a hostile Indian on the evening of December 27, 1753, while he and Christopher Gist were returning from the historic mission to Venango and Fort LeBoeuf. Considerable interest was aroused and eventually former Judge Reiber, Captain James A. McKee and Mr. Sipe were appointed a committee for the erection of the marker.

Despite the burden of professional and official duties, Senator Sipe has been active in the social affairs of his surroundings. He is a member of the Sterling Club of Butler, and fraternizes with the Order of Free and Accepted Masons; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, and the Patrons of Husbandry, generally known as the Farmers Grange.

On February 18, 1925, Senator Sipe married Cleopatra V. McKee, daughter of the Hon. Dr. J. W. and Amanda (King) McKee, of Armstrong County, where her father was a prominent physician and public official, having served several terms in the State Legislature.

ALEXANDER DAVID DEEMER (A. D. Deemer)

—For many years Jefferson County numbered among its most active, distinguished and respected citizens Alexander David Deemer, a member of one of the oldest pioneer families in this section, lumber manufacturer, merchant and banker, and founder of the A. D. Deemer Furniture Company, which is still operated at Brookville, Pennsylvania. He was a man of extensive interests



A. D. Deemer



and fine public spirit, whose example lives in the memory of the county and the Brookville community.

Mr. Deemer was born in Winslow Township, Jefferson County, on December 24, 1848, a son of William and Mary (Sheasley) Deemer. He was a grandson of Jonathan Deemer, a pioneer of Jefferson County, whose father first came to Winslow Township, Jefferson County, from Westmoreland County, in the Greensburg section, in 1783, cleared the land and built the original Deemer homestead. Jonathan Deemer, and his wife, Barbara (Pifer) Deemer, were the parents of five children: Peter, John, William, Alexander, and Hannah.

William Deemer, father of Alexander David Deemer, was a farmer throughout his life. Industrious and thrifty, he worked faithfully to make a living for himself and family, and although he was numbered among the substantial citizens of his community, he took no part in public life. He married Mary Sheasley, one of a family of eight children. Mrs. William Deemer died July 29, 1859, and William Deemer died November 6, 1889.

Alexander David Deemer spent his boyhood on the family farm in Jefferson County, meanwhile attending the local district schools. He remained at home until he was seventeen when he left to become an apprentice in the blacksmith's trade. After three years he had the courage to open a shop of his own at Emerickville, Jefferson County, Pennsylvania, and operated it successfully for about ten years. Although he prospered in this enterprise, he decided to seek a field of larger opportunity, and having become interested in the manufacture of lumber and the supplying of bark to tanneries, he turned all his energies into this new channel and again realized substantial success. He grew in the lumber industry until he became one of the larger shippers along the Allegheny Valley Railroad. Some years later, Mr. Deemer made investments in the mercantile business. In connection with his lumber business he operated a general store and also operated a dry goods store, in Brookville, for a period of over eight years, and also a general store and grocery at Reynoldsville, in partnership with S. V. Shick, later known as the firm of Shick & Wagner, but from this, too, he retired in due course in favor of concentrating his attention on the furniture business he had meanwhile established at Brookville. This enterprise he launched in 1901, manufacturing originally in connection with sawmills which he also operated. The A. D. Deemer Furniture Company has since become one of the principal business institutions of Brookville, and is still operated under the management of Amor M. Deemer, the youngest son of Alexander David Deemer.

Mr. Deemer's clear vision and sound business judgment were highly valued, and in addition to the management of his own interests he served as vice-president of the Brookville Title & Trust Company, and as a director and

president of the National Bank of Brookville, for a number of years prior to his death. He was affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, having attained the thirty-second degree, the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in the latter of which he was Past Grand. He was an advocate of Prohibition and the principles of the Prohibition party for forty-five years. A Methodist in religious faith, he was prominent in the support of the Brookville Church and was a member of both the board of stewards and the board of trustees. What he did in his own interests was also of direct benefit to the entire community, and the force of his example as well as his actual achievements stimulated trade and enterprise in numerous channels. In all his transactions he held to the highest standards, cherishing his well-won reputation for fairness in his dealings and never losing that clear sense of responsibility toward others which was the surest index of his character and honorable purpose. Aside from all this, however, with increasing means and influence, he regularly shouldered obligations in the way of promoting civic progress and the welfare of his fellow-townsmen, so that his name was linked with the furtherance of every worthy cause. His constructive influence was wide and its value survives.

On May 7, 1871, Alexander D. Deemer married Sarah Jane Bussert. They became the parents of five children: Mabel, who married B. M. Moore, a Brookville merchant; Nora E., who married John M. White, an attorney at Brookville and former burgess of the borough; Frank Clifton, an extensive producer of natural gas in the Pennsylvania fields, who married Anna Henderson, a daughter of David A. and Emma Newcom Henderson; Lawrence V., cashier of the National Bank of Brookville, who married Cora Henderson, a daughter of Samuel S. and Anna Litch Henderson; and Amor M., who now operates the A. D. Deemer Furniture Company, and who married Mary Buzard, a daughter of Robert L. and Margaret Johnson Buzard.

Alexander David Deemer died March 11, 1931, at his home in Brookville, Pennsylvania, at the age of 82 years, survived by his wife and the above-named children. Mrs. Alexander D. Deemer died June 21, 1932, at the age of 81 years.

ALFRED H. SMITH—Since he entered the service of the First National Bank of New Bethlehem some twenty years ago, Alfred H. Smith has risen from positions of minor responsibility to the vice-presidency of this bank. He is prominent not only in business but in the public life of the borough, of which he has served as treasurer since 1924.

Mr. Smith was born in New Bethlehem on March 3, 1902, son of Edwin and Ellen (Stringer) Smith, both

born in Birmingham, England. His father, a hand glass worker, is now retired. He is a member of the Masonic order, New Bethlehem Lodge, No. 522.

Alfred H. Smith received his general education in the public schools of New Bethlehem, including the high school, and supplemented this training by taking extensive courses in banking and accounting to aid him in his business career. He obtained his first employment at the age of fifteen in the office of the "Leader-Vindicator" at New Bethlehem, and continued this connection until the early part of 1918, when he became a bookkeeper for the New Bethlehem Window Glass Company. When this company was liquidated in 1920, Mr. Smith joined the staff of the First National Bank of New Bethlehem, with which he has since been associated. Beginning as clerk, he was soon promoted to teller and continued his progress within the organization with his appointment as assistant cashier in 1924. In 1939 he was elected vice-president and director of the bank, in the management of which he now plays a leading part.

Mr. Smith is also president of Charles E. Andrews, Jr., & Company of New Bethlehem; vice-president of the Lincoln Investment Company of New Bethlehem; and assistant secretary of The Meadow River Lumber Company of Rainelle, West Virginia. As a banker, financier and executive, his judgment and ability are respected by his associates, and the development of his interests and responsibilities reflect the value placed upon his services.

Mr. Smith is a Republican in politics, and his election as treasurer of the Borough of New Bethlehem called into the service of the town the experience and ability gained in business life. He has served as treasurer of the borough without interruption since 1924. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, in which he served as treasurer of the local lodge for five years, and with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is a member of New Bethlehem Lodge and all higher bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including Coudersport Consistory. He has been active in the Boy Scouts as a member of Boy Scout Troup Committee of Troop No. 71, New Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. This committee has charge of salvage in New Bethlehem and surrounding communities.

One of the leading Methodist laymen of this area, Mr. Smith is a member of the First Methodist Church of New Bethlehem, in which he is a member of the official board, a trustee and the lay leader (an office created several years ago when the three branches of the Methodist Church merged, and, next to the pastor, the most important position in the local church). For nine years he served his church as treasurer. He is also a district associate lay leader of the Methodist Church, and is a lay member of the Erie Annual Conference. Outside of busi-

ness and his civic service, he devotes the greater part of his time and effort to church work.

He married, February 18, 1925, at New Bethlehem, Hazel Whiteman, daughter of Eugene and Euphema (Shindlecker) Whiteman. She is also active in church work and is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have two children: Donald J., born February 26, 1927, now a student in New Bethlehem High School; and James A., born January 6, 1932, a student in the local public school.

HAROLD ALFRED GHERING, M. D.—The Edinboro Hospital and Clinic, organized in 1925, is owned and operated as a private institution by Dr. Harold Alfred Ghering, in association with his brother (*q. v.*). Dr. Ghering is one of northwest Pennsylvania's well known surgeons. He was born at Cherry Tree, Pennsylvania, in 1886, son of Jeremiah L. Ghering, who spent forty-four useful years in educational work in northwest Pennsylvania, and Clara Ann (Armstrong) Ghering. After his preliminary education in the public schools of Oil City and Mercer, Dr. Ghering entered Edinboro State Teachers College, from which he was graduated in 1907. Subsequently, he prepared for the profession of medicine at the University of Pittsburgh and completed his course in 1913, taking the degree of Doctor of Medicine. In 1913-14 he served his internship at Hammot Hospital, Erie, Pennsylvania, after which he settled in Edinboro and began the practice of medicine and surgery. During the intervening years he has firmly established his professional reputation. The founding of the Edinboro Hospital and Clinic, in which he was joined by his brother, Dr. Boyd William Ghering, marked the extension of his activities in a broader sphere. This institution, organized in August, 1925, has been provided with the latest hospital and operating equipment. Its high standards are well known in the profession and to the general public throughout northwest Pennsylvania and its successful operation has enhanced the reputation of its founders.

In addition to this connection, which has occupied the larger part of his time in recent years, Dr. Ghering serves as physician to the Edinboro State Teachers College, acts as State medical examiner for this district and is also medical examiner for local draft board No. 3. He is a member of the staff of both the St. Vincent and the Hammot hospitals in Erie. Dr. Ghering is also a member of the American Medical Association and the Pennsylvania State Medical Association. Outside his profession he is vice-president and director of the Edinboro National Bank.

During the World War, from 1917 to 1919, Dr. Ghering, as a member of the Pennsylvania National Guard,

was mustered into the National Army and served overseas with the 11th Infantry, 28th Division, American Expeditionary Forces, having the rank of lieutenant. He is now a member of the American Legion and the Disabled Veterans of American Wars, as well as several fraternal and social organizations, including the Phi Beta Pi medical fraternity; the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is affiliated with the higher bodies of the Scottish Rite, including the Consistory, and with Zem Zem Temple, Mystic Shrine, in Erie; the Edinboro Community Club; the Lakeside Canoe Club; and the Culbertson Hills Club. Dr. Ghering is a Republican in politics and a member of the Presbyterian Church. Sports are his recreation.

He married, on December 28, 1914, Eleanora M. Helff, daughter of Joseph and Katherine (Freiberger) Helff. Dr. and Mrs. Ghering are the parents of three children: 1. Eleanora, born January 15, 1917. She was graduated from Edinboro State Teachers College in 1937 with the degree of Bachelor of Science, has studied the cello at the Pennsylvania College of Music and has also taken the degree of Master of Arts at Cornell University, proving an excellent student in the academic field, as well as a talented musician. On August 2, 1941, she was married to Robert Sandbake, a draftsman. 2. Elaine, born May 5, 1920, a graduate of Edinboro State Teachers College in the class of 1941 and a high-ranking amateur golfer. 3. Harold Alfred, Jr., born February 24, 1926, now a student in Edinboro High School.

BOYD WILLIAMS GHERING, M. D.—Since he began his career in medicine, Dr. Boyd Williams Ghering has been associated with his brother, Dr. Harold Alfred Ghering, in the operation of the Edinboro Hospital and Clinic. His professional attainments and administrative capacities have been an important factor in the development of this institution and in winning for it the reputation which it now enjoys.

Dr. Ghering was born in Oil City on December 8, 1895, a son of Jeremiah L. and Clara Ann (Armstrong) Ghering. His father, an educator, taught in the schools of northwest Pennsylvania for forty-four years.

Boyd Williams Ghering was educated in the public schools of Mercer and Edinboro, the high school in Glade Township and Warren Borough and at Edinboro State Teachers' College, from which he was graduated in 1915. For two years he taught school at Grand Valley and Clarendon and during two summers was an instructor at Edinboro State Teachers' College. Meanwhile, he decided to adopt the profession of medicine and accordingly entered the University of Pittsburgh, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1922 and subsequently continued his work in the Medical School of the same institution, graduating with the degree of Doctor of

Medicine in 1924. During the following year he was an interne at Hamot Hospital in Erie, Pennsylvania, after which he came to Edinboro, where his brother (*q. v.*) had practiced for some years. In August, 1925, they jointly organized the Edinboro Hospital and Clinic, a completely modern medical institution enjoying the highest rating and since successfully operated under the direction of the Ghering brothers.

Dr. Ghering has specialized in surgery, in which field his qualifications are acknowledged, but has never strictly limited his practice. He is a member of the American Medical Association, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the Erie County Medical Society. At Edinboro he is a director of the Edinboro National Bank. Dr. Ghering has also taken an active part in the general life of the community and is now president of the Edinboro Community Club. He is past president and at present a director of the Edinboro Fair Association, a trustee of the Presbyterian Church and a member of the local lodges of the Free and Accepted Masons. In addition to these connections he is affiliated with the Phi Sigma Rho medical fraternity. During the World War, Dr. Ghering served as a corporal in the United States Army Medical Corps, being stationed at Camp Lee, Virginia. He is a Republican in politics and finds his principal recreation in his 214-acre farm, known in the Edinboro locality as the Darrow Farm, on which he raises mostly chickens and dairy cows.

On June 11, 1924, Dr. Ghering married Grace Lucell Darrow, daughter of Clement Laverne and Lillian Fannie (Perry) Darrow and member of a prominent Pennsylvania family. They are the parents of five children: 1. Boyd Williams, Jr., born July 21, 1926, a student in Edinboro High School. 2. Walter Laverne, born November 3, 1930, now attending the Edinboro public school. 3. Eris Irene, born March 30, 1935. 4. Jerry Lee, born January 9, 1937. 5. Carol Louise, born August 3, 1939.

HARRY S. CONRAD—For many years Harry S. Conrad has been connected with the Stackpole Carbon Company, of St. Marys, of which he is vice-president and general manager. His long experience with the company and all details of its activities, as well as in other business organizations and in writing and newspaper work, well equips him for the original and individual kind of service that he renders the organization and the St. Marys community.

Mr. Conrad was born July 27, 1893, in McVeytown, Pennsylvania, son of William James and Margaret Ann (Rothrock) Conrad, of that place, and member of an old and noted family. His grandfather, Edmund J. Conrad, who died in 1911, was long editor and proprietor of the "McVeytown Journal." Later he turned over the editorship to his son, William James Conrad, H. S. Conrad's

father, who, incidentally, predeceased the grandfather, dying in 1899, when H. S. Conrad was only six years of age. The grandfather then took up the editorial duties and continued them for some years, but was later prevented from so doing by the condition of his health.

Harry S. Conrad, then seventeen years of age, stepped into the breach as editor and received considerable impetus in the newspaper career that he had begun as a columnist at fourteen. To go back a little, he had had his schooling in the McVeytown schools, being graduated from high school in 1910, then had attended Pennsylvania Business College, in Lancaster, for about six weeks in the autumn of 1910. At that juncture he was called home to help with management of the "Journal," during an illness with which the grandfather had been seized, so starting his career as editor in earnest. His column, which had begun appearing when he was fourteen years old, signed by the *nom de plume* Jonathan Swift, made him already well known in connection with the "Journal," with which he had worked in summer vacations, on Saturdays and after school hours even when he was twelve, going through all the customary initiation from the "printer's devil" stage upward.

The "Journal" remained in the Conrad family through three generations for a period of fifty-four years; and it was with no small degree of sadness that Harry S. Conrad finally sold it in the summer of 1912 and took up other work. On July 27, that year, he went into the forge shop of the Standard Steel Works, in Lewistown, Pennsylvania, and there remained for three months. He left that employment to become associated with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Altoona, where he was in the main office of the Juniata shops for one and one-half years. It was to take new employment with the Stackpole Carbon Company, in St. Marys, that he left that railroad post. Coming to St. Marys on September 1, 1914, as stock keeper, he became bookkeeper instead to replace the former occupant of that position, though he knew almost nothing about bookkeeping. Some months later he was placed in the engineering department, where for about eighteen months he was assistant to Hubert Damon Stevens De Chevigne, chief engineer. Mr. De Chevigne sailed January 1, 1916, to join the French Army during the World War of that time; and thereafter Mr. Conrad had charge of the engineering department of the Stackpole company until he also entered the service.

It was in July, 1917, that Mr. Conrad enlisted in the United States Army, entering the Officers' Training Camp at Fort Niagara, New York. On November 27, that year, he was made a second lieutenant. Later he was transferred to the Air Service. Stationed at Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas, he helped to organize, equip and train the 350th Aero Squadron, with which he remained throughout the whole war period, serving it in different capacities at home and abroad. For three months, while

stationed at the Honslow Heath Airdrome, on the outskirts of London, England, Mr. Conrad was summary court officer of all the United States troops at the airdrome, carrying on that activity along with his regular duties as adjutant of the 350th Aero Squadron. After the war he retained a first lieutenant's commission in the Officers' Reserve Corps for about six years until he finally resigned from the service.

At the close of hostilities and his return to civilian life, Mr. Conrad resumed his work with the Stackpole Carbon Company, in St. Marys. That was in the spring of 1919. In the summer of 1919 he made the first production study of time and materials and installed the company's first cost system. His shop order method of compiling material and labor costs has remained in effect to this day.

Such findings proved basically valuable to the Stackpole company, which in 1920 made him assistant sales manager and in 1922 sales manager. In 1925 he was elected vice-president in charge of sales, and in 1930 he was chosen as both vice-president and general manager. So continuing down to the time of writing, Mr. Conrad has done much to place the Stackpole company at the forefront in its line in the St. Marys community and district. He has served in a number of important trade positions entirely outside his own company, notably as chairman of the carbon section of the National Electrical Manufacturers' Association, holding that assignment for two successive terms. It is not surprising that a man of his vigor and enthusiasm should be discontented to go on as proprietor of a newspaper through a period when it was obvious newspapers were to experience a severe ordeal; and his judgment in disposing of the "McVeytown Journal" was vindicated in the general sweep of mergers and liquidations that took place in newspaper organizations throughout the United States in the years that ensued. Mr. Conrad's business talents were designed for other activities at that time, and the Stackpole company was, indeed, fortunate in being able to avail itself of these talents, as his rise in the company has demonstrated.

He has never forsaken the love of newspapers and newspaperdom that must be inbred in an individual whose father and grandfather have been newspaper men and who has himself had a taste of newspaper life. And today he not only edits the Stackpole Carbon Company's house organ, "Carbon Copy," but acts as an associate editor of the "St. Marys Daily Press" and is a director of the Daily Press Publishing Company. The same qualities that have enabled him to place the Stackpole operations on a more efficient basis have made him invaluable to a number of St. Marys and Pennsylvania organizations. He was for some years a director of the Home Telephone Company, of St. Marys, until he resigned from that office. He serves on the advisory board of the Andrew Kaul Memorial Hospital. He was a charter member of the St. Marys Kiwanis Club, still is active in the club and





Mark S. Cady

was formerly a director. He was a founder-member, too, of Post No. 103 of the American Legion, on whose executive committee he still serves. Boy Scout work has received much help from Mr. Conrad, who was for some years vice-president of the Bucktail Council and who promoted the organization of the three St. Marys troops and is at the time of writing a member of the troop committee No. 97 of St. Marys Church. He is a charter member and councilman of St. Marys Chapter of the Girl Scouts of America, and is a director of the St. Marys Boys' Club here. At this time Mr. Conrad is commander of the Citizens Defense Corps for St. Marys and Ben-zinger Township and chairman of the American Red Cross Committee on Disaster, Preparedness and Relief, and member of the Carbon Brush Industry Advisory Committee and of the Carbon and Graphite Electrodes Industry Advisory Committee to the War Production Board.

Along with his other undertakings, Mr. Conrad is a charter member of the St. Marys Country Club and the local Community Chest, and has served as president of both. He was president of the club for two successive terms, and is still a director of the chest. He is a past president of the 350th Aero Squadron Association, of which he was the organizer. He is a Past Exalted Ruler of Lodge No. 437, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is an honorary life member and trustee of the lodge. He is also affiliated with the Fraternal Order of Moose, George E. Wagner Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, the Society of Automotive Engineers, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is a former member of the Duquesne Club of Pittsburgh and the Toledo Yacht Club. He was for eight years a member of the St. Marys Borough Council, and remains today a trustee of the local Presbyterian Church. Golf and hunting are among his favorite outdoor pastimes, and, newspaper man that he is, he intensely enjoys writing, editing, and related activities.

Harry S. Conrad married, October 11, 1921, Frances Mills O'Neil, of Elizabeth, New Jersey. They became the parents of two children: 1. Harry Stackpole Conrad, Jr., who was graduated from the Kiskiminetas Preparatory School, and then studied at Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania. 2. Beverly Frances Conrad, a high school student in St. Marys at the time of writing.

Harry S. Conrad married (second), June 2, 1942, Margaret Elizabeth Fox, of St. Marys.

MARK S. CADY—The Chicago Bridge & Iron Company long numbered among its ablest executives Mark S. Cady, whose recent retirement as manager of the Greenville plant of the company brought to a close a distinguished career as an engineer and industrialist. With his retirement, Greenville also lost one of its most active and devoted civic leaders.

Mr. Cady was born in Michigan on December 6, 1883, son of George Alonzo and Clara Edith (Cline) Cady, both natives of that State. His father was an attorney for many years. Mr. Cady was graduated from the engineering department of the University of Michigan and for several years was engaged in government work, mining engineering projects and tank building. His connection with the Chicago Bridge & Iron Company opened to him a congenial field for his talents and his advancement in the organization was rapid. Mr. Cady was responsible for building the Meadville plant of his company, the second largest industrial plant in Meadville. His management of the Greenville plant was marked by technical qualifications of a high order and a gift for leadership in which it has long been the privilege of the Greenville community to share. During his residence here he has been active in all community affairs. As president of the Chamber of Commerce, the Public Library Board and the Greenville Hospital Board he has made contributions of lasting value to the city and has placed its people greatly in his debt. The Greenville Hospital and its work especially enlisted his sympathetic support, and upon his retirement from the presidency he was elected honorary life president, the only person to receive this distinction in the history of the institution.

Mr. Cady was also an active member over a period of years of the Greenville Rotary Club. He was a director of the Greenville National Bank and the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Meadville, relinquishing these connections when he retired on July 1, 1940. On the occasion of his retirement, a step made necessary by illness, the board of directors of the Greenville plant of the Chicago Bridge & Iron Company, accepted his resignation as manager with reluctance, embodying their regret and best wishes in the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Because of ill-health, Mark S. Cady has submitted his resignation as manager of our Greenville plant effective July 1, 1940, it is hereby

Resolved, That his resignation be accepted with sincere regret and be it further

Resolved, That the officers and directors of the Chicago Bridge and Iron Company express to Mr. Cady their appreciation of his integrity, loyalty, ability and qualities of human understanding which have contributed much to the advancement of the Chicago Bridge and Iron Company.

Upon his retirement and removal from Greenville, Mr. Cady also took with him the best wishes of the entire Greenville community. He has now established his home at La Mesa, California, where he expects to enjoy the leisure he has well earned and his favorite recreations, sailing and fishing.

He married, in 1921, at Warren, Pennsylvania, Eileen Carlson, who was born in Sweden, but has been a resident of Pennsylvania since childhood. Mr. and Mrs. Cady are the parents of two children: Mark, Jr., and John Cady.

GEORGE W. MEANS, LL. B., M. D.—Few men develop, as Dr. George W. Means has developed, two entirely distinct and different careers, particularly in two such widely separated professions as the law and medicine. At first he took up the law in deference to his mother's wish that he follow in his father's footsteps as a lawyer, but after her death he studied medicine, completing the course and taking specialized studies afterward, and now has been practicing medicine for some years in Brookville.

Dr. Means was born in Brookville, Pennsylvania, February 22, 1891, son of George W. and Emma (Newton) Means, of this State. His father was a lawyer. The Means family is an old and honorable one in Jefferson County, where the name is widely known. The mother died in 1913.

George W. Means received his early education in Blair Academy, then studied at Dickinson Law School, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, receiving there the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1914. From childhood Dr. Means had cherished a secret ambition to become a physician; and it is a remarkable tribute to his sense of loyalty and devotion that he altered his personal plans, despite this early ambition, and studied law to please his mother. Admitted to the bar in California and Pennsylvania in 1915, he practiced law under his own name until September, 1925. Then, fulfilling his own early wishes, he went to Washington University, in St. Louis, Missouri, where he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1932. He served as interne and post graduate student at the St. Louis Children's Hospital for one year, and was interne at St. Margaret's Hospital, Pittsburgh. Then, coming back to his native city, he began his general practice of medicine here in 1934. Later he turned to pediatrics as a specialty, emphasizing this phase of his work ever more as time went on, and he built up a highly successful practice along these lines, which he continues down to the time of writing.

In addition to his professional affiliations, Dr. Means is active in public affairs. He is a member of the Brookville School Board and one of the leading public-spirited citizens of the community. Fraternally he is connected with the Free and Accepted Masons. In 1916 Dr. Means joined the National Guard of Pennsylvania, serving at the Mexican Border during the crisis there, then proceeding to the Officers' Training Camp for the duration of the World War of 1917-18, holding the rank of first lieutenant, infantry. He belongs to the American Legion. His church is the Presbyterian.

George W. Means married, September 25, 1922, Agnes Millard, of Pennsylvanian birth. They became the parents of a daughter, Elizabeth M. Means, who was born in 1933.

ALICE CARRIER SCHEAFNOCKER, R. N.—

The Brookville Hospital is one of those many humanitarian institutions that bring medical and surgical service within short distances of almost everybody in the United States and are the envy and admiration of all other nations. It generally is acknowledged by the founders and supporters of these institutions, their medical and surgical staffs, that the effectiveness of the hospital is in direct proportion to the qualities and experience of its nursing staff.

Mrs. Alice Carrier Scheafnocker, assistant superintendent of the Brookville Hospital, has been employed with this favorably known institution since the completion of her academic education in 1923. She is a native of Carmen, Elk County, Pennsylvania, born Alice Carrier, daughter of Halbert Ernest and Mary Ellen (Gainor) Carrier. Her father, who has engaged in railroading all his life, is chief train dispatcher on the Pittsburgh & Shawmut Railroad.

After attending the Kittanning High School, Miss Carrier entered the Brookville Hospital where she finished her training as a nurse in 1926. Remaining with her *alma mater*, Brookville Hospital, she has served in a variety of capacities including her present post, assistant superintendent.

In 1927, Miss Carrier married Gerald G. Scheafnocker, of Brookville, member of one of the pioneer families of this section of Pennsylvania, and a prominent figure in politics. Mr. and Mrs. Scheafnocker are the parents of a daughter, Alice Jean, now nine years of age.

RUFUS G. REITZ—For many years Rufus G. Reitz has been one of the busiest figures in the Brookville community, where his numerous interests bring him into contact with almost all residents of the town and adjacent countryside, in one relation or another. A son of Benjamin W. Reitz, he is descended from Andrew Reitz through Jacob Reitz and Jacob (2) Reitz.

Benjamin W. Reitz was born in Northumberland County, and was only about one year old when he was brought to Jefferson County by his parents. He spent his boyhood on the home farm in Beaver Township, assisting in its operation, and in his youth learned the shoemaker's trade. After he attained his majority, however, he became associated with his brothers, Manuel, Edward and Aaron, in the mercantile business at Bellview (now Stanton). This was conducted under various names and eventually as E. Reitz & Son. When he withdrew from the firm, Benjamin W. Reitz turned his attention to farming and the breeding, purchase and sale of cattle, in which connection he became very well known. In time he removed to Brookville, where he made his home until his death, December 28, 1914. He is buried in the Berk-





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house Cemetery in Beaver Township. Benjamin W. Reitz was a veteran of the Civil War, in which he served with Company B, 211th Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was a member of E. R. Brady Post, No. 242, Grand Army of the Republic. In religious faith he was a Methodist. By his marriage to Rebecca Spare, daughter of Henry Spare, of Beaver Township, he had a family of six children: Ada, who died young; Bertha, who married Dr. Henry Barrett; Henry O., deceased; Rufus G., of this record; Aaron M.; and Jessie.

Rufus G. Reitz was born at Stanton, Rose Township, Jefferson County, on October 22, 1873. He attended the local public school and Bellview Academy and during his early manhood taught for some years, first in the Smith School at New Bethlehem for one term, then in the Ohl School in Rose Township for one term and afterward in the Tunnel Hill School, Rose Township, for two terms, and at the Crate School in the same township for one term. Deciding to take up a career in business, he came to Brookville on October 4, 1897, and obtained employment as a clerk in the Commercial Hotel, where he spent about two and a half years. On January 1, 1900, he entered the furniture business with his father-in-law, William Kelso, in the firm of William Kelso & Company, of which William M. Dickey was also a member. Following the death of Mr. Kelso in 1904, the firm was reorganized under the name of Dickey & Reitz until Mr. Dickey withdrew in 1907. At that time Gilmore C. Reitz entered the business and the name of Reitz Furniture Company was adopted. In 1936 this name was changed to its present form, Reitz Service, Inc. Associated with Rufus G. Reitz in the operation of the business are his brother, Aaron M. Reitz, and his son, Donald K. Reitz.

Besides the furniture store, which is one of the finest in this section, Mr. Reitz also maintains what is probably the finest and best equipped undertaking establishment between Pittsburgh and Erie, featuring a commodious and beautifully furnished funeral home and all conveniences. By close application and well directed effort he has won success in all his ventures and is highly respected in the Brookville area for the substantial qualities manifested in his career. In addition, he has always shown an active and unselfish interest in the useful public enterprises and institutions of his community and has liberally supported all movements to promote the public welfare. Mr. Reitz is past president of the Brookville Young Men's Christian Association, in which he has long been prominent; is a trustee of the Brookville Methodist Church; director and president of the Brookville Hospital and an energetic worker for other community causes. He is affiliated fraternally with the Masonic Order, in which he is a member of Hobah Lodge, No. 276, Free and Accepted Masons, and the higher bodies of both York and Scottish Rites, including Jefferson Chapter, No. 225, Royal Arch

Masons; Bethany Commandery, No. 83, Knights Templar, at Du Bois; and Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, in which he has taken the Thirty-second Degree. Mr. Reitz is also a member of Jaffa Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Altoona.

He married May Kelso, daughter of the late William Kelso, and his wife, Mary (Andrews) Kelso. Mr. and Mrs. Reitz had two sons: Donald Kelso and Fred W. Reitz, who died in 1923.

E. P. ERSKINE—Vice-president, treasurer and general manager of the Union City Chair Company, E. P. Erskine, of Union City, Erie County, Pennsylvania, is both a leading business man and a prominent citizen of his municipality and county as well as being active in fraternal organizations and in the affairs of the Presbyterian Church.

E. P. Erskine was born at Waterford, Erie County, Pennsylvania, on October 11, 1879, a son of John LeVant and Phoebe (Perry) Erskine. John LeVant Erskine was a merchant at Waterford, Pennsylvania, for many years.

After passing through the public schools of Waterford and graduating from the Waterford Academy, Waterford, Pennsylvania, E. P. Erskine entered Eastman College, receiving his degree of Bachelor of Arts from that institution in 1900. After graduation from college, Mr. Erskine found employment as a bookkeeper at the Erie County Almshouse, a position which he retained for two years, resigning to accept a similar position with Lyman Felheim Company of Erie. About a year later, he left this employment and, in 1903, came to Union City to become associated with the Union City Chair Company, an organization with which he has been occupied through the present time. He was promoted to the position of sales manager and assistant treasurer in 1917 and in 1927 appointed vice-president, treasurer and general manager, his present responsibilities. The Union City Chair Company, which manufactures woodseat chairs, rockers and similar merchandise for distribution throughout the United States, was organized in 1879 as a partnership by Mr. Hineman and Mr. Cheney. In 1895 J. C. Caffisch purchased an interest in the establishment and, five years later, in 1900, the firm was incorporated with Mr. Caffisch becoming the president, a position which he retained until his death in 1927, when his son succeeded him in the presidency. Mr. Erskine was made vice-president, treasurer and general manager, and L. D. Ottoway, the secretary. The establishment, which employs about one hundred and sixty persons, occupies a building covering an acre of space. A member of the Republican party and taking a very active part in civic affairs, Mr. Erskine gives generously of his time and talents to public service and to all organizations and enterprises working for the

development of Union City and Erie County. He has been a trustee of the Shrine Hospital at Erie ever since the institution was built, is also the receiving trustee for the closed National Bank of Union City, Union City, Pennsylvania. A veteran of the Spanish-American War, Mr. Erskine supports his military relationships by being a member at large of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is a past member of the Rotary Club at Corry, Pennsylvania, and belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Mason fraternity, his memberships in the order's bodies including the Corry Commandery, Knights Templars; the Erie Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and the Erie Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Erskine, who worships at the Union City Presbyterian Church, takes an active rôle in the church's affairs, having been a member of the official board for the past twenty years.

E. P. Erskine married, at Waterford, Erie County, Pennsylvania, on September 12, 1901, Anna Trask, a daughter of James M. and Susan (Thompson) Trask. Mr. and Mrs. Erskine are the parents of two children: 1. Beatrice, born on July 27, 1902, is a graduate of Erie Business College; she married A. B. Bennet, of Union City, who is associated with Mr. Erskine in business. Mr. and Mrs. Bennet are the parents of two children: Alfred Erskine and Robert J. 2. James LeVant, born on June 19, 1912, a graduate of Manlius Military Academy, New York, who is associated with his father in business. James LeVant Erskine married Katheryn Franz and is the father of two children: Martha Jean and Susan Lenore.

ANDREW LEACH—The Brookville Glove Company, manufacturers of all types of work gloves, is owned and operated by Andrew Leach, in association with his brother, Walter Leach. They established the business some fifteen years ago and have developed it into one of Brookville's important industries.

Mr. Leach was born in New Jersey on February 1, 1882, received a public school education in that State and began his active career in the employ of the New Bethlehem Fabric Corporation, with which he first became associated at the age of nineteen. This connection he continued until 1926. In the latter year he joined with his brother, Walter Leach, in establishing the Brookville plant and business since conducted under the name of the Brookville Glove Company. The company has grown steadily since it first began operations and now employs about seventy-five persons. They are large manufacturers of work gloves, with a daily output of 550 dozen pairs of gloves coming from the plant.

Mr. Leach is a member of the Presbyterian Church. He married, at New Bethlehem, August 13, 1913, Nel-

lie Goheen. Mr. and Mrs. Leach have one son, David Leach, a graduate of Wooster College; and one daughter, Ruth, now the wife of Doyle H. Wallace.

HARRY A. CORBETT—For forty-six years continuously, Harry A. Corbett has served in the Pennsylvania Railroad system, in which he is now one of the senior members in point of tenure. During all of this period his activities have centered at Summerville, where he has been station agent since 1909 and a well-known figure in the general life of the town.

Mr. Corbett was born in Armstrong County, son of Melancthon and Jeannie (Cochrane) Corbett, both now deceased. His father was a contractor and builder in Armstrong County. Educated in the public schools of that county, Harry A. Corbett subsequently studied for three years at Clarion Normal School, after which he began his long career in the Pennsylvania Railroad system at Summerville. After serving in various minor capacities, he was appointed station agent at Summerville in 1909, and has since efficiently met the duties and responsibilities of his position. In addition he has been very active in all local affairs, giving a great deal of his time and effort to promote the interests of the town, which has long recognized him as one of its leading citizens.

He is affiliated fraternally with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is a member of all higher bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including Coudersport Consistory, thirty-second degree, and a member of Jaffa Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at Altoona. A Presbyterian in religious faith, he is prominent in his church, serving as a member of the Stated Sessions, of which he was also clerk for twenty-one years.

In 1900, at Summerville, Pennsylvania, Harry A. Corbett married Adeline Satterlee Winslow, for the past fifteen years a member of the Summerville Mothers' Assistance Board. They are the parents of two sons: Frank J. Corbett, who was graduated in medicine from the University of Pittsburgh and is now engaged in the practice of his profession at Lafayetteville; and Earle Winslow Corbett, owner and operator of an Esso service station at Summerville.

JOHN A. COOK—In 1916, after long prior experience in the lumber industry, John A. Cook began a new chapter in his career when he established himself as a drilling contractor in the natural gas fields of the Brookville section. This enterprise he has successfully continued and is today head of several well known corporations of the area.

Mr. Cook, a native Pennsylvanian, is a descendant of the pioneer family for whom Cook Forest and Cookville

were named. He received a public school education and as a boy worked with his father, Sebastian Cook, a lumber operator at Cook Forest and Cookville. Later he became one of the lumber and timber pilots on the Clarion River, rafting down great booms to Pittsburgh. Relinquishing this interest, he established himself at Brookville in 1916 as a contract driller, specializing in natural gas wells, and has since developed not only a very large business, but a reputation which is unexcelled in his field.

Mr. Cook is today president of the Jefferson-Elk Oil & Gas Company, of Brookville, and president of the Jefferson County Gas Company, both substantial concerns. He is affiliated fraternally with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and is a member of the Methodist Church. Although he has never entered public life, he has fully met the obligations of good citizenship and by his effective support of useful civic and benevolent causes, as well as his business success, he has won wide public respect and established his position as one of Jefferson County's leading citizens.

John A. Cook married Maude S. Parker. They are the parents of three children: Leona, now Mrs. Eugene Smith; Howard, who is associated with his father in business; and Wesley, now secretary and treasurer of the Jefferson-Elk Oil & Gas Company.

PERCY CHESTER ANDREWS—As president of the C. E. Andrews Lumber Company, Percy Chester Andrews has notably added to the achievements of one of New Bethlehem's and Clarion County's accomplished families. He has not only held this position for a number of years, but has performed valuable services as an official of other companies and as a civic-minded and public-spirited citizen.

Mr. Andrews was born September 11, 1884, in New Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, son of William Marion and Melda E. (Truitt) Andrews and a member of an old family of this region. His great-grandfather, William Andrews, a merchant in Philadelphia, died at the age of twenty-eight; whereupon his widow, Ann (Fithen) Andrews, when remarried, came to Clarion County to live, bringing her eight-year-old son, Charles Edgar Andrews, who was Percy Chester Andrews' grandfather. Further details concerning the family background will be found under the records, in this work, of Percy C. Andrews' brother, Tom T. Andrews, and their cousin, Charles E. Andrews, Jr. Suffice it to say here that Charles Edgar Andrews, the grandfather of these three men, married, in 1854, Catharine Duff, daughter of Samuel and Catharine (Ecebarger) Duff, and that they were the parents of five children (see records of Charles E. Andrews, Jr., and Tom T. Andrews). Of these five children, William Marion Andrews, who was Percy Chester Andrews' father, was born November 28, 1858.

He was active in the mercantile business until his death in 1915, also with the lumber and banking interests of his family, of which more will be written in due course. William M. Andrews married, November 25, 1880, Melda E. Truitt, daughter of William and Hannah (Kelly) Truitt, of Porter Township, Clarion County. They had five children: Emma Alma Andrews, Harry Edgar Andrews, Percy Chester Andrews (of further mention), Thomas Truitt Andrews (or Tom T. Andrews [*q. v.*]) and Carl Willis Andrews.

Percy Chester Andrews attended New Bethlehem schools, and in furtherance of his preparatory education studied at the Kiskiminetas Springs Preparatory School, in Saltsburg. He graduated from Bucknell University in 1907 as a Bachelor of Philosophy. In that year he became associated with the C. E. Andrews Lumber Company, which his uncle and father owned. Twenty years later Percy C. Andrews became president of this enterprise, so continuing down to the time of writing. So intimate has been his career-long association with this company that no record of Mr. Andrews' life would be complete except against the background of the organization's history. It was his grandfather, Charles Edgar Andrews, referred to above, who founded the C. E. Andrews Lumber Company in New Bethlehem, doing so by purchasing a small old sawmill from Corbett & O'Donnell. The mill was destroyed by fire in 1859. In the following year, 1860, Charles E. Andrews went to Cincinnati, Ohio, to buy machinery for a new mill, which became the largest sawmill on Red Bank Creek. It was from this sawmill that he produced the materials for building the coal boats to ply the Ohio and Mississippi rivers during Civil War days, which became so important a part of his business at that time; and he furnished lumber for many other purposes besides. As time went on, he admitted both his sons to the business: Firman L. and William M. Andrews, Percy C. Andrews' uncle and father, who served as president and treasurer respectively. Through that period Charles E. Andrews, Jr. (*q. v.*) was vice-president, and G. A. Berger secretary. For a time the organization was known as C. E. Andrews & Son, after the admittance of Firman L. Andrews; but when William M. joined the company, after 1903, the older style of the C. E. Andrews Lumber Company was re-adopted.

The C. E. Andrews Lumber Company has performed many important tasks in the lumber and contracting business in New Bethlehem, including the building of such edifices as the First National Bank Building, one of New Bethlehem's distinctive architectural triumphs. This bank, incidentally, has long been connected also with the Andrews family, having been founded by the grandfather, Charles E. Andrews, back in 1872, as the New Bethlehem Savings Bank, and having become, in 1894, the First National Bank. Further details concerning the bank are

to be found under the separate heading of Charles E. Andrews, Jr., who is now the bank's president. Percy Chester Andrews has served the C. E. Andrews Lumber Company well as its president, and he has also shouldered a number of other business responsibilities. He is president and treasurer of the Andrews Real Estate Company and the Citizens' Water Company, vice-president of the Meadow River Lumber Company and the Meadow River Coal & Land Company (of Rainelle, West Virginia), and a director of the Bank of Rainelle. He is also a director of the First National Bank of New Bethlehem, as is his brother, Tom T. Andrews (*q. v.*). Percy C. Andrews belongs to the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he has many affiliations, including membership in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Consistory. He is affiliated with the First Baptist Church.

Percy Chester Andrews married, in 1912, in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, Mary Ellen Halfpenney. They became the parents of two children: 1. Catherine J., now Mrs. J. D. St. Clair, of Columbus, Ohio; she has two children, Mary Andrews St. Clair, and John D. St. Clair. 2. Mary L., now Mrs. James L. Marks, Jr., of Saltsburg, Pennsylvania; she has one child, James L. Marks, III.

GEORGE WILLIAM HUNTLEY, Jr.—Although he was trained to the profession of law and for some years was engaged in active practice, George William Huntley, Jr., of Emporium, has devoted his career principally to executive responsibilities in business and industry. He is head of several corporations and is also active in the public life of the Commonwealth through his election to the Pennsylvania General Assembly.

Mr. Huntley was born in the hamlet of Huntley, Gibson Township, Cameron County, on March 16, 1867, son of George William and Luzerna (Shafer) Huntley. He spent his boyhood days at Driftwood, where his father moved in 1878 and resided until 1908, when he moved to Emporium. After his early education in the public schools, he became a student in the preparatory department of Pennsylvania State College and subsequently entered Dickinson Seminary at Williamsport, where he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1889. He prepared for the profession of law at Dickinson School of Law, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He was duly admitted to the Pennsylvania bar in 1893 and practiced his profession until 1898. In that year he entered the lumber business with his father, the Hon. George W. Huntley, Sr., who was a leading citizen and prominent lumberman in Cameron County. Meanwhile, he had already begun his active career as foreman of a logging camp and thereafter followed lumbering in various places, being located at Kalispell, Montana, from 1892 to 1895 and in Greenbrier and Pocahontas counties, West Virginia, for twenty-

three years. Mr. Huntley served as president of the First National Bank of Emporium and was also engaged in the lumber manufacturing and mercantile business for some twenty years. Currently, he is president of the Pennsylvania Powder Company at Emporium, an office he first assumed in 1921, and president of the Camoil Corporation, at Olean, New York, which he has headed since 1937. To the direction of both he brings the enterprising spirit which has marked his career and the sound business judgment derived from long experience.

In addition to his business connections, Mr. Huntley has served as auditor of Gibson Township and councilman of Driftwood Borough in Pennsylvania and of the town of Covington, Virginia, and also as chairman of the Republican County Committee of Alleghany County, Virginia. His election to the Pennsylvania General Assembly brought him into a wider sphere of public service, in which he has met with equal success the responsibilities devolving upon him.

In 1936 Mr. Huntley published a book, "A Story of the Sinnamahoué," dealing with the environments of early lumbering in this region.

On October 16, 1894, George William Huntley, Jr., married Margaret Metzger, daughter of Judge John J. Metzger, jurist and leading lawyer of his day, and Hanna Margaret (Hess) Metzger. Mr. and Mrs. Huntley were the parents of six children: Floy; Geraldine; Margaret; Lulu, deceased; Wilma; and George William, III, deceased.

He has been active in church, Sunday school, Young Men's Christian Association and Boy Scouts. He belongs to the principal Masonic orders and is a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church. At present he is a member of the board of directors of Williamsport Seminary and Junior College.

MRS. ANNE S. WILSON—Through her continued activities of recent years, Mrs. Anne S. Wilson (Mrs. Harry R. Wilson) has become a well-known figure in the civic life of Clarion and in women's club circles of the State. She has been a frequent holder of club offices and is now chairman of the Finance Committee of the Pennsylvania Federation of Women's Clubs.

Mrs. Wilson was born in Clarion on November 14, 1901, the daughter of John and Sarah (Carrier) Shirley, and was educated in the Training School here, Miss Shipley's School at Bryn Mawr and Miss Thurston's School for Girls at Pittsburgh, after which she was a student at Smith College for two years. Very soon after her marriage to Harry R. Wilson, who died in 1940, she became interested in club work, which has occupied an increasing part of her time. Active in several such organizations, she was elected president of the Clarion Woman's Club and soon won recognition for her energetic leader-



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ship. As a result she was elected vice-president of the Northwestern District, Pennsylvania Federation of Women's Clubs, and continued her distinguished record in this office. As chairman of the Finance Committee of the Pennsylvania Federation of Women's Clubs at the present time, she remains active in the women's club movement.

Mrs. Wilson is known to the women of Northwest Pennsylvania and the State as an able administrator and to the Clarion community as a zealous civic worker whose influence is felt in many phases of the city's life.

She is a trustee of the Clarion Cemetery Association, a member of the Library Board and is a director of the Clarion County Chapter of the American Red Cross. She is active in child welfare work. Mrs. Wilson is an attendant of the Presbyterian Church.

I. DANA KAHLE, M. D.—For years Dr. I. Dana Kahle has been recognized as a leading physician of Knox and Clarion County, coming here in 1908. He is at the same time a prominent participant in civic and community life, and has the distinction of having been selected by the Knox Community Club as one of the recipients of its annual appointment to its own roster of local achievement. "You have succeeded in making, without desire for approbation," said the club's communication to Dr. Kahle, "the general welfare of this community better. You have served in various capacities always with a kind and generous attitude. Your deeds will stand as a monument to the devotion with which you served our people."

Dr. Kahle was born August 8, 1875, on a farm near Pitch Pine, Clarion County, Pennsylvania. Spending his boyhood on the home farm of his family, he attended the one-room country school in the neighborhood, but decided at the age of seventeen years that farming was not for him. It was in May, 1893, that he left home, walked through thirty-two miles of forest, ate for lunch a 10-cent can of "Cove" oysters and a few crackers at Marienville at 3.30 in the afternoon, then took employment as a "lumberjack" with the Bell Lumber Company at a wage of \$1.00 a day and board. Working all summer and gathering a financial stake, he went to the World's Fair in Chicago in the autumn, then returned to Marienville and worked in the lumber trade until he decided that lumbering, likewise, was not for him. Noticing the contented appearance of school teachers and the seemingly good work that they did, Dr. Kahle attended the State Teachers' College at Clarion and afterward taught school for \$28 per month. After his marriage, he and his wife both taught for a time. But both were adventurous by nature, and they determined to go into business and operate a small department store in the village of Pitch Pine. I. Dana Kahle brought in such rural products as butter, eggs, calves, chickens and other

produce, carting them by horse and wagon, while his wife served as clerk in the store. For a time he hired a clerk to substitute for him in the store, while he himself continued to teach.

The Kahles sold their property in 1901, and with a capital of \$1,450 and a small baby set out for Baltimore, Maryland, where he had determined to study medicine at the College of Physicians and Surgeons. His desire was to serve humanity and to gain at the same time a decent and dignified place for himself and his family in life—a difficult goal in our changing era! He ran out of funds after his second year in college, but, having set his goal, he took a job as stevedore on a Baltimore wharf, attending medical school each morning and rushing down to do his duties at the wharf in the afternoons. Working until 8.00 o'clock, he then returned home for supper and for study to prepare his lessons for the ensuing day. Incidentally, the great Baltimore fire of that year boosted living expenses to a considerable degree. Depressed and moneyless, Dr. Kahle sought employment in the West Virginia oil fields, but met only one unfortunate experience after another.

Life often reveals that unexpected events come to rescue the earthly pilgrim from the depths of despair, even when that despair is blackest. Some people might regard, under such circumstances, the birth of a son as meaning that much more responsibility. But the birth of Dr. Kahle's son, Standish Calvert Kahle, on April 15, 1903, somehow mysteriously gave him the needed impulse for his next action. He spent every available moment studying for the State test to be given May 1, that year, by the West Virginia Board of Medical Examiners, at Wheeling. The announcement that he had passed the examination as "No. 42" on the list came at a time when Dr. Kahle and his family were at the low ebb of their emotions. They went immediately to the West Virginia oil fields, where he started his career of reading meters and running a pump station and all the family lived in a rude 12x16-foot shanty that he erected for the purpose. In West Virginia he was allowed to practice, but Dr. Kahle now desired to practice in other places which required two more years of study. His aim thus became the gathering of enough money to finance these two years. A mountaineer visited him one day and asked him to attend his son, suffering from pneumonia. The son recovered, and the news traveled. Afflicted people came in increasing numbers for Dr. Kahle's ministrations. After a third year in medical school, he returned to Wick, a small West Virginia town, and set up a medical office. After only one month at Wick, he was thrown pell-mell into a typhoid epidemic, in which he treated as many as forty bedridden patients at a time. Once more he was able to resume his studies in Baltimore, but was

called home to Wick two weeks before his graduation to meet an unfortunate situation in which his assistant had fled after running afoul of the authorities in a "bootlegging" venture. Unable to attend his own graduation exercises because of the needs of sick people in Wick, he arranged for a substitute to receive his diploma. The entire student body broke into spontaneous cheering when Dr. Kahle's name was called, and the dean spent several minutes in complimenting the physician who had so soon plunged fully into his professional labors, citing him as an example to future students.

Until 1908 Dr. Kahle remained in Wick, going by horseback to treat many of his patients, working under difficult and trying conditions, and one time almost drowning along with his good horse when West Virginia waters were at flood-tide. While in Wick, he also figured prominently in politics, and was elected a delegate from Tyler County to a convention in Charleston, where a gubernatorial candidate was to be nominated. It was on July 6, 1908, that Charles and Frank Crape, in Knox, Pennsylvania, on a visit to that place, learned that a local physician, Dr. Shoemaker, was about to leave Knox. They immediately told Dr. Kahle of the opportunity that was thus opened to him in Knox. At once he disposed of his political, professional and material ties in West Virginia and returned to his native State. With his family, he arrived in Knox on July 21, 1908, undaunted by the fact that two other young physicians had preceded him with the same idea in mind, and purchased a property in Main Street, to serve as office and home.

The people of Knox were overjoyed as they came to know the qualities of this splendid physician, who brought with him a tremendous breadth of experience, in life and in medicine, and who now took his rightful place as advisor and friend, as well as physician. He has continued his work in Knox down to the time of writing, here occupying an enviable place among his colleagues and being highly esteemed and loved by them, his patients and the whole community. He has brought into the world more than three thousand babies, and has taken an outstanding part in promoting community health. At the same time he has bought and developed oil and lime properties, residential real estate and industrial holdings. He was active in the first lime works project for making pulverized lime in Clarion County.

In 1926 Dr. Kahle became active in Pennsylvania politics, announcing his candidacy for the State Legislature and being elected by a large majority to the lower house for three terms. In 1934 he was elected a senator. So he has come to be known throughout Clarion, Forest, Elk, Cameron and Clinton counties for his diligent work on behalf of the people here. He has hoped to improve highways and other State properties, and has done much

for popular betterment. His has been a life of struggle, in which he has coped with the truly deepest realities; a life of veritable Christian attainment and inspiration. Among his other achievements, he writes poems, and in these has found a medium for expression of the essence of his amazing experiences. Dr. I. Dana Kahle belongs to the Methodist Church. He is a member of the Democratic party and a member of the Knights of Pythias, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and Masons.

Dr. I. Dana Kahle married, in the autumn of 1897, Margie R. Boyer, of Monroe, Pennsylvania, who has been her husband's constant helpmate. They became the parents of two children: i. Kathleen Kahle, wife of Leland Sheffer, of Knox; they are the parents of three children: i. Leah Ruth Sheffer, a graduate in dental hygiene and now dental hygienist for Bensinger Township Schools of St. Marys, Pennsylvania. ii. Naomi Sheffer, taking nurses' training at Youngstown, Ohio. iii. Shirley Sheffer, attending school. 2. Standish Calvert Kahle, who is a dentist in Greenville and is at the time of writing president of the Pennsylvania State Board of Dental Examiners. He married Helen Burguin of Knox, Pennsylvania, and they have one daughter, Rosamond, a graduate of Greenville High School, in 1942.

OTIS G. MOORE, D. D. S.—Carrying on an extensive practice of dentistry in Knox, Dr. Otis G. Moore is not only one of this community's leading professional workers, but is widely known for his civic work and public-spirited citizenship, exemplified, for instance, in his years of service as secretary of the Knox School Board.

Dr. Moore was born in Knox, Pennsylvania, June 23, 1894, son of Otis G. (q. v.) and Emma (Trainor) Moore, both of whom are now deceased. His father, also a dental surgeon, practiced in Knox from 1878 until his death in 1928—fifty full years.

Schools of Clarion County provided Dr. Otis G. Moore's early formal education, and he commenced his dental career after graduation from the Dental School of the University of Pittsburgh in the class of 1914, before he had reached the age of twenty-one. Holding the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery, he began his practice in Franklin in 1915, staying there until the United States entered the World War in 1917. He held the first lieutenant's rank in the Dental Corps of the army for the duration of the war, later retaining his commission in the Reserves until he was given his present commission of major. At the opening of 1919 Dr. Moore resumed his dental practice, establishing an office in Knox, where today he has a fine practice and does all his



Otis G. Moore





H. C. Stackpole

own laboratory work in his modernly equipped laboratory.

At all times Dr. Moore has taken a foremost part in the civic life of Knox, as did his father before him, doing much for the betterment of the community. His father was secretary of the Knox School Board for forty-nine years until, at his death, the present Dr. Moore took over this office in 1928, so continuing down to the time of writing. In addition to his other activities, Dr. Moore is a director and stockholder in the Burnham Gas & Oil Company, of Corsica. He belongs to the University Club, of Pittsburgh; the Foxbury Country Club; the Knights of Pythias, and the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is a trustee of the Knox lodge and a member of the Knights Templar Commandery, the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Consistory and Zem Zem Temple (Erie) of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a charter member of Venango Chapter of the Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, through descent from Justus G. Darrrt. He served a term of four years as State Inheritance Appraiser for Clarion County. He is also Dental Examiner for the Selective Service Board of Clarion County. In the Presbyterian Church he is a member of different church organizations and serves as clerk of Sessions.

In 1925, in Knox, Pennsylvania, Dr. Otis G. Moore married Harriet Burgwin. Dr. and Mrs. Moore became the parents of two children: 1. Frank B. Moore, born in 1926, a student in high school. 2. Sally A. Moore, born in 1930.

OTIS G. MOORE, SR.—For years engaged in the practice of dentistry in Knox, Dr. Otis G. Moore was a pioneer in his profession in this area. Performing his duties in days when conditions of travel and human intercourse were more primitive, he belonged to the "old school" of dental surgeons who traveled about in the winter months by horse and buggy, doing extractions, and received patients in their offices in summertime to have their false teeth made. He did much, against seemingly insurmountable hardships and handicaps, to protect community health, and was widely respected, honored and loved.

Dr. Moore, whose son, of the same name, now practices in Knox, was born in 1850 in Wellsboro, Tioga County, Pennsylvania, son of Henry and Phoebe (Darrrt) Moore. His father was a clergyman.

Otis G. Moore, after receiving his preliminary general schooling, served as a dental apprentice under Dr. Le Fever, at Butler, Pennsylvania, so continuing for four or five years until he gained a thorough knowledge and skill in his chosen profession. Then he began his prac-

tice in Knox, becoming a pioneer in this work and, as time went on, a leader in his profession. Before the era of paved roads and modern rail travel, it was no simple matter to go about by horse and buggy to perform professional duties for which completely equipped dental offices are now required; more than that, to battle rain, snow, wind, storm, mud and the opposing elements to carry into effect one's ministry of healing and humanitarianism. Yet the intimacy and personal friendliness attending such a manner of practice had unquestionable benefits, creating a human warmth that is too often lacking in professional relationships of a "more efficient" era.

As the dental associations came into being and grew, Dr. Moore was active in the Clarion County Dental Society, the Pennsylvania State Dental Society and the American Dental Association. He also interested himself increasingly in community affairs, and for twenty-seven years was secretary of the Knox School Board. Among his other attainments, he was the organizer of the Knox lodge of the Knights of Pythias, and he was active, too, in the Baptist Church in this community.

Dr. Moore had taken out patents on a number of his own inventions, among which could be mentioned a window shade; a device for increasing production in oil wells, and a hay burner.

Dr. Knox married Emma Trainor, of Knox. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Allie, now Mrs. Allie (Moore) Lynn, of Emlenton. 2. Freda, who became Mrs. Freda (Moore) Clover, now deceased. 3. Mamie, now Mrs. Mamie (Moore) Daugherty, of Pittsburgh. 4. Dr. Charles C., a physician. 5. Otis G. (q. v.).

The death of the elder Dr. Otis G. Moore was an occasion of deep sorrow and regret, not only in Knox and vicinity, but throughout this entire region of Pennsylvania, where he was so widely known and honored. His accomplishments were many-sided and useful, earning for him the admiration of his contemporaries, and his influence, so strong a power for good during his lifetime, will continue to be so felt through the years, long after his departure from the scene of his earthly labors and accomplishments.

HARRY CLINTON STACKPOLE—From time to time Harry Clinton Stackpole has been engaged in many different types of business enterprise, and he is recognized as one of the leading citizens of St. Marys, in Elk County. He formerly was president and now is chairman of the board of directors of the Stackpole Carbon Company, and has been active in several kinds of business. His interests extend even to Miami Beach, Florida, where he is president of the Gulf Stream Corporation.

Mr. Stackpole was born November 10, 1875, in McVeytown, Pennsylvania, son of Edward Henry Harrison and Margaret (Glasgow) Stackpole and member of an old and noted family of that place. A grandfather was Harrison Stackpole. The father, Edward H. H. Stackpole, was a blacksmith in McVeytown for many years, and was elected to the State Legislature in 1882 and sent to Harrisburg. The Stackpoles took up their residence in Harrisburg at that time, and there the elder Mr. Stackpole served as superintendent of the Capitol Building of Pennsylvania after the conclusion of his period in the Legislature. Both parents are now deceased.

Harry Clinton Stackpole was one of eleven children in his family. He was named Harrison after his father and grandfather, but the name was soon shortened by everyone to Harry. He spent his early boyhood in McVeytown, and from a very early age was an ardent fisherman, so continuing throughout the years down to the time of writing. Bass fishing in the Juniata River and the Pennsylvania Canal, in McVeytown, became one of his favorite pastimes and activities, and the abandonment of that hobby was his major sorrow when, at the age of seven, he was required to move to Harrisburg at the time of his father's election to the State Legislature. He loved the Pennsylvania country of his birth, although he also learned to be fond of Harrisburg, where he had his first employment. He left school when in the eighth grade to deliver newspapers for the Harrisburg "Telegraph," receiving \$2.00 a week for his labors.

There had once been an idea in the home that Harry C. Stackpole, the eighth child of the eleven, might become a minister. The family were devout Presbyterians, and such a choice would have tremendously pleased many of the Stackpoles. But economic conditions requiring his early employment and that of other members of the large family determined otherwise. Two older brothers had already gone to Ridgway, Pennsylvania, where they had established the Ridgway Steam Laundry. In 1890, when Harry C. Stackpole was fifteen years of age, the whole family removed to Ridgway. There he went to work in his brothers' laundry at \$5.00 a week. In 1898, after his marriage, he sold the laundry and became associated with the Portland Lumber Company, at Portland Mills, Pennsylvania. Two years later he removed to St. Marys, where he became assistant cashier of the St. Marys National Bank.

It was in St. Marys that he gained his first opportunity to go into business on his own account, having promised himself from his old Harrisburg "Telegraph" days that he would one time have his own enterprise. When a group of men came from Cleveland to St. Marys in search of someone to go into the battery business with them, Mr. Stackpole saw his opportunity. All arrangements were accordingly effected, but when the promoters

of the battery firm returned to Cleveland they changed their minds and the plan was abandoned. Mr. Stackpole was thereupon offered the treasurership of the newly formed St. Marys Trust Company, of which his father-in-law, J. K. P. Hall, was head, but declined this position.

He still desired to have his own business and considered the battery company a good idea. So, using the receipts from the sale of the laundry business and his personal savings for the purpose, he at length persuaded his father-in-law, Senator Hall, to go into the battery business with him. In April, 1906, the Stackpole Battery Plant got under way, with the Speer Carbon Company making the carbon for them. It soon became evident that it was good business for the company to make its own battery carbons and "flour." Consequently a calcining furnace, grinding and mixing equipment and a "jumbo" were purchased and an oven built. The Stackpole Battery Company then started to manufacture carbon. The next venture was the making of carbon cylinders for wet batteries, and these proved just another step in the evolution of a carbon plant.

On September 16, 1912, the name was changed to the Stackpole Carbon Company, manufacturers of dry cell batteries and carbon products. This enterprise, which started operations with one building and with ten men, grew to many times its original size. It now employs fourteen hundred at the company's plants at St. Marys, Johnsonburg and Ridgway. H. C. Stackpole conducted the company at the outset as its secretary-treasurer, but at Mr. Hall's death, in 1914, Mr. Stackpole assumed the presidency. For many years he remained as president, personally directing the affairs of the corporation and helped to build it up to a position of high standing in the industry. But in 1940 he relinquished the president's title and many of his active duties to Mr. Hall's son, L. G. Hall, and himself took the newly created post of chairman of the board of directors.

Although he technically retired from the company, Mr. Stackpole was not an individual who could easily accept retirement as a fact; and so he became active, and continues so today, in a number of other enterprises. He takes the deepest interest, too, in the work of the Stackpole Carbon Company, and his advisory counsel and help are freely sought and received in this connection. Mr. Stackpole also remains president of the Gulf Stream Corporation, of Miami Beach, Florida, and is a director of the Harrisburg "Telegraph Press," the St. Marys Trust Company and the St. Marys National Bank. He also takes a lively interest in public affairs. Governor John S. Fisher appointed him a member of the Pennsylvania Game Commission, and fishing remains today one of Mr. Stackpole's major hobbies, as is also hunting. In his political alignment Mr. Stackpole has taken men and measures as his guide, remaining independent of partisan

considerations. He is active in the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Harry Clinton Stackpole married (first), in 1898, Sarah Arrington Hall, of St. Marys, Pennsylvania, who is now deceased, daughter of the late J. K. P. Hall, referred to above. They became the parents of four children: 1. Lyle H., married Frank N. Townsend and has a son, Dwight Hall Townsend. 2. James Hall Stackpole (*q. v.*). 3. Harrison Clinton Stackpole, Jr. 4. Jude Stackpole.

Harry Clinton Stackpole married (second), in May, 1930, Adelaide W. Wittman, of St. Marys.

MELVIN T. RHEA—The M. T. Rhea & Son Company, wholesale and retail distributors of gasoline and oil in the Sligo area, was established by Melvin T. Rhea in partnership with his son and has been developed on a substantial scale under their direction during the past ten years. They are now large distributors in this region and owners of more than fifty gas and oil stations.

Mr. Rhea was born in Licking Township, Clarion County, Pennsylvania, in 1878, son of Samuel and Mary (Klinger) Rhea, both now deceased. His father was a lumberman and farmer in Clarion County.

After a public school education, Melvin T. Rhea entered the wholesale and retail lumber business, operating in Clarion County for many years, until the establishment of the M. T. Rhea & Son Company in 1930. Starting as wholesale and retail distributors of Pennzip gas and Pennzoil oil, Mr. Rhea and his son, operating the M. T. Rhea & Son Company, had at first only one station. The rapid growth of the business is seen from the fact that they now own fifty-five gas and oil stations and distribute to more than one hundred others within a territory radiating from Sligo, headquarters of the company. Mr. Rhea is also treasurer and director of the Rhea Oil & Gas Company. The development of his interest during the past ten years has made him a well-known figure in the business life of the county and he is now serving as a director of the Clarion County Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Rhea is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons and is prominent in the order, being a member of all higher bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including the thirty-second degree of the Consistory, and a member of the Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. In religious faith he is a Methodist.

In 1897, at Callensburg, Mr. Rhea married Laura Sedwick. They are the parents of two sons, Claude and Mearl, both in business with their father.

LYMAN STEARNS FANNIN, M. D.—The Bradford medical profession numbers among its active members Dr. Lyman Stearns Fannin, who has rapidly devel-

oped his practice here in recent years. He is a specialist in pediatrics, a field to which he brings acknowledged qualifications.

Dr. Fannin was born in Bradford on September 1, 1909, a son of Thomas Sheldon Fannin, a manufacturer, born at Emlenton, Venango County, now deceased, and Eva (Stearns) Fannin of Bradford. He received his early education in the Bradford public schools, spent three years as a student at Allegheny College and then entered Temple University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1936. After serving one year as interne at Pittsburgh Medical Center, he began a year of special work in pediatrics at the New York Foundlings Hospital, New York City, and followed it by six months as resident physician at Willard Parker Hospital for Contagious Diseases, also in New York City. The following year he spent at the Buffalo Children's Hospital in further preparation for work in the field in which he planned to specialize. In July, 1940, he returned to Bradford and began practice as a pediatrician. He has since firmly established his reputation as a specialist in children's diseases and child health and receives many calls upon his services.

Dr. Fannin is a member of the American Medical Association, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the McKean County Medical Society. At Bradford, he is a member of the staff of Bradford Hospital. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Fannin married Catherine McQuone, of Brockway, and they are the parents of one daughter, Patricia Ann, born October 19, 1939.

FREDERICK BAGG DOWNING—Extensively engaged in the insurance business in Erie, Frederick Bagg Downing operates, with his two sons, the agencies of Downing & Downing, Inc., and F. B. Downing Corporation. He has developed, in the course of many years, a number of outstanding business enterprises.

Mr. Downing was born July 25, 1871, in Erie, Pennsylvania, son of Jerome Francis and Henrietta (Bagg) Downing. His father, who was born March 24, 1827, in Enfield, Massachusetts, died June 25, 1913, in Erie. Although a member of the Erie County bar, he devoted his efforts principally to his general agency of fire insurance companies covering twenty states, ranging between Ohio and New Mexico. He was a Republican in politics, and served as district attorney and as a member of the Erie City Council. He also belonged to the First Presbyterian Church. His wife, Henrietta (Bagg) Downing, Frederick Bagg Downing's mother, a native of Massachusetts, died in Erie. She was a daughter of Eunice

(Smith) Bagg, who was a direct descendant of Lewis Smith, a Revolutionary soldier.

Frederick Bagg Downing attended Erie Academy and The Gunnery, at Washington, Connecticut, and, in Ithaca, New York, was a student at the Cascadilla School and Cornell University, where he was graduated in 1894 as a mechanical and electrical engineer. He then became associated in Erie with the Keystone Electric Company as vice-president and general manager, a successful manufacturer of electrical machinery, Mr. Downing being a patentee of a dynamo electrical machine. In 1902 Mr. Downing sold the Keystone Electric Company to New York interests, the name of the concern now being Burke Electric Company. Mr. Downing then became associated with his father's general agency of the Insurance Company of North America and Philadelphia Underwriters, serving as superintendent of agencies for five years. In 1907 he went into the local agency business of Downing & Downing, Inc., which his father established; and this enterprise still continues under the same name, being owned by Mr. Downing and his two sons—J. F. Downing, of Erie; and F. B. Downing, Jr., of Niagara Falls, New York.

The Downing & Downing agency has an interesting history dating back to 1855 and continuing down to the time of writing. It has remained in the Downing family and is a general insurance business. Mr. Downing has also interested himself in general business and community affairs in Erie, where he has taken part in the furtherance of a number of worth while enterprises. He was formerly a director of the Erie Trust Company and its predecessor companies over a period of thirty-five years. In June, 1929, he obtained control of the bank and sold same for more than \$1,000,000. In 1902 he organized the Erie Amusement Company and built the Majestic Theatre, now known as Shea's Theatre, which he sold in 1906 to New York interests. Mr. Downing was president of the theatre organization. After disposing of control of the Erie Trust Company, Mr. Downing established, in July, 1929, Port-Erie Airport, often known as the Downing Airport, which is now owned by the city of Erie. The interests of both Mr. Downing and his father were varied, including large farms in North Dakota and real estate in Vermont, Illinois, and Pennsylvania.

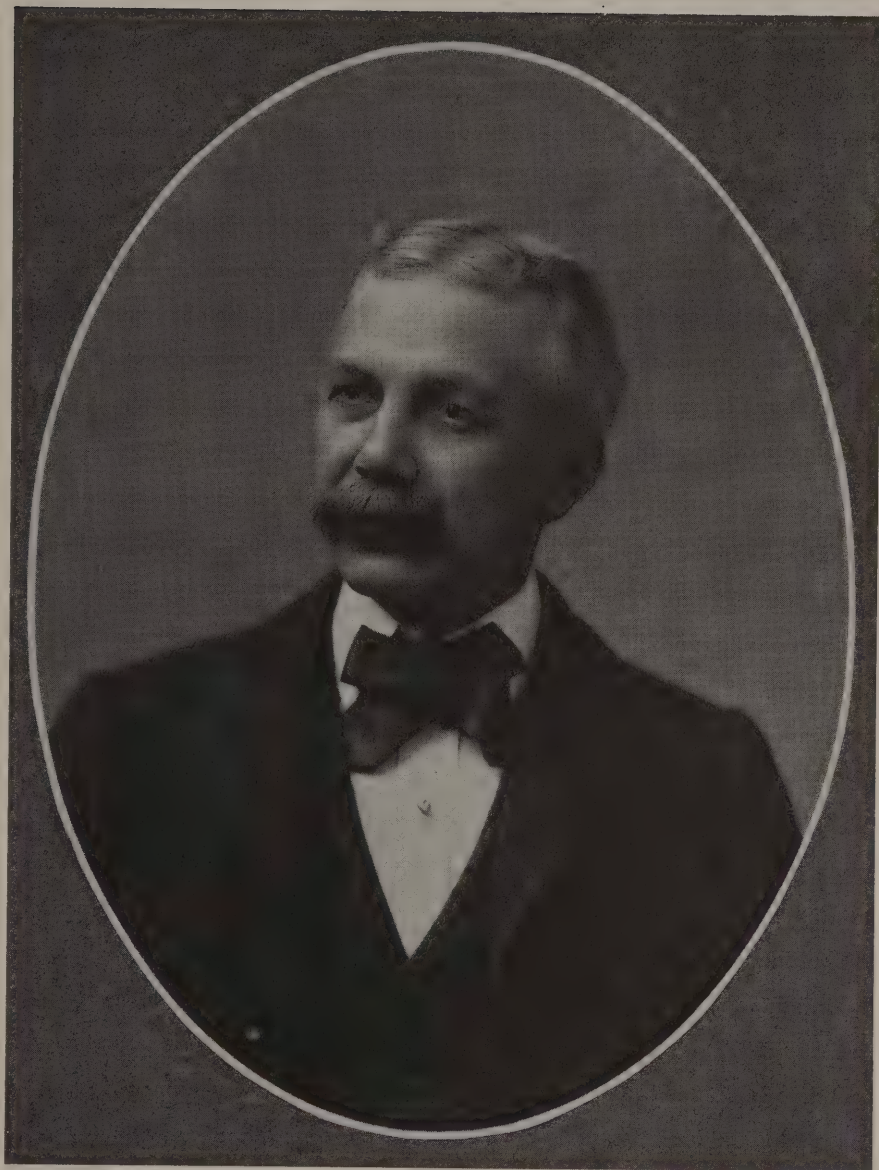
Mr. Downing is independent in his political views. He is of the Presbyterian faith. He is a charter member of the Kahkwa Club, of Erie, a member of the Zeta Psi fraternity, and of the honorary senior society of Sphinx Head and honorary junior member of Aleph Samach. In his college years Mr. Downing belonged to the Cornell banjo and mandolin clubs, and was himself gifted as a composer, dedicating his "Rough Riders March" to the late President Theodore Roosevelt and having as one of

his cherished possessions today a letter of acknowledgment and appreciation from Mr. Roosevelt, dated September 13, 1898, Camp Wikoff, Montauk Point, Long Island. Mr. Downing has done some highly commendable sculpturing in snow. At Cornell Mr. Downing was active in prominent undergraduate activities, being business manager of the '94 "Cornellian," a member of the '94 freshman baseball team, '94 junior ball committee, assistant manager of the '92 football team and a charter member of the Cornell Savage Club, which was organized when the Cornell Musical Clubs toured England in 1895, Mr. Downing returning after graduation to be a member thereof. He was also a member of the "Undine," "Bench and Board" and "Mermaid."

Frederick Bagg Downing married, November 16, 1902, Edith Emilie Anundssen, a native of Sweden, who died December 10, 1937, in Erie. They became the parents of two sons: 1. Jerome Francis Downing, born October 16, 1904, associated with his father in the insurance business in Erie, also associated with the General Electric Company in Erie; he married Anna Strasswimmer, a native of Mannheim, Germany, and they became the parents of two children: Roxana and George Downing. 2. Frederick Bagg Downing, Jr., born May 12, 1907, now with the Bell Aircraft Company at Niagara Falls, New York. He married Marjorie Lewis, of Niagara Falls, and they became the parents of two children: Marjorie ("Molly") Downing and Frederick B. ("Teddy") Downing.

HARRY ROSS HYDE—It is a tradition with the Hyde family of Pennsylvania that members must assume responsibility and leadership in Ridgway, Elk County. Grandfather Joseph Smith Hyde was a pioneer of the place; his son, the Hon. William Henry Hyde, was for many years its most prominent citizen, and Harry Ross Hyde, since the turn of the century has been identified with the leadership of many industrial, banking and utility companies, with civic and social affairs, and foremost in movements and organizations undertaken to advance the best interests of Ridgway.

The first of this family in Ridgway was Joseph Smith Hyde, a native of Tamworth, New Hampshire, born August 30, 1813, son of Jacob and Comfort Hyde, who traced their ancestry to some of the early settlers of New Hampshire. The name Hyde is derived from the ancient Saxon *hyd*, meaning a "safe harbor" or "on shore, as much land as can be cultivated with one plow." Joseph Smith Hyde, starting life without any financial advantages, became one of the wealthiest citizens of Elk County. His son, William Henry Hyde, born in Ridgway, May 27, 1849, lived to August 12, 1899. Completing his education at Bucknell College, of which he was a graduate, he joined his father in numerous enterprises,



W. H. Hyde



and after the demise of the older man, became managing partner of William H. Hyde & Company, which embraced most of the interests of his father. One of these was Hyde Park, Pennsylvania, founded and practically owned by the Hyde family, and many other valuable properties. William Henry Hyde was president of the Elk County National Bank, the head of varied lumber and industrial concerns, and was a member of the Pennsylvania State Senate, elected in 1893. On September 20, 1869, he married Elizabeth M. Kime, of McVeytown, Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, and they were the parents of three sons: 1. William Hulings Hyde, deceased. 2. Harry Ross Hyde, with whom this record is primarily concerned. 3. George Herbert Hyde, who died June 13, 1922.

Harry Ross Hyde was born at Ridgway, Elk County, Pennsylvania, April 16, 1872, son of William Henry and Elizabeth M. (Kime) Hyde. He became associated with his father in the lumber and other business interests and so continued until 1911, when the timber holdings were disposed of. During the following year Mr. Hyde was appointed associate justice of the Elk County Court, a post he filled most ably from 1912 to 1930. Down through this period he was identified with many business organizations and became president of the Ridgway Light & Heat Company; president, Ridgway Machine Tool Company; president, Portland Oil & Gas Company; vice-president, Hall, Kaul & Hyde Company; president of the Elk County National Bank, and of the Russell Snow Plow Company; a director of the Ridgway Dynamo & Engineering Company, and of many other companies. He is one of the most active men in local affairs, although retired from most business activities. For many years he has been a dog fancier and at one time or another has won nearly all of the outstanding meets. He raises English setters for grouse hunting, and retired the Pennsylvania Grouse Trials Cup with three wins over a twenty-three-year period. Harry R. Hyde's skillful shooting over his own dogs has played no minor rôle in their field successes.

Mr. Hyde became a burgess of Ridgway at one time, and served on the school board for several years. In earlier years he was captain of Company H, 16th Regiment of the Pennsylvania National Guard. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Ridgway Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Ridgway Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Ridgway Council, Royal and Select Masters; Ridgway Commandery, Knights Templar, and Zem Zem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a popular figure in the Chamber of Commerce of Ridgway, of which he long has been a member, and of the Elk County Country Club. His religious affiliations are with the Protestant Episcopal

Church, and he is a liberal supporter of church, charitable and humanitarian works.

At Ridgway, Pennsylvania, on September 23, 1893, Harry Ross Hyde married H. Maude Allen, a native of Erie, Pennsylvania.

ED C. LOWREY—As editor of the Warren "Times-Mirror," Ed C. Lowrey has the principal executive responsibility for the publication of this well known Warren County newspaper. He has devoted his entire career to the newspaper and printing business and for many years has occupied an influential position in Warren life.

Mr. Lowrey was born at Foxburg, Pennsylvania, on October 27, 1887, son of Walter and Anna (Crownoble) Lowrey and a grandson of Samuel N. and Matilda Lowrey, who were residents of Oil City. Walter Lowrey was born there and died at Reno, Pennsylvania. He was foreman in an Oil City machine shop over a long period. His wife, who was also born in Oil City, died in Akron, Ohio.

Ed C. Lowrey received a public school education and began his active career at Oil City as delivery boy for the Welker & Maxwell dry goods store in Oil City. Subsequently, he was messenger boy for the Western Union Telegraph Company and then became an apprentice in the composing room of the Oil City "Derrick." Here he remained for five years, working nights at a salary of \$3.00 a week. After completing his apprenticeship as a printer and linotype operator, he came to Warren and was employed as a linotype operator by the late Silas E. Walker (*q. v.*), publisher of the Warren "Evening Times." Later he worked as a linotype operator at Kane, Pennsylvania, and as linotype operator and sports editor on a newspaper published in Independence, Kansas. Returning to Warren, he became foreman of the composing room of the "Evening Mirror" for a short time and then returned to the "Evening Times" as linotype operator. When William A. Walker was appointed postmaster of Warren, Mr. Lowrey was made editor of the "Evening Times," and after the Times Publishing Company acquired the "Evening Mirror" and converted it into a morning newspaper, he was editor of this latter paper for about a year. Then he joined the staff of the "Tribune" as city editor and subsequently became editor, having editorial charge of the "Tribune" for about a year before it suspended publication. With this development, he returned to the "Evening Times" as city editor and continued as such until the death of Paul M. Riston, after which he succeeded him as editor of the "Times-Mirror," previously formed by the merger of the "Times" and the "Mirror." This position he still occupies, bringing to his executive responsibilities the experience gained in many years of newspaper service.

and a thorough familiarity with the Warren community and its people.

Mr. Lowrey has long been active in the general life of the city. Influential in Republican politics, he is a past member of the Republican County Committee and at Warren served for seven years as a member of the Borough Council, representing the Fourth Ward. He was elected, November 4, 1941, to a fifth term as coroner of Warren County. He is prominent in civic affairs, has been general chairman of the Fourth of July celebrations held at Warren, has headed similar programs in the community and has acted as chairman of the Citizens' Farewell Committee. He has been associated with most of the city's principal institutions and at present serves as a member of the advisory board of the Salvation Army and a trustee of Oakland Cemetery. Mr. Lowrey is also a member of the Warren Kiwanis Club and the local Young Men's Christian Association and a member of the board of governors of the Warren Motor Club. He has many fraternal connections. In the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, he is a member and Past Noble Grand of Warren Lodge, No. 339; a member and Past Chief Patriarch of Kossuth Encampment, No. 98; and Past President of the Grand Council of Pennsylvania. This service has made him one of Pennsylvania's best known Odd Fellows. Mr. Lowrey is also affiliated with Joseph Warren Lodge, No. 726, Free and Accepted Masons, and various higher bodies, including Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He is Past Exalted Ruler of Warren Lodge, No. 223, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

In addition to these connections, Mr. Lowrey is a member of Warren Council, No. 563, United Commercial Travelers; Conewango Council, No. 115, Royal Arcanum; and the Protected Home Circle. He is a member of the Pennsylvania State Coroners' Association and of Bucktail Lodge, Fraternal Order of Police, at Warren. He is also a member of the Townsend Club. Mr. Lowrey is an Episcopalian in religious faith and serves as junior warden and vestryman of Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church in this city. Bowling is his favorite diversion, and for a number of years past he has been president of the Warren Bowling Association.

Mr. Lowrey married (first) Elsie May Leonhart, who was born in Warren, daughter of the late E. L. Leonhart and Elizabeth McKeel Leonhart, and died on August 25, 1934. They became the parents of one daughter, Mary Elizabeth Lowrey, born March 31, 1916, now the wife of Norman C. Headlund, of Warren, who is associated with the Bell Telephone Company. On February 13, 1936, Mr. Lowrey married (second) Emma R. Sager, a registered nurse of Warren, daughter of Ross and Carrie (Milliron) Sager. There is one son of the second marriage, Edward Sager Lowrey, born July 26, 1938.

CAPTAIN RALPH NELSON SUMMERTON—

In the handling of oil producing leases, the name of Captain Ralph Nelson Summerton is most prominent in this section of Pennsylvania, and for more than twelve years the firm of Summerton & Sutton has enjoyed great success in a business where honesty and fair dealing are requisites for continued activity.

Captain Summerton is a native of Tidioute, having been born here August 28, 1888, the son of Nelson Lewis and Sarah (Lewis) Summerton. The elder Mr. Summerton, also a native of Tidioute, was a laborer in this locality for many years. He was a member of the Universalist Church, a supporter of the Democratic party, and a leading figure in the development of this section. Sarah (Lewis) Summerton, daughter of Gidia and Nancy (Brown) Lewis, was born in Brown Hill, Crawford County. Gidia Lewis, a millwright, by trade, operated a lumber mill near Tidioute for many years. He was a veteran of the Civil War. His wife, a native of Crawford County, died in Tidioute. Captain Summerton was educated in the local public schools, after which he spent several years as a farmer in Chautauqua County. For the next five years he was in the cutlery business here, and then he went to Akron, Ohio, where he entered the employ of the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., remaining with that organization until he enlisted in Company I, 16th Infantry, Pennsylvania National Guard. In 1911 he saw service on the Mexican Border, and was mustered out of service as soon as the trouble was over. His next period of military service was at the outbreak of the World War, and he went overseas with Company I, 112th Infantry, 28th Division. He was overseas until December, 1918, and while there his efforts, which earned for him the Distinguished Service Cross and the Croix de Guerre, was also rewarded by his receiving the commission of second lieutenant. When he returned to the United States, he was compelled to enter a government hospital, to recover from gunshot wounds, and was not discharged as completely cured until September 5, 1919. He received his honorable discharge with the rank of second lieutenant. The following year he organized Company I, 112th Infantry of Warren, under the direction of Governor Sproul, who conferred on him the commission of captain of infantry. Shortly after his World War service, in November, 1919, he was elected treasurer of Warren County, and served with merit for four years. He then entered the oil business with Charles A. Carnahan, in the firm of Carnahan & Summerton, and then in 1929 he formed his present partnership with Manly A. Sutton, dealing with oil producing leases, north of Titusville.

Captain Summerton is a member of the Methodist Church, an active Democrat, and an affiliate of Temple Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Warren Lodge, No. 222, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and Eden

Lodge, No. 666, Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Lions Club. He is a former school director of Tidioute Borough, one of the organizers of the American Legion Chapter at Tidioute, and an active member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Camp 361, of Warren, and the Army and Navy Legion of Valor. As a relaxation from his numerous business, civic and fraternal duties, he finds great enjoyment in hunting and fishing.

On November 15, 1919, Captain Summerton married Margaret M. Kimble, a native of Warren, daughter of George and Laura (Montgomery) Kimble, both deceased. George Kimble, a native of Indian Orchard, Pennsylvania, was engaged in the lumber business in this vicinity, at the time of his death. Laura (Montgomery) Kimble, born at Parkers Landing, died in Tidioute. Captain and Mrs. Summerton are the parents of three children: 1. Oliver G., born September 2, 1920, a graduate of the local high school and a member of the 1941 graduating class at State College. 2. Genevieve Ann, born June 24, 1923, a graduate in 1941 of Tidioute High School. 3. Margaret Mae, born June 29, 1926, now finishing her first year in high school.

CHESTER H. JONES—From 1931 Chester H. Jones has been engaged in a prospering hardware business at Pleasantville, Pennsylvania, and is an active figure in civic and social affairs of this place. He was born at Endeavor, Pennsylvania, January 7, 1894, son of John J. Jones a lumber inspector, and Isabelle (Shaffer) Jones, both natives of Forest County, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Jones is descended from a long established Pennsylvania family, the American progenitor of which migrated from his native Wales to the William Penn Colony at Philadelphia, in 1680. According to family records going back to pre-Revolutionary times, the Chester H. Jones branch is traced from Daniel Jones, Sr., born 1725, who died on January 14, 1801. He lived long in Derry Township, Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, and was buried at Lewiston, this State. He married (first) Jane Morgan; married (second) Susannah Hoskins. The third child of the second marriage was: Daniel Jones, Jr., born May 25, 1771, died April 3, 1846; married Mehitabel Arters, born April 8, 1777, who died April 8, 1852. Daniel Jones, Jr., was a native of Juniata County, Pennsylvania, and it is recorded of him that he "was a writer of both poetry and prose, also very well read in law, one of the first in the country at the time." He emigrated to the wilds of Western Pennsylvania, settling first at Enterprise, near Titusville; the land being very frosty, he purchased a tract of four hundred acres on the Allegheny River, six miles below what is now Tidioute, and here built a fine home in plantation style. One of

his sons was: Isaac Jones, born in 1793, died in 1863. He married (first) Sarah Hunter, daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Park) Hunter, and (second) Rebecca Jones, born May 24, 1796, died in 1882. She was his cousin, daughter of his half-uncle William and Jane (McCord) Jones. Of the latter's children was: Isaac Jones, Jr., born March 10, 1832, died March 10, 1902. He was a farmer of Fagundus, Warren County, Pennsylvania. He married Marilla Hunter, daughter of William and Dorcas (Magill) Hunter, born November 17, 1837, died April 13, 1890. William Hunter was the son of Robert and Elizabeth (Park) Hunter. Their son John J. Jones, born July 22, 1859, married, October, 1889, Isabelle Shaffer, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Church) Shaffer, born June 29, 1869, died May 10, 1937. John J. Jones was a lumber inspector for Wheeler & Dusenbury, of Endeavor, Pennsylvania. The children of John J. and Isabelle (Shaffer) Jones were: Virginia Jones, Heber Jones, Gertrude Jones, and Chester H. Jones, of this record.

Chester H. Jones completed his formal education in the grade and high schools of Endeavor, and supplemented this with courses in a business college. He had not started in an important way on his business career, when the United States entered the First World War, and in 1917 was drafted in the country's military forces. A member of Company D, 20th Corps of Engineers, he served overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces for the unusually long time of eighteen months. One of the incidents of this period was the fact that he was aboard the steamship "Tuscania" at the time it was torpedoed by a German submarine, landing at Londonderry, Ireland. This did not, however, prevent his ultimate arrival in the France war zone and active participation in the conflict.

Upon his return to the United States and civilian life, Chester H. Jones became a salesman for the Smith & Horton Company, of Warren, Pennsylvania. From 1922 to 1932, however, he operated a general store at West Hickory, same State. Since that time he has been engaged in the retail hardware business in Pleasantville, Pennsylvania, where he has won recognition not alone for his abilities in commerce and finance, but as an exemplar of sound and constructive citizenship. Fraternally he is a thirty-second degree Mason, exceptionally popular in Masonic circles. In politics a Republican, his chief public office is his present one, that of a school director. He is of the Presbyterian faith.

At Pleasantville, Pennsylvania, June 26, 1920, Chester H. Jones married Florence Mapes, daughter of Harry C. and Martha Lock (Carpenter) Mapes. Mr. and Mrs. Jones are the parents of two sons: 1. Gordon Jones, born January 22, 1923. 2. John Harrison Jones, born October 9, 1927.

EDWARD DITMARS WETMORE—Active in a number of companies concerned with the development of timberlands in the Northwest, Edward Ditmars Wetmore, of Warren, heads several of these organizations and directs their activities from his home, "The Pines," in this city. He has been a notable contributor to civic and social life in Warren, and also has a number of west coast affiliations.

Mr. Wetmore was born January 4, 1861, in Warren, Pennsylvania, son of Lansing Ditmars and Maria Cynthia (Shattuck) Wetmore. His grandparents, Lansing and Caroline (Ditmars) Wetmore, born in Middletown, Connecticut, and on Long Island, New York, respectively, both died in Warren, Pennsylvania. He passed away in 1856 in this city, where he had a farm and practiced law. The house on this farm, built in 1839 and 1840, was the scene of Edward Ditmars Wetmore's birth. Lansing D. Wetmore, Edward D. Wetmore's father, born in Warren, died here January 30, 1905, was a lawyer in this city and a judge of this judicial district. He was a Republican and attended the Presbyterian Church. His wife, Mrs. Maria Cynthia (Shattuck) Wetmore, Edward D. Wetmore's mother, was born in Groton, Massachusetts, and died in 1912 in Warren. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Edward Ditmars Wetmore attended Warren schools and the Hill School, at Pottstown, Pennsylvania, then entered Lafayette College, at Easton, where he was graduated in 1882 as a Bachelor of Science. Next he became a student at the Law School of Columbia University, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1884. Admitted in 1885 to the Warren County bar, he did not, however, enter upon a practice of his profession, but turned his attention, instead, to business interests. Joining his father in operation of the Wetmore Lumber Company, in Warren, he was engaged in the active production of lumber as manager of the Warren branch as long as it was in existence, until about 1905.

Then, because of the lack of timber, they invested in timberlands in the Northwest. Together with the Hon. Charles W. Stone, Edward D. Wetmore organized several companies for the purpose of acquiring timberlands in that region of the United States. They established the head offices of these companies at No. 209 Second Avenue, Warren. Their work has expanded with the passing of the years, and Mr. Wetmore, who is in charge of the headquarters here, is president of the Kinzua Lumber Company, which he has headed since 1909; the Kinzua Pine Mills Company, of which he has been head since 1927; the Wallowa Timber Company, which he has headed since 1907; and the Tionesta Timber Company, of which he has been president since 1921. He has also been president of the Condon, Kinzua & Southern Railroad Company since 1928. He was president of the War-

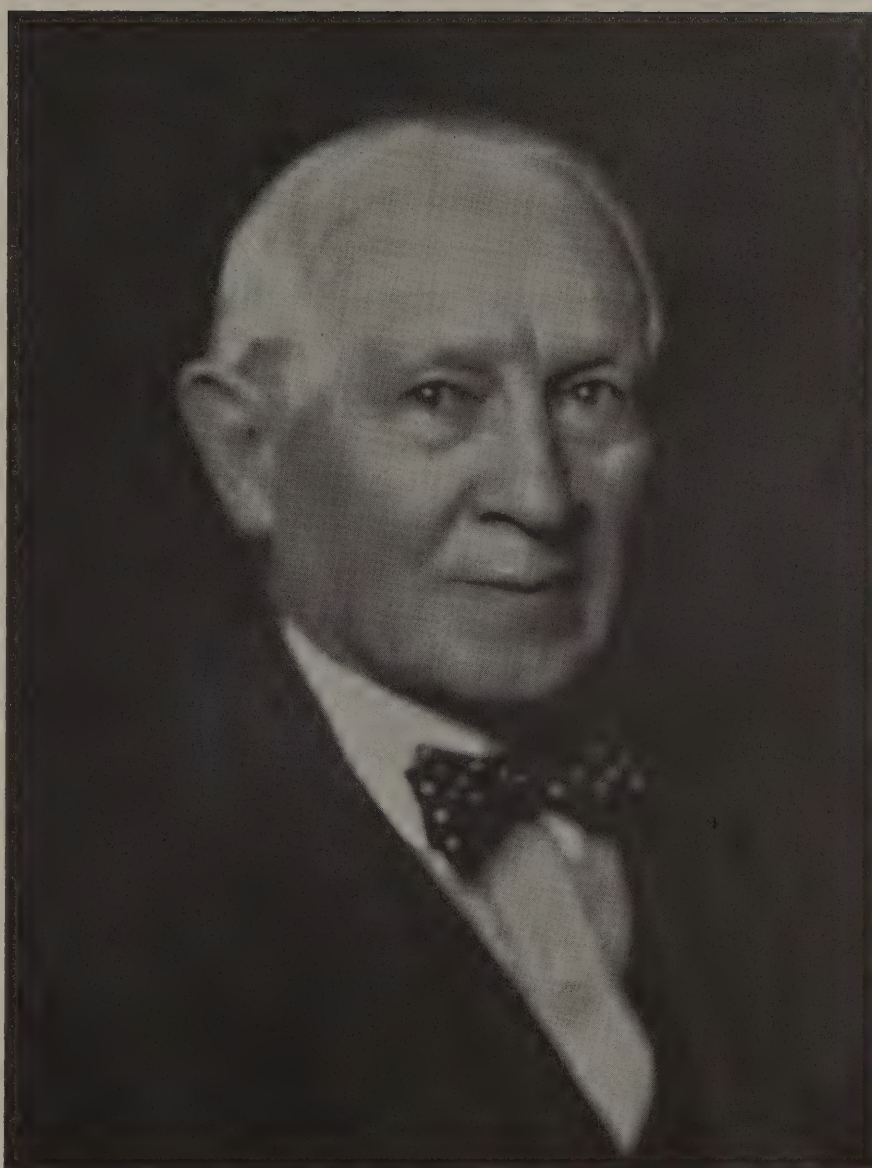
ren Trust Company from 1912 to 1924 and chairman of the board of directors of the Warren Bank & Trust Company from 1934 to 1937. He is also vice-president of the Pennsylvania Gas Company and a director, as well as chairman of the executive committee, of the Struthers-Wells-Titusville Corporation.

Along with his business activities, Mr. Wetmore is a leading figure in a number of civic, social and cultural projects in Warren. He is a member and past president of the board of control of the Warren Public Library and a member of the board of directors of Warren General Hospital, and holds memberships in the Warren Chamber of Commerce, the Warren Historical Society, the Warren County Bar Association, the Conewango Club and the Conewango Valley Country Club. He is a life member of the Rotary Club in Warren. In addition to these affiliations, he holds memberships in the Santa Barbara Club and the Montecito Country Club, of Santa Barbara, California, and the Lafayette College Club, of New York City. During the World War period of 1917-18, Mr. Wetmore was a leader in Liberty Loan and Red Cross drives in Warren. He is an attendant of Trinity Memorial Protestant Episcopal Church, of Warren, and one of its leading contributors.

Edward Ditmars Wetmore married (first), July 9, 1888, Helen Davenport, who died in Warren in 1906, daughter of William R. and Elizabeth (Shirk) Davenport, both now deceased. The Davenports lived in Erie, where William R. Davenport was president of the Erie Car Works. Mr. and Mrs. Wetmore became the parents of three daughters: 1. Beatrice Davenport Wetmore, who married David Bryant Turner, of Denver, Colorado; Mr. and Mrs. Turner, both of whom are now deceased, became the parents of two sons, David Bryant Turner, Jr., and Edward Wetmore Turner. 2. Rachael Weatherby Wetmore, who died at the age of eight years. 3. Alice Cynthia Wetmore, wife of Maurice R. Brann, of Wichita, Kansas, who is engaged in the oil business; the Branns have a daughter, Helen Brann.

Edward Ditmars Wetmore married (second), October 1, 1907, Ella Leech, a native of Erie, daughter of Addison Leech, long a prominent business man in that city. Both her parents are now deceased. Mrs. Wetmore was graduated from school in Springfield, Massachusetts. She is a member of Trinity Memorial Protestant Episcopal Church, of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Wetmore maintain, in addition to "The Pines," in Warren, a winter residence in Santa Barbara, California.

MATTHEW A. CRAWFORD—In the fields of the law and public life, Matthew A. Crawford of Brookville, has risen to prominence in Jefferson County. He comes from a long established Pennsylvania family, his grandfather who settled in Jefferson County having had



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the honor of having a town named after him, evidence of the fact that leadership and exemplary citizenship is a tradition of his descendants.

Mr. Crawford was born in Clarion County, Pennsylvania, May 7, 1904, son of John and Helen (Snedden) Crawford, his father being a coal mine foreman in Northwestern Pennsylvania. After attending public school in Clarion, Jefferson and Elk counties, Matthew A. Crawford completed his preparation for higher education in the Reynoldsville High School, then entered the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce of the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in 1928, with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Economics. For his professional education he went to the University of Pittsburgh and received the degree of Bachelor of Laws from the Law School, class of 1931. That same year he was admitted to the Jefferson County bar, and the bars of the Superior and Supreme courts of Pennsylvania and the bar of the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Crawford initiated his law activities in Brookville, in 1931, and during the following year formed a partnership with Raymond E. Brown, known as Brown and Crawford, an association of two skilled legal lights of more than local fame. Mr. Crawford engages in a general practice but specializes in corporation law. He is assistant general counsel for The Pittsburgh & Shawmut Railroad Company; assistant secretary and assistant general counsel of the Allegheny River Mining Company; assistant secretary and assistant general counsel for the Pittsburgh & Shawmut Coal Company; president and general counsel for the Freebrook Corporation; assistant general counsel for the Lee Coal Company; and director of the Ringald Coal Mining Company. Mr. Crawford has been secretary of the Jefferson County Bar Association for a decade, and is a member of the Pennsylvania State Bar Association, and the American Bar Association.

Public spirited and keenly interested in the promotion of the best interests of the community, Mr. Crawford has come to the fore in movements and organizations working to this end. He is influential in the campaigns and councils of the Republican party. It is generally recognized that Mr. Crawford is destined to heights in public office. Fraternally he is affiliated with Reynoldsville Lodge, No. 536, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a Past Master; Union Grange, Patrons of Husbandry; the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Patriotic Order Sons of America. He is a member of the Brookville Community Club and of the Kiwanis Club, in which he has served two terms as lieutenant-governor of the Pennsylvania Fifth Division. Since youth a member of the Christian Church and long a teacher in Sun-

day school, he is also head of a teachers' training class. Fond of the out-of-doors, his favorite recreations are fishing and hunting.

On March 28, 1929, Matthew A. Crawford married Sara H. Bowser, daughter of Ira D. Bowser, M. D., and his wife, Laura E. (Wheeler) Bowser.

RICHARD E. CUMMINGS—The American Hotel at Brookville, one of the oldest and largest institutions of its kind in the Jefferson County area, is under the direction of Richard E. Cummings, a well-known figure in the Pennsylvania hotel industry and a recognized authority in the field of hotel management.

He was born at Knoxdale, Pennsylvania, April 3, 1913, son of John E. and Mary M. (Wolfe) Cummings, the former a merchant and coal operator. Educated in the public schools of his birthplace, Mr. Cummings completed the high school course and then spent six years in the food departments of the Joseph Horne Company of Pittsburgh and the Liggett Drug Company. Afterward he went to the Molly Pitcher Hotel at Carlisle, where he was also employed in the food department. At the end of this time he entered Cornell University, from which he was graduated in 1940, with the degree of Bachelor of Science. Meanwhile, he also became a member of the Cornell faculty, acting as instructor in hotel accounting. He remained at Ithaca until he came to Brookville to take over the management of the American Hotel.

The American Hotel, whose origins are traced back almost one hundred years, was built at Brookville in 1845 by Elijah Heath, who added a business block, two stories in height, the following year. This was called the Arcade. D. S. Johnson was the first occupant of the premises, conducting a temperance hotel until 1848, when Benjamin Bennett succeeded him and opened up a licensed house. This he kept until 1851. He was followed in 1852 by the Hon. John J. Y. Thompson, who continued as proprietor until the hotel was destroyed by fire on May 23, 1856. The present building was ready for occupancy in 1857 and the hotel resumed under the management of Mr. Thompson's son, who was in charge until 1869. His daughter was then proprietress until 1871. The next proprietor was C. N. Kretz, who had the hotel from 1872 to 1879. John S. Barr was the owner until 1885 and after him B. K. Fisher, who operated it until 1891, when he sold to G. D. Buffington and A. D. Long. They were joint owners until 1903. In 1905 the property was sold to the American Hotel, Inc., and thereafter, until 1921, the hotel was managed successively by P. A. Hunter, Silas Schwartz, Edward B. Hopkins and R. H. McNutt. In 1920 the stockholders sold their interests to a corporation and Albert Bauer and his wife were

installed to manage the hotel, a responsibility they performed until 1932. C. A. Clinch was manager in 1933 and after him, Richard Wilson, who continued until 1940 and was succeeded by the present manager, Mr. Cummings.

When Mr. Cummings took over, he at once installed a modern heating system and embarked on a program of renovation and improvement which also included the installation of new beds and new baths. A new dining room, seating fifty-six, was also completed, in addition to the older restaurant and a fine billiard room newly remodeled. The American Hotel has sixty rooms and a constantly growing patronage since it became, under Mr. Cummings' leadership, a thoroughly modern institution.

Mr. Cummings' record has brought him prominence in Pennsylvania hotel circles and he was president of the Hotel Greeters Association at Cornell University, an honor reflecting his standing in the industry and the energy which he brings to his appointed tasks. He is also a member of Ye Host Hotel, a national organization, the Masonic order, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Cornell Society of Hotel Men and a social member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is also a member of the board of directors of the Central Pennsylvania Hotel Men's Association. Active in the life of the Brookville community, he is a member of a local social club and has lent his influence to the support of the various community institutions. Mr. Cummings is a Republican in politics and a Presbyterian in religious faith.

He married, on January 1, 1938, Harriet Lucille Jones, of Brookville, a daughter of Harry and Nancy (Galbraith) Jones.

HOWARD C. JOHNSON—Brookville's first modern funeral home is owned and operated by Howard C. Johnson, who established this community service institution some ten years ago and has since directed its operations. He is an experienced funeral director and one of Brookville's most active civic leaders.

Mr. Johnson was born in Pittsburgh on September 27, 1907, son of Jesse H. Johnson, a merchant at Erie, and Alyce (Sigel) Johnson. After his preliminary education in the public schools of Erie, where he completed the high school course, Howard C. Johnson studied at the Worsham College of Embalming in Chicago, graduating in 1928. He began his professional career with A. P. Burton & Sons, funeral directors at Erie, with whom he served an apprenticeship of two years and then remained in the organization until 1932. In the latter year he resigned as a member of the staff of A. P. Burton & Sons, funeral directors, and moved to Brookville, where he established the first modern funeral home in the com-

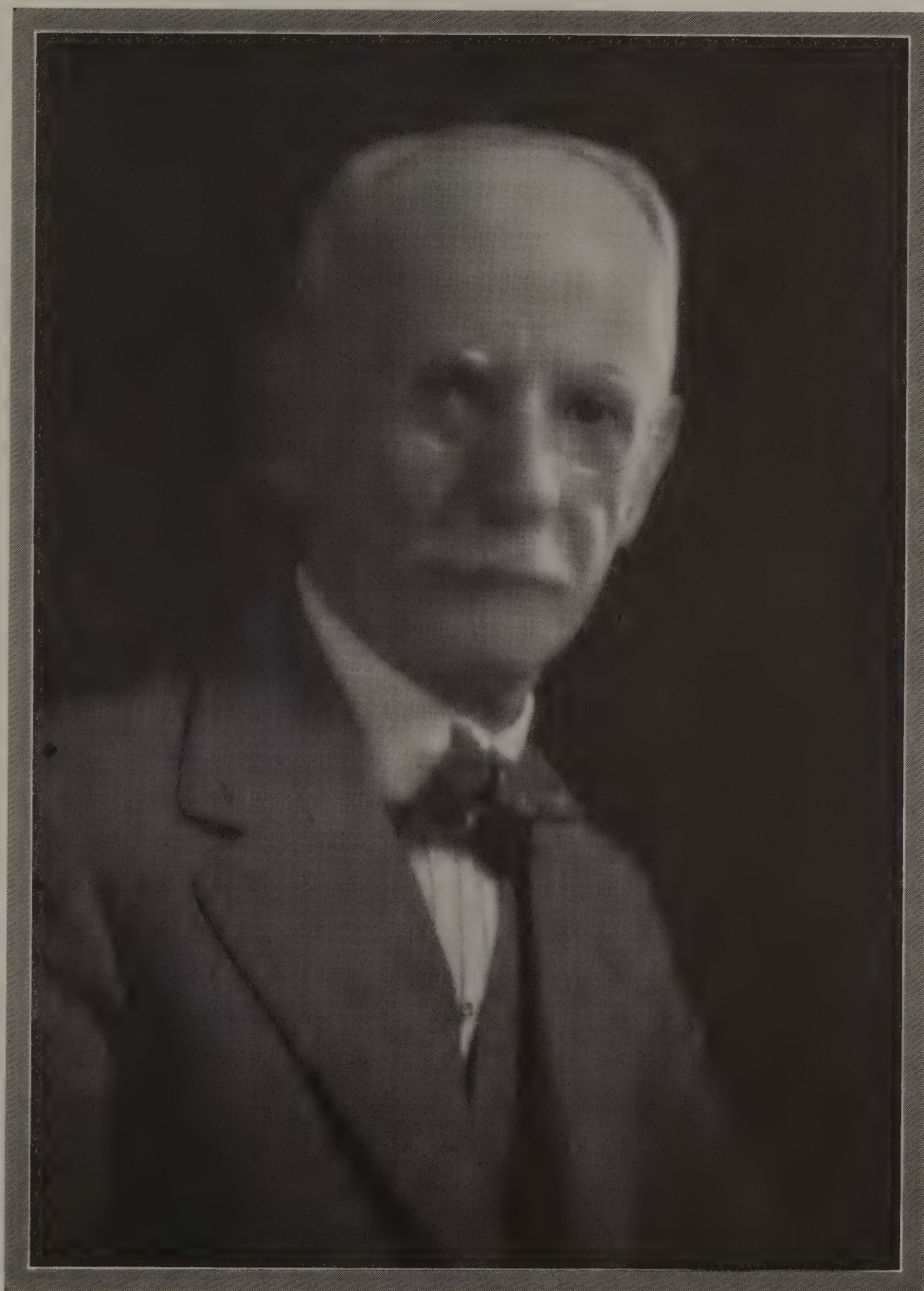
munity, occupying the old Litch homestead. The Johnson Funeral Home is so commodious that it can accommodate three funerals at one time. It is beautifully furnished and completely equipped, carrying an extensive stock and all necessary accoutrements of a modern undertaking establishment. Mr. Johnson also owns and operates a modern ambulance for the service of Brookville and the surrounding area. His tact, ready sympathy and other personal qualities have been important factors in the development of his large business, together with the high standards of service which he maintains. His wife is also active in the business and accompanies him on all female and children's calls.

A Republican in politics, Mr. Johnson serves as coroner of Jefferson County and takes a very active interest in all civic affairs. Because of his community spirit and his contributions to the city, he is known as one of its most progressive citizens. He has been a strong supporter of the Boy Scout movement, recognizing its value in building stalwart character, and is now commissioner of Bucktail Council, Boy Scouts of America, embracing the Brookville district. Mr. Johnson is also active in the Brookville Volunteer Fire Department, of which he serves as treasurer. He is secretary and treasurer of the Jefferson County Funeral Directors Association, a distinction reflecting his standing in his profession; a member of the Pennsylvania State Funeral Directors Association and a member of the National Funeral Directors Association. In addition to these connections, he is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and the Heath Township Sportsman's Club. He is a Presbyterian in religious faith. He is fond of outdoor life and finds his principal recreation in hunting.

On April 18, 1931, at Erie, Pennsylvania, Howard C. Johnson married Mabel Carr, daughter of Alfred N. and Mary (Dalrymple) Carr. They are the parents of two children, both born at Brookville: 1. Marilyn Ann, born May 3, 1933. 2. James H., born December 31, 1934.

WYLIE ISAIAH McDOWELL—One of the highly respected and distinguished citizens of Knox, Wylie I. McDowell was for years engaged in the hardware business here and, among his other activities, was interested in the gas and oil industry. His business, financial and civic affiliations were many-sided, bringing him the admiration and confidence of his fellow-citizens and placing him in a position to render still more valuable service to his community. His generosity and fairness were qualities for which he was widely recognized, and his friends were numerous and loyal in all walks of life.

Mr. McDowell was born February 25, 1857, in Mercer County, Pennsylvania, son of William and Sarah



W. D. McDowell



(Barnes) McDowell. He had a brother, C. J. C. McDowell, of Jackson, Mississippi, who survived him until May, 1941.

After receiving his formal education in his native county, Wylie I. McDowell turned his attention to a business career. For a considerable period he lived in Bradford and Oil City, participating to the full in the stirring business and social life of those cities. It was with a considerable background of experience that he came, in 1877, to Knox, here entering the hardware business in partnership with E. G. Crawford. After Mr. Crawford's death Mr. McDowell conducted the business alone. After his retirement, the Sheffer Hardware Company occupied the same premises. As time went on, Mr. McDowell became active in many other business enterprises, becoming president of the Knox Glass Bottle Company at the time of its organization on March 22, 1917, and so continuing his presidency until his resignation from that office on March 13, 1934. Mr. McDowell was particularly insistent in his efforts to bring the glass bottle industry to Knox and, when he was successful in so doing, he made the new company a potent element in promoting community prosperity. Still another of his business connections was with the Clarion County National Bank, of which he was a director from August 31, 1917, onward for the rest of his life. For the last three years of his life, from 1933 onward, he was vice-president of the bank.

His civic connections and activities were many. Mr. McDowell was a charter member of the Knox Community Club. He was a leader, too, in the gas and oil industry of this area of Pennsylvania, and was for years president of the Union Cemetery Association. It was through his efforts that the cemetery lots were endowed. Mr. McDowell was a member of the Knox Borough Council at the time when Main Street was paved, and worked hard to secure that improvement. One of his outstanding interests was the Presbyterian Church, of which he was a lifelong member. He was installed as an elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Knox in October, 1880, and for fifty-six years faithfully served in that office. Before coming to Knox, he was an elder in the Rouseville Presbyterian Church. He served as superintendent of the Sabbath school and as a teacher in the men's Bible class at different times, and was a regular attendant at all church services, including midweek prayer meetings.

Wylie I. McDowell married on February 10, 1892, Daisy Byers and they became the parents of one son, Donald McDowell, who married Jane Daffler, of Richmond, Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Donald McDowell have two children: i. Donna Jane. ii. Sandra.

The death of Wylie I. McDowell, on October 22, 1936,

at his home in North Main Street, Knox, Pennsylvania, was an occasion of profound sorrow wherever he was known. His accomplishments were many and constructive, and brought outstanding benefits to his community and its people. His influence was for the best.

JAMES D. CARRIER—As executive cashier of the Union National Bank of Summerville, Pennsylvania, James D. Carrier has notably contributed to the life of the Summerville community and its people and institutions. He has at the same time interested himself to an extensive degree in the town's civic and social life, and is known for his many-sided service to projects and movements designed to forward Summerville's best and most healthful development.

Mr. Carrier was born May 13, 1906, in Summerville, Pennsylvania, son of W. W. Carrier, M. D., a widely known physician (*q. v.*).

Summerville schools provided James D. Carrier's early formal education, and after he completed his high school studies he became a student at the University of Pittsburgh. Later he transferred to the University of Colorado, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1931. He had postgraduate work thereafter at the University of Colorado Medical Center, in Denver. Associating himself with the drug firm of Means & Lauf, of Brookville, Pennsylvania, he continued there until 1936. In that year he came to Summerville and became connected with the Union National Bank as executive cashier. In 1937 he was appointed a director of this bank, and he remains today a director and executive cashier. The bank, which was organized back in 1903, has been in continuous operation since that year, and has done much for the furtherance of worth-while business interests and the general prosperity of Summerville.

A Republican in politics, Mr. Carrier has figured prominently in civic and public affairs in his community. He is at the time of writing secretary of the Summerville School Board. He belongs to the Pennsylvania Bankers' Association and the American Bankers' Association, the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America, and the Kappa Sigma and Phi Beta Pi fraternities, which he joined in his student days. He is a member of the Methodist Church. In spare time he is fond of the out-of-doors, and particularly enjoys hunting and other sports that will bring him in contact with nature and natural environments.

On December 10, 1932, in Denver, Colorado, James D. Carrier married Alice E. Olsen, daughter of John and Mae Olsen. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Shirley Mae, born January 2, 1934. 2. Carolyn Jean, born February 7, 1938.

RAYMOND E. BROWN—For many years one of Brookville's lawyers and public-spirited citizens, Raymond Elliott Brown occupies a position of high standing in his community and is active in a number of organizations and movements for its betterment.

Mr. Brown was born April 16, 1881, at Arnot, Tioga County, Pennsylvania, son of Fremont M. and Ada M. (Elliott) Brown. His father, born in Bradford County, this State, was a civil engineer for a number of years in his early life, but later entered the coal business, centering his activities along these lines in Reynoldsville, Jefferson County. Mrs. Ada M. (Elliott) Brown, Raymond Elliott Brown's mother, was also a native of Tioga County. They were the parents of three children: 1. Inez Brown, who is now deceased, wife of Thomas F. Adams. 2. Raymond E. Brown, of further mention. 3. Christine H. Brown, who became the wife of S. C. Bond, of DuBois, this State.

Raymond Elliott Brown attended Reynoldsville schools, and after completing his high school studies there in 1898 he spent a year at Ithaca High School, where he was also graduated. In the autumn of 1899 he entered Cornell University, at Ithaca, as a student, and in 1903 took the Bachelor of Arts degree. He then took his professional work at the Law School of the University of Pennsylvania, where he was graduated in 1905 as a Bachelor of Laws. Admitted to the Pennsylvania bar in that year, he immediately started his practice of law in Brookville, here continuing down to the time of writing. Rising to a position of prominence at the Brookville bar, he was admitted to practice before all the State and federal courts, and he came to represent some of Pennsylvania's outstanding corporate interests, among them the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in this area. He is a member of the Jefferson County Bar Association, of which he was formerly president, and of the Pennsylvania State Bar Association, of which he is a member of the executive committee.

From an early period in his career Mr. Brown has taken a lively interest in civic and public affairs in Brookville and northwestern Pennsylvania. He has rendered many years of valuable service as solicitor of Jefferson County. He is vice-chairman of the Brookville Chapter of the American Red Cross. Since 1924 he has been a trustee of the Pennsylvania State Teachers' College, at Clarion. He belongs to the Society of Mayflower Descendants, and is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he holds memberships in Brookville Royal Arch Chapter, Coudersport Consistory of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and other branches. During the World War period of 1917-18 Mr. Brown effectively served his country in the Judge Advocate General's Department. At the time when hostilities were ended he was judge advocate of the Twentieth Division

at Camp Sevier, South Carolina. He belongs to the American Legion at the time of writing. He and his family are Presbyterians in their religious faith. Mr. Brown's favorite hobbies are photography and fishing.

Raymond Elliott Brown married, October 19, 1907, at Reynoldsville, Pennsylvania, Nell L. Robinson, daughter of Samuel S. and Emma (Mundorf) Robinson, of that place. Mrs. Robinson is now deceased. Mr. Robinson, Mrs. Brown's father, is also deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Brown became the parents of the following children: 1. Marjorie R., graduated in 1931 from Allegheny College, Meadville, and became a teacher at Brookville High School. She is now the wife of Fred Barnett, a teacher residing at Bradford, Pennsylvania. They have one child, Susan Carol Barnett, born October 23, 1939. 2. Marian E., member of the class of 1932 at Allegheny College.

LAWRENCE MILES McCafferty—As postmaster of New Bethlehem, Lawrence Miles McCafferty has effectively served his community and its people and institutions.

Mr. McCafferty was born December 12, 1896, in New Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, son of John E. and Mary Jane (Carr) McCafferty. His father, who was for many years engaged in business, is now retired from his active endeavors.

Lawrence Miles McCafferty received his early formal schooling in grammar and high schools in New Bethlehem, and later attended Washington and Jefferson College. In 1922 he received from the University of Pittsburgh the degree of Bachelor of Science in mining engineering. Beginning the practice of his profession, Mr. McCafferty was connected with the highway engineering branch of it from 1922 to 1926. Then, until 1934, he specialized in mining engineering, centering his activities along these lines in northwestern Pennsylvania. In 1935 he received his appointment as postmaster of New Bethlehem, and afterward he was reappointed by Presidential choice. He now serves under civil service provisions, and does everything in his power to improve the postal service and the efficiency of the local office.

The long association of the McCafferty family with this region of Pennsylvania has been of special significance to the district, and Mr. McCafferty, in his own life, has done everything in his power to continue the family tradition of service. His forefathers were among the first settlers here, and down through the generations the McCaffertys have aided notably in the development and growth of the area. Mr. McCafferty, who is a staunch Democrat, has been active in such organizations as the Bostonia Country Club and the Golden Rule Society. In 1918, during the World War period, he served in the Washington Officers' Training Camp. He belongs to St.





J. Raymond Klees

Charles' Catholic Church, in New Bethlehem. He is one who takes the deepest interest in civic affairs, and whose labors have been vastly productive in furthering many projects of magnitude.

J. RAYMOND KLEES—As president of the Emporium Publishing Company, J. Raymond Klees was for years publisher of the "Press-Independent," formed through a merger of the "Independent," which he formerly published, and the "Cameron County Press." In his capacity as publisher and through many other activities connected with local civic life, Mr. Klees distinguished himself among his fellow-citizens. He continued his labors until the very close of his life, accomplishing much that was of permanent value and earning the warm esteem, gratitude and affection of his contemporaries.

Mr. Klees was born June 29, 1887, in Hughesville, Pennsylvania, son of Henry R. and Sarah E. (Gortner) Klees. His parents removed to Emporium in 1890, when he was only three years old.

Here it was that J. Raymond Klees received his early education and started work at the age of sixteen years as a printer's helper in the shop of Harry H. Mullin, owner and publisher of the "Cameron County Press." He remained with Mr. Mullin and the "Press" until 1916, when he purchased a one-half interest in the Emporium "Independent" from I. K. Hockley, editor and part owner of that newspaper. With S. L. Barton as a partner, Mr. Klees operated that paper until his partner's death, whereupon he acquired full control of it. In 1922 he effected a consolidation of the "Independent" with the "Cameron County Press," and moved all the equipment to the offices of the "Press." The Emporium Publishing Company was formed at that time, with Mr. Klees as president and editor of the paper, and Milford R. Smith as treasurer and manager of the plant.

Mr. Klees remained head of the "Press-Independent" for the rest of his life, operating the newspaper as one of the clean and forthright publications in the State. He enlarged and improved the job printing machinery and plant as the years went on, until today it is one of the outstanding small plants of its kind in the district. Mr. Klees was a member of a number of local organizations, and effectively served in public office as a member of the Emporium Board of Education. He ardently supported good schools, both in that connection and through the editorial columns of the "Press-Independent." Mr. Klees was active in the Free and Accepted Masons as a member of Emporium Lodge, No. 382; Emporium Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and Knapp Commandery of Knights Templar. He was a Past Master of his lodge and a Past High Priest of his chapter.

J. Raymond Klees married Perna May Gaskill, youngest daughter of Everett W. and Maryetta (Hinds) Gas-

kill, residents and pioneers of this region of Pennsylvania. Her father, Everett W. Gaskill, born in Union New York, came to Pennsylvania after the Civil War, and was engaged here for many years in the lumber business. His partner was N. B. Whittemore. Going afterward to West Creek, Mr. Gaskill was an extensive operator in the western part of the county. Later he went into the powder company as one of the original organizers of the Keystone Powder Company, which was subsequently known as the Keystone National Powder Company. He carried on this work until his death on December 7, 1916. In addition to these activities, Mr. Gaskill was for several years a county commissioner, and he belonged to both the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Free and Accepted Masons. In the Masonic Order he was a Past Master of Emporium Lodge and a member of Knapp Commandery of Knights Templar in Ridgway, and Zem Zem Temple (Erie) of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He was Republican in politics. He rendered military service in the Civil War as a member of a New York regiment. He and his wife, Maryetta (Hinds) Gaskill, who died in 1896, were the parents of three children: 1. Maud Gaskill, wife of W. H. Lapham, and a resident with him and their children in Houghton, New York; their children were: Charles Everett Lapham, Nina Ruth Lapham, Edith Lucille Lapham, Mary Agnes Lapham, Roma Lapham, and Edna Lapham. 2. J. Willis Gaskill. 3. Perna May Gaskill, who became the wife of Mr. Klees.

Mr. and Mrs. Klees became the parents of the following children: 1. John Raymond Klees, Jr., born September 24, 1911, who married Florence Drabic, of Renovo; they have two children: J. Raymond Klees, III, and Mary Frances Klees. 2. Henry Gaskill Klees, born August 12, 1913, married Loretta Wollaston, of Ridgway; they have one child, Sandra Klees. 3. James Philip Klees, born June 17, 1918. 4. Sarah Elizabeth Klees, born January 21, 1921.

The death of J. Raymond Klees, August 28, 1936, was an occasion of profound regret and sorrow in Emporium and wherever he was known. His accomplishments were many-sided and constructive, attracting wide respect and admiration. His friends were many and loyal.

W. P. GEARY—With his election as district attorney of Clarion County for the term beginning January 1, 1940, W. P. Geary entered upon a new phase of his professional career and has since met with characteristic ability the large responsibilities devolving upon him. He is a member of a well-known Clarion family long represented with distinction at the county bar.

Born at Clarion on February 8, 1912, Mr. Geary is a son of A. A. Geary and Pauline (Tritich) Geary. His

father also became an attorney in Clarion County at the outset of his career, as did his uncle, W. J. Geary. Both are prominent members of the bar.

After his preliminary education in the public schools of Clarion, where he completed the high school course, W. P. Geary entered Saint Vincent's College, at Latrobe, and received from that institution the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1933. He prepared for his chosen profession at Dickinson Law School, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1936, and in the same year was admitted to the Pennsylvania bar. In 1937 he was admitted to the bar of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. Establishing his office with his father, A. A. Geary, and his uncle, W. J. Geary, Mr. Geary nevertheless began the independent practice of law, which he successfully continued until his election to his present office as district attorney of Clarion County. This evidence of his professional standing and personal popularity, foretold the character of his administration, which has been zealous, impartial, marked not only by legal acumen but also by a keen sense of his responsibilities as a public officer.

Mr. Geary is a Democrat in politics and has been active in his party. He has manifested an enlightened civic spirit as a resident of the Clarion community and has been much interested in the Boy Scout movement, serving as a member of Bucktail Council, at Clarion. Mr. Geary is a member of the Clarion County Bar Association. In addition to these connections, he is a member of the River Boat Club, an indication of his fondness for boating, which is his favorite hobby. A Roman Catholic in religious faith, he is a member of Immaculate Conception parish in Clarion.

Mr. Geary married, on July 15, 1939, at Clarion, Louise Crooks, daughter of J. M. Crooks, Clarion merchant, and Anna (Over) Crooks. Mrs. Geary is a member of the Clarion Civic Club and is active in social work. They have one son, William Albert, born November 13, 1940.

FOSTER M. MOHNEY—Through his important business interests and his active rôle in civic life and public affairs, Foster M. Mohney has established his position among the best known and most useful citizens of Clarion County.

A member of an old Clarion family, Mr. Mohney was born on the Mohney homestead in Redbank Township, March 8, 1872, son of Adam T. and Lydia (Zimmerman) Mohney. The Mohneys are of French-German descent. The history of the family in Pennsylvania begins during the latter half of the eighteenth century, when Adam Mohney, the American progenitor, came to Northampton County from Germany and settled in Williams Township. In 1780, Adam "Moni" and his son, Adam, Jr., were both taxed for lands owned in this township. In 1810,

Adam Mohney, Sr., moved to Clarion County, where others of the name had already settled. John Mohney, in 1808, bought five hundred acres in Redbank Township, Clarion County, and built a log house where he lived with several sons and daughters. Adam Mohney also selected Redbank Township as his future home. Having eleven children, he purchased eleven hundred acres of land near West Millville with the intention of dividing the property so that each child should receive one hundred acres. This intention he fulfilled. Soon after making his Redbank Township purchase he returned to Northampton County for his family and settled with them on his new land.

Adam Mohney, Jr., born in Northampton County, in time inherited his one hundred acres from his father and added to it by purchase. This farm he cultivated until his death in 1832. He married Susan Shirey, born in Butler County, who survived him ten years. Among the children of Adam Mohney, Jr., and Susan (Shirey) Mohney was John Mohney, born in Redbank Township, Clarion County, in 1814, died in 1907 at the age of ninety-three. He was an affluent farmer of Redbank Township, an influential Democrat and a pillar of the local German Reformed Church. In 1844 he married Sophia Yost, born in Philadelphia in 1821, and they became the parents of nine children.

Adam T. Mohney, father of Foster M. Mohney, was a son of this marriage. Born at West Millville, Redbank Township, on April 2, 1847, eldest of his family, he inherited the old Mohney homestead and successfully operated the farm until the spring of 1912, when he retired and moved to the village of Hawthorne. He is still living, although he has reached his ninety-fifth year. Adam T. Mohney is a Democrat in politics and for many years was a holder of various township offices. He has been a member of the German Reformed Church throughout his life. In 1871, he married Lydia Zimmerman, born in Jefferson County, in 1852, died in 1939, at the age of eighty-seven. She was a daughter of Joseph Zimmerman, an early settler of Jefferson County. Adam T. and Lydia (Zimmerman) Mohney were the parents of five children: Foster M., of this record; Minnie, who married J. Clyde Miller of Hawthorne; Rebecca, who married Henry C. Marshall of Linesville; Cora E., who died at the age of twenty-two years; and Mary Esther Viola, who died at the age of four years.

Foster M. Mohney spent his boyhood on the old homestead farm in Redbank Township. During this period he attended the neighboring public schools and in 1889-90 was a student at Clarion State Normal School. After four years as a teacher in Redbank Township, he embarked upon his business career as bookkeeper for the Fairmount Coal & Coke Company at New Bethlehem,

Clarion County, and continued as such until December, 1902, when he resigned to become prothonotary of Clarion County. To this office he had been elected on the Democratic ticket in the regular November elections. Taking office in January, 1903 he was reelected for a second term in 1905 and served to its conclusion, December 31, 1908. Mr. Mohney's public service added to his stature and made him well known in the county's life.

In 1909, returning to private life, he became sales representative for the Pearl Glass Company of Clarion County, for whom he traveled until 1910. In the latter year he entered the fire and life insurance business in the Clarion community, establishing the agency which he has since successfully conducted. This is now one of the strongest in the county, representing well-known companies in both the life and fire insurance fields. Among these is the Clarion County Mutual Fire Insurance Company, a locally owned concern now observing its seventy-fifth anniversary. Mr. Mohney became a director and general agent of this company in 1905 and in 1924 was also elected secretary and treasurer of the company, continuing as director and general agent. He has served the company in all these capacities during the intervening years.

While building up his own insurance business, Mr. Mohney has been active in other fields of enterprise. He was one of the organizers of the Citizens' Trust Company of New Bethlehem, now the New Bethlehem Bank of New Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, of which he became vice-president and director. He was secretary of the Clarion-Forest County Farm Loan Association from 1919 to 1935 and represented the Federal Land Bank of Baltimore, Maryland, which designated him as one of two examiners from Pennsylvania. In 1920 he was appointed bursar of Clarion State Teachers' College, an office he administered for twenty years. As a result of its responsibilities, he was able to devote only part of his time to his insurance business, which, however, he continued, and in 1940 returned on a full-time basis to the management of his agency, resigning as bursar of Clarion State Teachers' College.

During the early years of the century, Mr. Mohney also became a member of the Clarion Board of Health, of which he served as president. He has long been active and prominent in the Democratic party and was for several years chairman of the Clarion County Democratic Committee. In 1908 he was a delegate of his party to the National Convention held at Denver and in 1920 was appointed by the State Democratic Committee as assistant sergeant-at-arms at the National Democratic Convention held at San Francisco. During the First World War, Mr. Mohney was active in the Red Cross drives and other organized campaigns of the period. As a resident of Clarion he has lent his aid and influence to

virtually all community movements and institutions and has taken a leading part in many of them. He is a member of the Pennsylvania State Chamber of Commerce and chairman of the County Business Councils for Clarion County; a member of the Grange, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Loyal Order of Moose, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Free and Accepted Masons. In the Masonic order, he is affiliated with Clarion Lodge and with all higher bodies of both York and Scottish Rites, including Clarion Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Franklin Commandery, Knights Templar; and Pittsburgh Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, in which he has taken the thirty-second degree. He is also a member of Jaffa Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at Altoona. He was reared in the German Reformed faith but has been for some years a member of Clarion Presbyterian Church.

On September 8, 1897, Foster M. Mohney married Mary Doverspike, who was born in Fairmount City, Clarion County, June 21, 1875, daughter of Joseph and Mary Doverspike. Her father was an undertaker and furniture dealer at Fairmount. Mr. and Mrs. Mohney are the parents of five children: Helen F., born September 14, 1898, married Charles F. Becker, a teacher at Clarion State Teachers' College; Josephine, born November 14, 1900, married William W. Beatty, a plumber at Clarion; Foster M., born April 1, 1904, an official of the Fidelity Title & Trust Company in Pittsburgh, who married Mildred Birnley; Claud D., born July 28, 1908, a plumber at Clarion, who married Helen Allen and has two children: Raymond F. and Claude A.; and Margaret Ruth, born March 17, 1911, married James H. Sinclair, postmaster at Falls Creek, Pennsylvania.

MRS. CORA ORR—As postmaster of the community and an active figure in its general life, Mrs. Cora Orr is one of Clarion's best known citizens. She succeeded her late husband in her present office and has filled it efficiently during the past seven years.

Mrs. Orr was born at Sligo, Clarion County, daughter of A. J. and Elizabeth (Klingsmith) Wiser. Her father, a carpenter, was active in Democratic politics, and Mrs. Orr has always taken an interest in public affairs. She was educated in the public schools of Sligo and Du Bois and then became assistant to her father, who had entered the undertaking business. On March 24, 1900 she was married to J. Harry Orr, of Clarion County, a representative of the Johnston Harvesting Company, who was later connected with a builders' supply company until his appointment as postmaster of Clarion. At his death in 1934, Mrs. Orr was made acting postmaster and later qualified for her present appointment as postmaster under civil service examinations. She has shown diligence,

administrative ability and good will in meeting the responsibilities of her office.

Mr. Orr was an influential Clarion Democrat and was affiliated fraternally with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mrs. Orr is Secretary and Past Grand of the local lodge of the Daughters of Rebekah; member and vice-president of the Women's Business Association and is active in club and civic work, as well as in social life. She also takes a leading part in the Clarion Presbyterian Church, of which she is past secretary and in which she is now secretary of the Presbyterian Missionary Society.

Mr. and Mrs. Orr became the parents of two children: Irene, born February 7, 1903, died November 3, 1905; and Eleanor Alice, who married Frederick M. Marshall, son of W. F. Marshall, a Clarion County coal operator and former member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, now retired, and of Narcissus (London) Marshall. F. M. Marshall is secretary, treasurer and credit manager of the Brockway Glass Company at Brockway and serves as a school director in his community.

HAROLD O. BERLIN—Following family tradition, Harold O. Berlin has devoted his business career to the Pennsylvania oil and gas industry, with additional interests in real estate and other fields. He is equally well known, however, for his many civic connections which have broadened the scope of his influence, not only in the Knox community, where he makes his home, but throughout Northwest Pennsylvania as a whole.

Mr. Berlin was born in Fern City on January 2, 1887, son of John C. Berlin (*q. v.*), oil and gas producer who has long been conspicuous in the life of this area, and Wilda (Ochs) Berlin.

After his preliminary education in the public schools of Knox, Harold O. Berlin studied at Kiskiminetas Springs School and subsequently attended the University of Pennsylvania, for two years. At the end of this time he became associated with his father as an oil and gas producer in the Pennsylvania fields and still remains active in the business, owning independently several producing wells. In 1936, Mr. Berlin also established as a subsidiary interest a real estate agency at Knox, which has grown very rapidly under his management and is today a thriving enterprise. He is one of the most active young business men in Knox and has given a great deal of his time and effort, as well as his means, to the civic projects of the community. Some of his specific activities will be seen below.

Mr. Berlin, in addition to his other connections, is president and director of the Knox Hotel Corporation and a director of the Clarion County National Bank of Knox. He has served for six years as chairman of the street committee of the Knox Borough Council, making his in-

fluence effective to raise the standards of efficiency in municipal government and promote progressive policies of benefit to the community. He is one of the State's most prominent Democratic leaders, serving as chairman of the State Democratic Committee. He is chairman of the Civic Committee of the Knox Community Club; chairman of the Civic Committee of the Clarion County Chamber of Commerce; director of the Clarion-Jefferson Motor Club; director of the Knox Rod and Gun Club; and Past Commander of the local post of the American Legion. During the World War he enlisted in the Engineers Corps of the United States Army, saw subsequent service in the Ordnance Department as instructor in machine gunnery and at his discharge from the service in 1919 was a master sergeant in the Casualty Corps. Mr. Berlin is also affiliated with the Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity at the University of Pennsylvania, the Knights of Pythias, and the Free and Accepted Masons, in the latter of which he is a member of all higher bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including New Castle Consistory, Thirty-second Degree, and is a member of Zem Zem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at Erie. He is present chairman of the local Draft Board. He is active socially and is a prominent layman of the Lutheran Church, serving as president and past secretary of the Council.

On January 7, 1920, Mr. Berlin married Maud Canfield, daughter of Samuel Shelton and Mary Ann (Johnson) Canfield, and a graduate of Clarion State Teachers College. She has also been active in the civic and social life of Knox. Mrs. Berlin is past president of the Knox Civic Club; president of the Affiliated Clubs of Clarion County; senior member of the Library Board; and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. In the Knox Lutheran Church, she is teacher of the Ladies' Bible Class. Mr. and Mrs. Berlin are the parents of one son, John C. (Jack) Berlin, born August 7, 1923, a graduate of Knox High School and now a senior in Lawrenceville School. He has been very active in sports and while in high school was star forward on the basketball team, being chosen on the Clarion County All-Star Team, as well as a member of the band. At present, during the summer months, he plays baseball on the Knox City team. He plans to enter college in the fall of 1942.

JOHN COOK BERLIN—For many years, John Cook Berlin has been active in the oil and natural gas industries, developing his production interests both in the Pennsylvania fields and in those of other States. He is one of Clarion County's best known residents and is prominent in other business interests of this area.

Born in Elk Township, Clarion County, on May 27, 1859, Mr. Berlin is a son of George Neely and Susan (Cook) Berlin. He was educated in the public schools

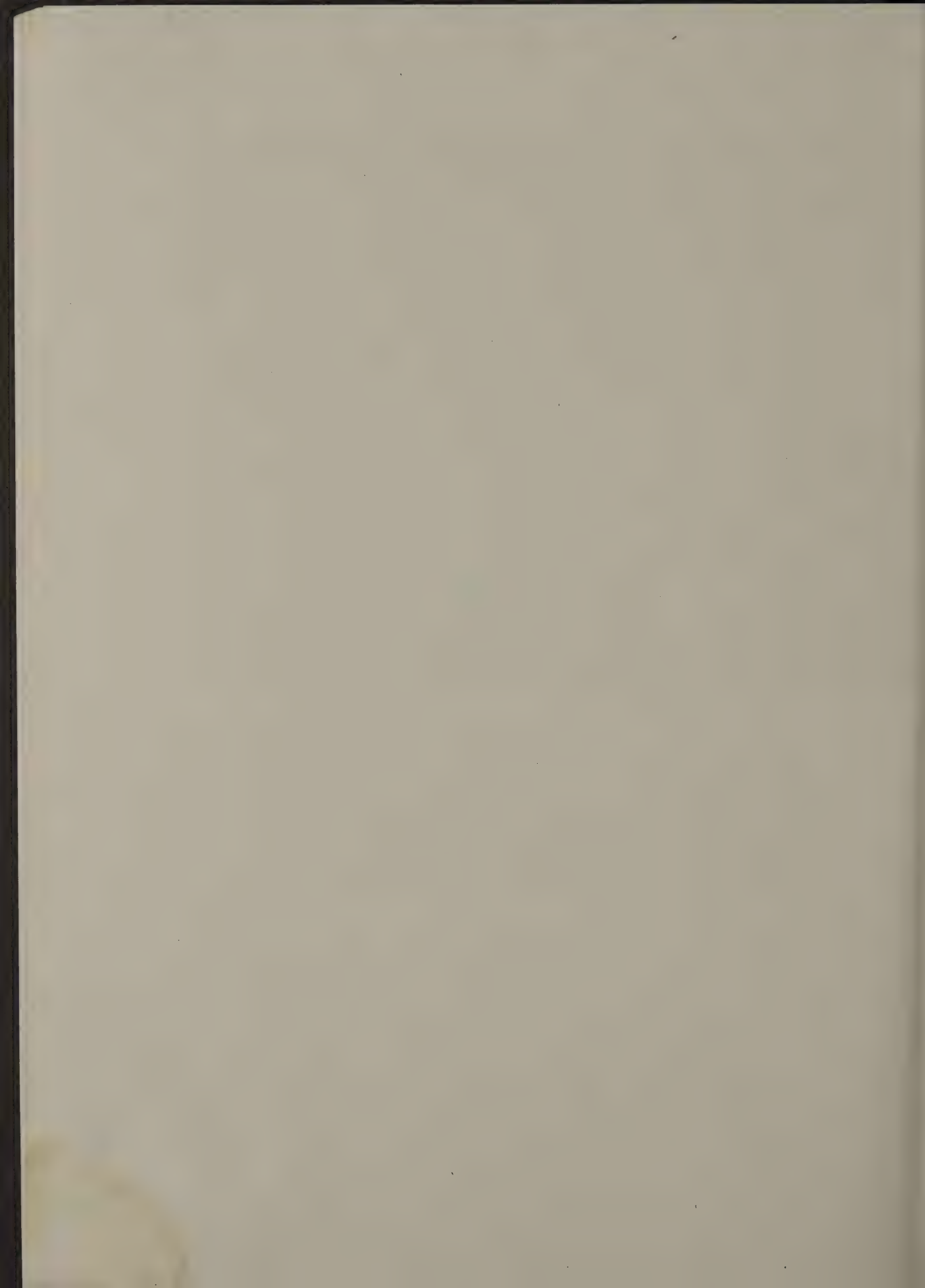




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and at Carrier Seminary, in Clarion, where he was a student from 1876 to 1879. His association with the Pennsylvania oil and gas industry, which dates back more than half a century, is now continued through the firm of Berlin & Son, which also has interests in oil wells in Ohio, Illinois and Michigan.

In addition to this connection, Mr. Berlin is president of the Edenburg Oil & Gas Company; president of the Clarion County National Bank, and vice-president of the Rural Telephone Company, operating in this area. He is also treasurer of the Union Cemetery Association at Knox, where he makes his home. Although his interests as a successful oil producer and an executive in other enterprises have made heavy demands upon his energy and effort, he has found time to meet the responsibilities of good citizenship and to give his active support to the institutions of his community, county and State in which he is especially interested. He is a prominent Lutheran layman and has been a member of the State Young Men's Christian Association for many years. He is affiliated fraternally with the Knights of the Macca-bees and Knights of Pythias and is a member of the Knox Gun Club. In politics he is an independent Democrat.

In February, 1885, John Cook Berlin married Wilda Ochs, who died on August 21, 1938. They became the parents of two children: Harold O.; and Freda M., who married Ray W. Britton.

GEORGE R. BERLIN—In the early years of the present century, George R. Berlin began his long connection with the Clarion County National Bank of Knox, in whose management he remains prominent as cashier and executive vice-president. He has helped to write much of the history of this institution and the community of which it is a part.

Mr. Berlin was born in Elk Township, Clarion County, on November 5, 1874, son of William H. and Mary Melissa (Robinson) Berlin. He is a member of an old Western Pennsylvania family, thought to have been established in this country by Georg Frederick Berlin, who came to Pennsylvania from Rotterdam, Holland, on the ship "Charming Nancy" and took the oath of allegiance to the colonial government on November 9, 1738. In all probability he was a German by birth.

George Berlin, great-grandfather of George R. Berlin, was born in York County, Pennsylvania, September 12, 1782. In 1805 he built the first blacksmith shop at East Liberty, Allegheny County, and afterward moved to Venango County, where he became a farmer and hotel owner. He died on November 1, 1844. George Neely Berlin, son of George Berlin and his wife, Elizabeth Neely, was born in Venango County on August 15, 1820, and died on July 30, 1905. In 1848 he settled in Elk Township, Clarion County, cleared a large farm and for

a time kept a hotel and carried the mail between Franklin and Warren. He was a pioneer of the Pennsylvania oil industry, being one of the first operators in the Cogley field, and at one time had about thirty producing wells. George Neely Berlin was also a sales agent for farm machinery and postmaster at Valley for some years. He married Susan, daughter of John Cook, a wealthy lumberman and farmer of Forest County, and among their children was William Henry Berlin, father of George R. Berlin.

William Henry Berlin was born in Elk Township, Clarion County, on July 14, 1851, and died on March 21, 1905. After some experience as a teacher and as an agent for the sale of farm machinery, he became a partner in his father's oil operations and later was associated with his brother, John C. Berlin, of Fern, continuing in the oil business until his death. In these enterprises he met with substantial success, numbering among his holdings the eighty-four acre A. R. Black farm, one of the most famous oil producers of the early days. He was a director of the Second National Bank of Clarion and a prominent Democrat of this area, holding the nomination of his party for County Treasurer at the time of his death. On August 17, 1873, William Henry Berlin married Mary Melissa Robinson, who was born at Perysville, Jefferson County, November 17, 1852, daughter of Irwin Robinson and granddaughter of the first Irwin Robinson, who came to this country from Ireland at the age of sixteen, served in the patriot army during the Revolutionary War and later settled in Westmoreland County. Her father, born in 1808, served in the Civil War with the 105th Pennsylvania Regiment and was for many years a public official in Jefferson County, serving as county auditor, county commissioner and justice of the peace.

George Robinson Berlin, son of William Henry and Mary Melissa (Robinson) Berlin, was educated in the country schools of Beaver and Elk Townships, Clarion County, and later studied at Clarion State Teachers' College, from which he was graduated. For six years he was a teacher in the public schools of Beaver Township and the Borough of Knox, after which, in July, 1902, he joined the staff of the Clarion County National Bank of Knox, then newly chartered as a national bank. This institution was first established as the Clarion County State Bank in 1876 and after a quarter of a century of service to the Knox community, secured its charter as a national bank and converted its stock. G. M. Cushing became president of the new national bank in 1902, and was succeeded in 1913 by C. E. Crawford, previously vice-president, who served as chief executive until his death in 1918. At that time, Mr. Crawford returned to the presidency of the bank which he then held until he died in 1927. He was followed in the presidency by

John Cook Berlin, uncle of George Robinson Berlin, who is the present incumbent. Meanwhile, with added experience, George R. Berlin rose in the service of the institution and in 1914 was appointed cashier. Subsequently he was elected executive vice-president. He has had major responsibilities in the management of the Clarion County National Bank for many years and has met them with credit to himself and to the institution. Writes a recent newspaper commentator:

Not only has the Clarion County National Bank long held an enviable position of service to its community and the surrounding district, but many of the outstanding residents of Knox have, through the bank's long history, served as its officials

Throughout its long service the bank has shown a steady growth; the original issue of capital stock was \$50,000, while today the bank is capitalized at \$125,000. The bank's capital surplus has increased from \$5,000 to \$125,000 in thirty-eight years, with additional reserves for contingencies of \$125,000; while cash dividends paid to stockholders have totaled more than half a million dollars

The Clarion County National Bank occupies a brick building at Main and State streets in Knox, which was erected in 1902 and to which an addition has recently been made to house a directors' room, a trust department and a new and modern vault. The entire interior was modernized at the time the new addition was built, with accommodations provided for all the banking facilities which the institution offers for the service of the Knox community and the surrounding countryside.

In addition to his connection with the Clarion County National Bank, George R. Berlin is a director of the Edinburg Oil & Gas Company and the Rural Telephone Company of Knox. He has given generously of his time and effort to advance the civic interests of Knox and the welfare of its institutions, and in recognition of the obligations of good citizenship has assumed the responsibilities of public office on several occasions. Since 1930 he has served as president of the Knox School Board and at present is also a member of the Borough Council. Mr. Berlin is a Democrat in politics and is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons and the Knights of Pythias. He is vice-president of the Knox Community Club, a member of the Knox Rod and Gun Club and is president of the Board of Trustees of the Knox Presbyterian Church, of which he has been a member for many years. There are few community enterprises which do not owe something to his influence and support, which are recognized as constructive factors of proven value by all Knox residents. Mr. Berlin's principal hobbies are hunting, fishing and the bank of which he has so long been a part.

He married, on June 25, 1901, Maude Williams. Mr. and Mrs. Berlin are the parents of three children: 1.

Martha, who married R. P. Shorts, of Youngstown, Ohio, and has two daughters, Barbara and Martha. 2. Clara L., who married B. F. Slater, who is associated with the Chicago office of the Knox Glass Bottle Company. They have one daughter, Carol. 3. William H., born in 1912, who was educated in the public and high schools of Knox, at Kiskiminetas Springs School and at Bucknell University, from which he was graduated as president of his class in 1933, taking the degree of Bachelor of Science. He was also president of Bucknell University Chapter of the Kappa Sigma fraternity. William H. Berlin is now assistant trust officer of the Clarion County National Bank under his father. He married, in 1936, Betty Smith and has one daughter, Elizabeth Ann Berlin.

JOHN L. CLOVER—Since 1934, John L. Clover has served as postmaster of Knox. He is a member of one of Clarion County's oldest families and has continued its tradition of service in the development of community and county throughout his own career.

Mr. Clover was born in Knox on March 4, 1900, son of Samuel W. and Rose Ann (Porter) Clover. His father, who was born at Strattanville in 1847, came from one of the first three families to settle in Clarion County, since which time its members have been active in the life of this area. Samuel W. Clover operated the old Petroleum House and several other hotels in Knox from 1875 until his death in 1923.

John L. Clover was educated in the public schools of Knox and after completing his high school course, began his active career as manager of a chain grocery store in this community. Following several years of experience in the business he established his own grocery store and built up a thriving business. Meanwhile, with the advent of Franklin D. Roosevelt on the national scene, Mr. Clover, a lifelong Democrat, became very active in the "New Deal" wing of the party and in 1933, following the first inauguration of Mr. Roosevelt as President, he was appointed acting postmaster of Knox. In 1934 he received his appointment as postmaster at the hands of the President and, having demonstrated his qualifications, is now holding office under Civil Service.

The Knox post office is one of the older Western Pennsylvania offices, having first been established in 1834. In her book, "Compendium of Edinburg and Edinburg People," Hettie A. Keatley, founder of the first school in Knox, writes of the successful effort of J. G. Mendenhall and a few of his friends to secure the first post office at Knox. "They," writes Miss Keatley, "felt the need of a post office, there being none nearer than Shippenville. Consequently application was made to the Post Office Department and the request was granted.



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Mr. Mendenhall was requested to name it and he called it Eden and was appointed postmaster. After some time it was discontinued. When it was again restored, there was another Eden in the State and they called it Knox. Mendenhall was again appointed postmaster, which he continued to be (with P. F. Kribbs as his assistant) until January 19, 1874, when he resigned in favor of J. T. Crawford. Up to this time and afterward the mails were carried from Emlenton to Shippenville on horseback. Crawford continued through the most exciting oil times. . . ."

The next incumbent as postmaster of Knox was J. Wilbur Orr. He was followed by Peter Spargo, who held office until his death in 1885 and after a short interim appointment to E. E. Kribbs, W. B. Delo received the appointment as permanent postmaster. In the 1890s he was followed by J. P. Brothers, under whom the rural free delivery service was established. At Brothers' death in 1911, Freda Moore, later the wife of Dr. Clover, took over the office. She was succeeded after two years by George Richardson, who served until 1921. George H. Mull was postmaster from 1921 to 1932 and Mrs. Mary Bowser served after him until John L. Clover became acting postmaster in 1933.

The Knox post office occupies a building erected in 1928 on the site where the local post office has always stood. Its volume of business, which amounts to about \$12,000 annually in postal receipts and \$40,000 in money orders, gives it a rating as a second-class office, in contrast to the original fourth-class rating. A substantial part of the mail results from the business of the Knox Glass Bottle Company. To serve this community of some 3,500 people and its business institutions, Mr. Clover has under him a staff consisting of John C. Zerby, clerk; Belva Berlin, substitute clerk; and Ervin Barnett and Ambrose Ochs, rural carriers. The efficiency of the Knox postal service under Mr. Clover is well known in the community and has frequently drawn favorable comment.

Mr. Clover devotes his entire attention to his duties as postmaster, having disposed of his grocery store in 1935. Mr. Clover continues to be active in Democratic politics and is one of the most influential party figures in the community. He is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons and is also a member of the Knox Community Club and the Knox Presbyterian Church.

On February 22, 1925, at Monroe, Pennsylvania, he married Mary D. Mong, daughter of Irwin L. and Nettie S. (Stull) Mong. Her father, who served with the Pennsylvania troops in the Civil War and established the first store in Knox, was also an oil driller and contractor. Mrs. Clover is a member and past officer of the Knox Civic Club and is affiliated with the Order of the Eastern

Star. Mr. and Mrs. Clover have two daughters: Marjorie, born in 1926, a student at Knox High School; and Eleanor, born in 1927, now attending the Knox public school.

S. PEARLE COOPER, R. N.—As superintendent of Brookville Hospital, S. Pearle Cooper has made a notable contribution to the life of Brookville and its people. This hospital is now serving thirteen industrial organizations in its own vicinity and contiguous counties, as well as travelers by motor and airplanes; for, like many such institutions that started in remote districts, only to find themselves later in direct contact with the swift stream of travel through the opening of State highways and air lanes, Brookville Hospital is now in the midst of the busy professional and industrial life of a busy district.

Miss Cooper, whose service as superintendent has been particularly valuable, was born in Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, daughter of Louis W. and Elizabeth (Rumery) Cooper. Her father, a native of Clearfield, has been associated for many years with the Crescent Refractories, at Clearfield. Her mother was also born in Clearfield County.

S. Pearle Cooper attended public schools in Clearfield County, and afterward entered Norristown General Hospital, where she was graduated in 1908. Taking her State board examinations, she received her certificate as Registered Nurse in that same year. Until 1917 she was engaged in general nursing. Then, at the time of the entry of the United States into the World War, she was with the American Red Cross, remaining for the duration of hostilities. Subsequently she became active in private and hospital nursing, and, after fully equipping herself for the hospital service that she now performs, she became superintendent of Brookville Hospital.

Continuing in this position down to the time of writing, Miss Cooper heads a work that has come to be of vast importance, though it began in a comparatively small way. Back in 1907, Dr. Wayne L. Snyder began conducting a small private hospital, which consisted of one room and an operating room, mainly for nose and throat conditions. By 1916 the institution reached a capacity of eighteen beds, and was incorporated on August 15, 1915. Graduate nurses and helpers were called upon as needed, and the project grew and prospered until the World War days of 1917 resulted in its temporary closing. Dr. Snyder entered military service at that time, and the hospital remained closed throughout his service overseas. Good fortune befell the institution during that same period, however, when a Brookville resident willed \$25,000 for the erection of a new building. Public subscription added to the sum until sufficient money was in hand for the project. A charter was granted in 1919, and on December twelfth of that year Brookville Hospital

opened its doors with provision for taking care of thirty patients. At the same time the School for Nurses was started, offering a three-year course, with four students and three nurse executives to instruct and direct them. It is believed that the articles of incorporation provided for the school. Dr. Snyder, at his return, in June, 1919, reopened his old hospital only briefly, closing it after only a few months to become an active supporter of the new institution.

The hospital, built under special permit from the War Department during the World War, treated 610 patients in the first year. They actually exceeded the institution's capacity. Sometimes two patients used a single room intended as private quarters, and occasionally the sun porches were used to house patients. The small daily average of patients did not, however, provide sufficiently varied types of disease to equip students for general field work. An application for affiliation with Allegheny General Hospital, in Pittsburgh, was granted, however, for six months in 1922, and that connection provided practical experience in pediatric, obstetrical and medical nursing to students at the School of Nursing in Brookville. The school thus gained conditional placement on the list of accredited schools issued by the Pennsylvania Board of Examiners for Registration of Nurses. In 1924 the affiliation for these same subjects was transferred to the Western Pennsylvania Hospital, in Pittsburgh, but was insufficient to assure continued recognition by the State Board. The affiliation period was thereupon increased to nine months: three months for medical nursing in the Western Pennsylvania Hospital, three months for obstetrics in the E. S. Magee Hospital, and three months for pediatrics in the Children's Hospital, all Pittsburgh institutions. And so the Brookville school was restored, with full recognition, to the State Board List of Accredited Schools in 1929.

A very comfortable and attractive Nurses' Home was opened April 18, 1928. It contained well-equipped class and demonstration rooms, with a dietetic laboratory. The school now had six executives, four senior students, four intermediates and six juniors. The total number of nurses who have been graduated down to the time of writing is twenty-five. The Alumnae Association was formed June 10, 1929, and it has done much to further hospital aims and plans. Much of the credit for recent success of both hospital and school must go, of course, to Miss Cooper, the present superintendent, although she gives ample credit to her predecessors. The first superintendent of Brookville Hospital was Martha Kearney, who came here from Mount Sinai Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio, and who was assisted by Verna J. Harman as director of nurses. Miss Harman came from the Elk County Hospital. Anna H. Davids, of Long Island College Hospital, Brooklyn, New York, was made superin-

tendent in 1922 and continued until 1926. Several months later Eleanor A. Roueche, of Millard Fillmore Hospital, Buffalo, New York, assumed charge of the institution, succeeding Miss Masterson. Miss Harman's successor was Dorothy L. Ditty, of Methodist Hospital, Philadelphia, class of 1916, who was succeeded by Miss Byrle Hoover, of Johns Hopkins. She was followed by Georgiana L. Campbell, who remained two years.

The hospital is fortunate in having associated with it a body of women known as the Women's Auxiliary, which was organized in October, 1926. This auxiliary is divided into three groups, one in Brookville, one in Clarion and one in New Bethlehem. The association is active in hospital affairs, and its outstanding beneficence was perhaps that of furnishing the Nurses' Home throughout.

R. A. CALLEN—As vice-president of the Sligo National Bank, of Sligo, R. A. Callen has performed a serviceable function in his community's business and social life. Local people and institutions have substantially benefited from his work along these lines, and he is widely respected and honored.

Mr. Callen was born July 20, 1893, in Sligo, Pennsylvania, son of Hugh S. and Mary E. (Peters) Callen. His father, a native of Clarion County, was a railway engineer.

Public schools provided R. A. Callen's early formal education, and after graduation from Sligo High School he became a student at a business college in Valparaiso, Indiana. He immediately entered the employ of the Sligo National Bank after finishing his studies at Valparaiso, in 1913, and held different positions in the organization while learning the details of its workings and gaining a mastery of banking science. In 1920 he was elected cashier of the bank, of which he became vice-president in 1941. He is justly proud of his banking accomplishments, and there are many who attest the value of his results from their own point of view.

A Republican in politics, Mr. Callen is at the time of writing secretary of the Sligo School Board. During the World War period of 1917-18 he served with a replacement unit overseas with the United States Army. He belongs to the Free and Accepted Masons and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, as well as to the American Legion. He is treasurer of the Methodist Church in Sligo.

R. A. Callen married, September 24, 1919, in Sligo, Pennsylvania, Julia M. Lowe, daughter of D. E. and Sarah (Sankey) Lowe. Mrs. Callen is affiliated with the Order of Eastern Star. The Callens have three children, all born in Sligo. 1. Mildred Callen, in June, 1920. 2. James Callen, in February, 1923. 3. Robert Callen, in November, 1925.

HORACE H. BITTENBENDER—In the early years of the century Horace H. Bittenbender was active in the founding of the First National Bank of Shippenville and has since served as cashier and director of this institution. His numerous contributions to its development and to the progress of the community of which it is a part have won for him an influential position in Shippenville life.

Mr. Bittenbender was born in Porter Township, Clarion County, on April 26, 1876, and comes of one of the pioneer families of the county. He was educated in the public schools of Porter Township, at Clarion State Teachers' College, from which he was graduated in 1901, and at the Select School in Sligo, where he received a teacher's certificate. From 1896 to 1903 he was a teacher, serving for two terms each in the Beaver and Piney Township schools and after that in Brookville. In the latter year he began his banking career with the Peoples National Bank at East Brady, where he served a thorough apprenticeship in banking practice during a tenure of two years in various positions. Resigning in 1905, he came to Shippenville and organized the First National Bank. Mr. Bittenbender was active not only in the organization of the institution but in supervising the actual construction of the bank building, which embodied many then novel devices for safeguarding the premises and the bank's funds. Under his direction the First National Bank has been equipped with all modern facilities. It is burglar-proof throughout in construction and includes among its protective equipment the most recent type of bullet-proof glass and microphonic installations in each teller's cage. Mr. Bittenbender has been cashier and a director of the institution since it was founded, and his banking knowledge and experience have been woven into its fabric. In point of service he is now the oldest bank cashier in Clarion County.

Mr. Bittenbender is well known not only in banking circles but among all who have taken an interest in the civic welfare of the community, which he has notably advanced during his long residence in Shippenville. He was a member of the local school board for ten years and has proved himself a good friend of education. The fine high school which the community now boasts was made possible largely by his faith and determination, in writing in the first instance to Harrisburg to request its establishment and in following up the proposal zealously until its success was assured. Fraternally, Mr. Bittenbender is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is a member of the Blue Lodge at East Brady and a member of all higher bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including Coudersport Consistory, in which he has taken the thirty-second degree.

Mr. Bittenbender married, first, in 1910, Margaret Woodburn; and, second, in 1930, Nancy Kelly Arnold. He has one son, Horace W. Bittenbender, born March 18, 1913, educated at Franklin and Marshall Academy in Lancaster and at Washington and Jefferson College, from which he was graduated in 1938 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and at Washington and Lee University, where he prepared for the profession of law, taking the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1940. In the latter year he was admitted to the bar of the State of Florida and began practice at Miami Beach. In 1941, however, because of the present defense emergency, he entered the United States Army, enlisting at Fort Brandon, Florida. He is now stationed at Fort Crockett, Galveston, Texas, as a private in Battery B, 265th Coast Artillery Battalion.

CONNELL H. MILLER, M. D.—As a practicing physician at Sligo, Dr. Connell H. Miller represents the second generation of his family to serve this community and adjacent areas in the profession of medicine. He thus inherits the tradition based on his father's distinguished record and attainments and continues it in a community where the family name has been prominent for many years.

Dr. Miller was born at Sligo on July 21, 1907, son of Dr. John B. Miller and May Leone (Hutchinson) Miller. He is a descendant of an old Chester County family, tracing his ancestry to John Miller, who was born in Chester County in 1773, died on December 13, 1851. From John Miller the line descends through his son, John, who moved to Lancaster County, and his grandson Jacob B. Miller, born in Lancaster County, April 5, 1838, who established the Sligo mercantile business long carried on under the name of J. B. Miller & Sons. Jacob B. Miller, who also had interests in flour milling, brick manufacture and coal mining, was the grandfather of Dr. Connell H. Miller.

Dr. John B. Miller, the father, was born at Callensburg, Pennsylvania, December 19, 1873, and after his general education in the public schools and at Clarion State Teachers' College and Westminster College, from the latter of which he was graduated in 1896, he prepared for the profession of medicine at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, receiving the degree of Doctor of Medicine. In the fall of 1902 he began the practice of medicine at Sligo, which he continued without interruption until his death on April 4, 1930. Throughout these years he manifested in the highest degree the qualifications and character of the ideal physician, winning not only professional eminence, but the affection and regard of the community which he faithfully served. He married, in 1902, May Leone Hutchinson, who was born at

Anderson, Fremont County, Iowa, daughter of William and Melissa (Morgan) Hutchinson.

Dr. Connell H. Miller was the only child of this marriage. After attending the Sligo public schools through the high school grades, he studied at Washington and Jefferson College, from which he was graduated in 1929 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. Meanwhile, he had decided to adopt his father's profession and accordingly enrolled at Jefferson Medical College, where he took the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1933. Postgraduate work at Columbia University in internal medicine followed. Meanwhile, in 1933-34, he served his internship at Western Pennsylvania Hospital and in 1935 began the practice of medicine in Sligo, where he is carrying on his father's fruitful labors.

Dr. Miller lives with his mother at the family estate in Sligo, which is one of the show places of this vicinity. He is a member of the American Medical Association, the Pennsylvania State Medical Association and the Clarion County Medical Society and outside his profession is active fraternally in the Free and Accepted Masons. In this order he is affiliated with the Blue Lodge at St. Petersburg, Pennsylvania, and with all higher bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including Coudersport Consistory, in which he has taken the thirty-second degree, as well as Syria Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at Pittsburgh. Dr. Miller is a Republican in politics. His principal hobby is the breeding and showing of Pointer dogs.

On March 14, 1941, at Callensburg, Dr. Miller married Nettie Stewart of Rimersburg.

O. G. F. BONNERT—As county superintendent of schools of Elk County, O. G. F. Bonnert continues a career in education which extends back to the early years of the century.

He was born at Rasselas, Elk County, Pennsylvania, on April 27, 1885, son of John V. and Elizabeth M. (Markert) Bonnert, and received his preliminary education in the public schools, graduating from the high school at Wilcox in 1903. In 1908 he was graduated from Clarion State Teachers' College and subsequently carried on postgraduate work at Grove City College and Pennsylvania State College. Meanwhile, his professional career was well under way. From 1903 to 1906, Mr. Bonnert was a teacher in the elementary schools of Elk County. In 1909 he was appointed principal of Straight High School, where he continued until 1912, and during the following three years was principal of the Benetzett High School. During 1915-16, he was principal of the high school at Portland Mills. At the end of this time he was appointed assistant superintendent of the public schools of Elk County, in which capacity he served from

1916 to 1934. His record during this long tenure and his familiarity with the needs and problems of the county schools resulted in his promotion to his present office as county superintendent of schools in 1934. As administrative head of the Elks County school system he brings the requisite qualifications to his responsible duties.

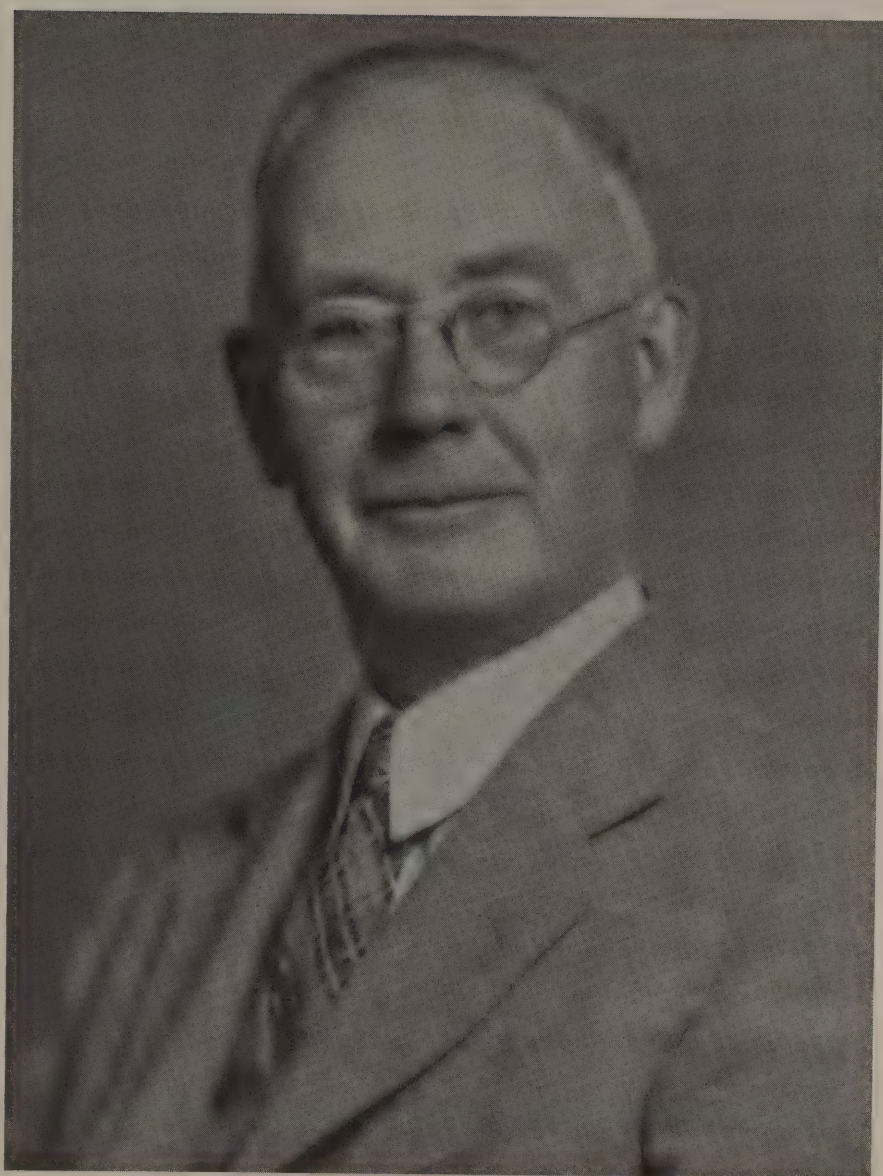
Mr. Bonnert is also president of the Elk County Tuberculosis Society and chairman of the Christmas Seals sale for tuberculosis sufferers. He is a member of the executive committee of the Agricultural Extension Association at Ridgway and a member of the Patrons of Husbandry, the Knights of Columbus and the Kiwanis Club at Ridgway, where he makes his home. Music and interior decoration hold first places among his leisure interests.

Mr. Bonnert married, on August 2, 1928, Sue M. Thomas. They are the parents of two children: Eileen M. and O. G. F. Bonnert, Jr.

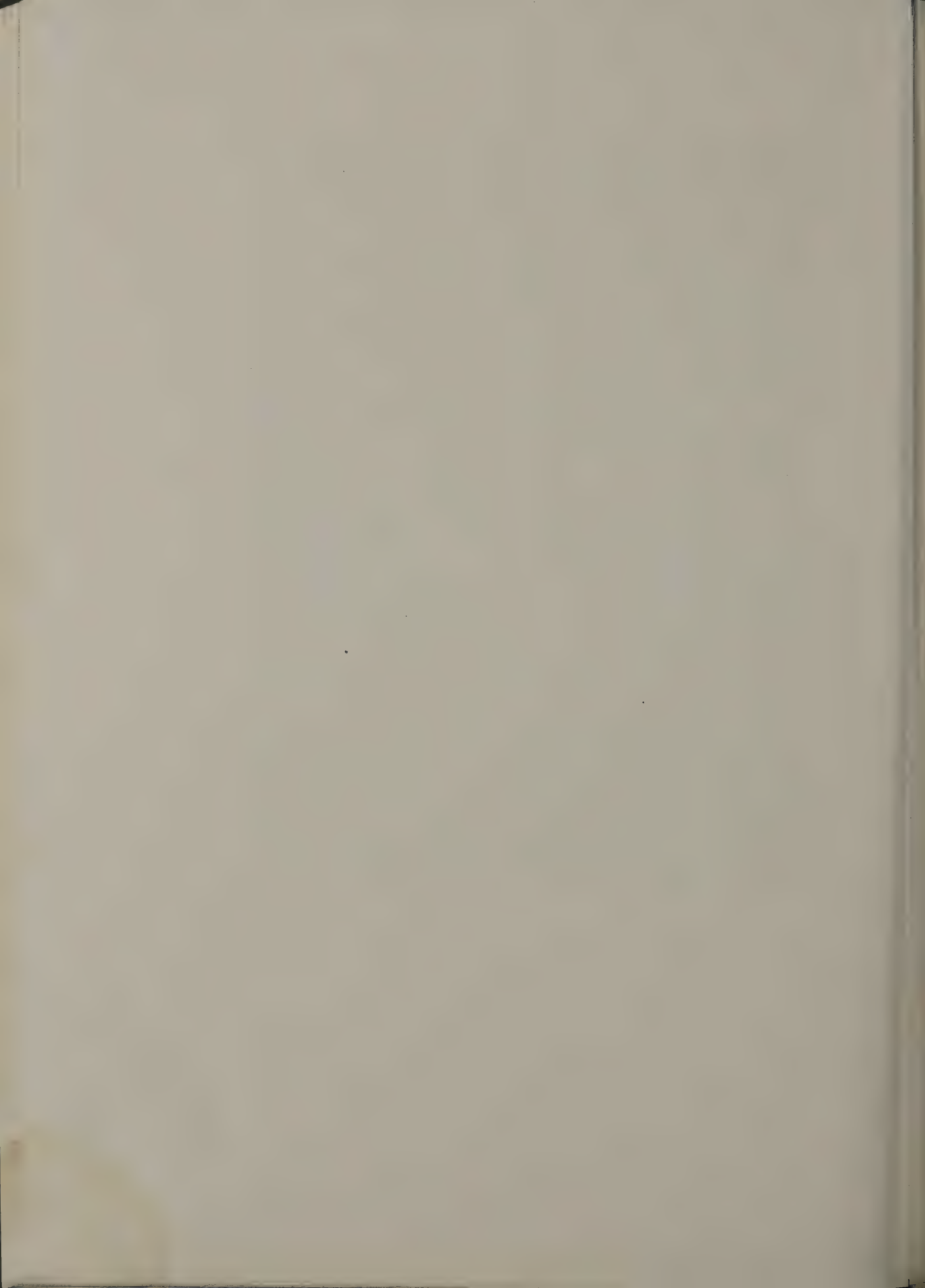
REV. RALPH K. ATCHISON—The family of Atchison has in many substantial ways contributed to the life of Rimersburg, where the Rev. Ralph K. Atchison has been minister of the Associate Presbyterian Church since 1914 and has in more recent years become owner of the Rimersburg "Record." His sons help him operate this newspaper, which is published weekly every Friday; and Ralph K. Atchison himself, through his ministry, his publishing activities and other media, has contributed notably to the welfare of Rimersburg.

The Rev. Mr. Atchison was born August 30, 1874, in Mansfield, Ohio, son of Hugh and Marguerite (Ballantine) Atchison, both of whom are now deceased. His father was also active in the Associate Presbyterian ministry, serving his church in Iowa.

The Rev. Ralph K. Atchison was formally educated in public schools of Albia, Iowa, and was graduated in 1898 from the William Penn College of Oskaloosa, Iowa, as a Bachelor of Arts. He then entered the Associate Presbyterian Seminary at Albia, Iowa, and was graduated from there in 1902. Taking up at once his work in the Associate Presbyterian ministry, he came to Rimersburg in 1914, after serving in one pulpit in Allerton, Iowa, and helping to build up his congregation there. It is very seldom that a clergyman, occupied with the busy round of duties connected with his ministry, takes upon himself some community responsibility such as the publication of a newspaper. And hence it has been all the more important to Rimersburg that the Rev. Mr. Atchison has become interested in local journalism, as have his two sons. The Rimersburg "Record," which he owns, has a history of community service of an unusual nature. In fact, the work of the Atchisons takes on special significance against the background of the story of Rimersburg journalism. The Rev. Mr. Atchison has been active in community welfare work and is now serving on the



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Public Assistance Board of Claren County, being chairman of the board since 1939.

The first paper of which the present generation has knowledge was the Rimersburg "Courier," a copy of the first issue of which is in possession of S. S. Fischer, a local resident. The "Courier" was published in pamphlet form, edited by Professor Wilberforce Deatrick, then principal of the Clarion Collegiate Institute. The booklet was, in particular, devoted to the institute's interests, although it included many items concerning the community as a whole. The issue in Mr. Fischer's possession bears the date, "Christmas season, 1890-91." The span of life of the "Courier" is not a matter of record. A few years later the "Gazette" appeared. It evidently passed out of existence at the death of the editor. Charles Edward Kratzer purchased the equipment, however, in 1907, whereupon publication was resumed from the "Gazette" building. In 1908 Mr. Kratzer erected an office building on his own property in Chestnut Street, being assisted for some months in that connection by Eugene Cochran, whose brother-in-law, Mr. Hepler, edited and published the New Bethlehem "Leader." For nine years Mr. Kratzer published the "Gazette," utilizing the paper's columns and his boundless energy to further many matters of civic value to Rimersburg. Then, in 1916, he sold the paper to W. E. Downes, of New York, during whose régime the newspaper property was destroyed by bad fires. Even the files of the newspaper were lost in those conflagrations, being replaced only by individuals who had kept treasured copies in their possession. Mr. Downes eventually returned to New York. And, after a brief interval, W. Ed Himes, publisher of the New Bethlehem "Vindicator," started the Rimersburg "Times," which was published in the "Vindicator" plant in New Bethlehem. The "Times" was short-lived, chiefly because of Mr. Himes's difficulty in satisfactorily managing two publications.

A meeting of public-spirited citizens, in 1924, was an occasion for discussion as to plans for a newspaper to be owned and published in Rimersburg. It was decided at that gathering to advertise the claims of Rimersburg in trade journals; and, to the club's surprise, replies were received from even far-distant places, with the result that I. E. Aucker, an employee of the Oil City "Derrick," established the Rimersburg "Record." In a little more than a year he disposed of his holdings to Messrs. Thomas and Hardesty. When Mr. Thomas found that he must seek another climate because of the condition of his health, he obtained the services of Ross B. Atchison as editor. Mr. Atchison's father, the Rev. Ralph K. Atchison, then purchased Mr. Thomas' holdings within the year, and in 1929 bought the equity of Mr. Hardesty.

Since that time Ralph K. Atchison has continued as owner of the "Record," with Ross B. Atchison as editor

and Ralph K. Atchison, Jr., as associate editor. The Rev. Mr. Atchison is justly proud of his newspaper efforts and achievements, and is also active in community organizations, notably the Rimersburg Community Club. A special "centennial edition" of the "Record," published in 1939, when Rimersburg celebrated its one hundredth anniversary, included, in addition to much other historical material, an account of local newspaper history, with a picture of the mechanical force of the "Record," wherein, along with Ross B. Atchison, as editor and publisher, appeared H. Edgar Yates, assistant linotype operator and general worker; Merle E. Horn, chief operator and all-around printer; Clifford Reed, pressman and advertising solicitor; and Bill Priester, apprentice, or "printer's devil."

The Rev. Ralph K. Atchison married, in Washington, Iowa, Etta Coulter. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Margaret Atchison, who graduated from Geneva College at Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, with the Bachelor of Arts degree, took library work at Columbia University, and is now librarian at Peru, Indiana. 2. Ross B. Atchison, editor of the Rimersburg "Record"; married, August 22, 1933, to Mary A. Hankey, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. B. F. Hankey, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and has two children: i. Margaret Ann. ii. William Ross. 3. Ralph K. Atchison, Jr., associate editor; was married, on October 5, 1940, to Esther Joseph, of Martins Ferry, Ohio.

MARION AUBREY CARRINGER—Since the early years of the century, when he established his practice at Tionesta, Marion Aubrey Carringer has been active at the Forest County bar. He is one of the best known lawyers of the county, has wide business interests in addition to his professional connections and has devoted much time to public service, notably during his long tenure as district attorney, an office which he now holds.

Mr. Carringer was born at Sheakleyville, Pennsylvania, on November 5, 1876, son of Milo C. and Mary Amanda (Robinson) Carringer. After studying at Clarion State Teachers' College from 1893 to 1895, he entered Bucknell University, at Lewisburg, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy in 1900 and the degree of Master of Philosophy in 1901. Subsequently, he studied law privately and in 1905 was admitted to the Pennsylvania bar. Since that time he has practiced at Tionesta, where he has represented many important interests and during the greater part of his career has also been occupied with responsibilities of a public character. In 1910 he was elected district attorney of Forest County and served in office until 1919. In 1928 he was again elected district attorney and has continued as such during the intervening years. Between 1919 and 1926, Mr. Car-

ringer was county solicitor of Forest County and in 1925-266 was deputy attorney general of the State of Pennsylvania. In 1917-18, during the First World War, he acted as government appeal agent under the Selective Service Act.

In addition to these interests, Mr. Carringer is secretary, treasurer and director of the Jenks Development Corporation at Tionesta, and of the Tionesta Water Supply Company. He is a director of the Forest County National Bank, the Jamieson Lumber & Supply Company and the Marienville Glass Company. He is affiliated with the Sigma Chi fraternity and the Masonic order and is a member of the American Bar Association.

On December 10, 1919, Marion Aubrey Carringer married June Herman. They are the parents of three children: Rachel Montgomery, Robert Milo and Dorothy June.

JOHN EZEKIEL DU BOIS, JR.—As treasurer of the Pittsburgh-Du Bois Company, manufacturers of gas meters, president of the Du Bois Iron Works and administrator of the various interests of the Du Bois Estate, John Ezekiel Du Bois, Jr., has been one of the most active business men in northwest Pennsylvania.

He was born at Du Bois on August 13, 1898, son of John Ezekiel and Willie (Gamble) Du Bois, and was educated at Fay School, Southborough, Massachusetts, which he attended from 1910 to 1912, St. George's School, at Newport, Rhode Island, where he spent the following six years, and Harvard University, where he was a student from 1920 to 1923. A course at Columbia University School of Business in 1925 completed his preparations for his career. Meanwhile, beginning in 1923, he became associated with the lumber industry, working as a foreman in a lumber camp and afterward as superintendent of the camp and office manager of the company. In 1926 he became president of the Westwood Lumber Company at Wheeler, Oregon, and continued as such until 1930, when he returned to Du Bois to assume the presidency of the Du Bois Iron Works. The operations of this company he directed until 1936. Since then he has been treasurer of the Pittsburgh-Du Bois Company, manufacturers of gas meters, in whose management he takes an active part.

Mr. Du Bois is active in the general life of the Du Bois section, where he now maintains his home. He is a Republican in politics, a member of the Harvard Club of New York City and a member of the Episcopal Church. He has never married.

JAMES EDWARD HENRETTA—As president of Holgate Brothers Company, at Kane, James Edward Henretta continues a connection which he began in the

early years of the present century. He is a leading manufacturer of Kane, vice-president of the Kane Manufacturing Corporation as well as president of the Holgate Company, and an influential figure in the civic life of this area.

Born at Conneautville on October 5, 1874, James Edward Henretta is a son of James and Birget (Bradley) Henretta. He was educated at Edinboro Normal School and Allegheny College, taking the degree of Bachelor of Arts at the latter institution in 1897, and devoted the first years of his career to education. In 1897-98 he was assistant principal of Waterford Academy and from 1898 to 1902, supervising principal of the Kane public schools. His association with Kane life led directly to his connection with Holgate Brothers Company, manufacturers of brush handles, wood products and educational toys, of which he became vice-president in 1902. Since that time he has devoted himself largely to business interests. In 1934, after more than thirty years of service in the organization, Mr. Henretta was elected president of Holgate Brothers Company, which position he still holds. Mr. Henretta is president of the Kane Federal Savings & Loan Association and vice-president of the Kane Bank & Trust Company. He was a trustee of Clarion State Teachers' College from 1933 to 1937 and has given much time to civic and benevolent enterprises whose objectives enlist his sympathy. At present he is a director of the McKean County Tuberculosis and Health Society, a director of the Young Men's Christian Association at Kane, president of the McKean County Historical Association, and a life member of the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology. Since his graduation from Allegheny College, he has kept in touch with its affairs and has served two years as president of the Alumni Association.

Mr. Henretta is the author of a historical volume entitled "Kane and the Upper Allegheny," published by the John C. Winston Company, Philadelphia, in 1929. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the Congregational Church. He is affiliated with the Masonic order and the honor scholastic society, Phi Beta Kappa, and he is a member of the Kane Rotary Club.

On August 15, 1901, he married Antoinette Frances Wayave, of Corning, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Henretta are the parents of four children: James Edward, William Terence, Thomas Eugene and Frances May.

NORMAN DAVID GIBSON—As an oil producer and drilling contractor, Norman David Gibson, of Dallas City, continues his operations in the industry to which he has devoted his active life. Although he has relinquished many of his more arduous responsibilities in recent years, he retains his extensive oil holdings and their management, in which Mrs. Gibson is taking an active part.



M. S. Gibson



Hazel M. Gibson.

Mr. Gibson was born at Dallas City on November 25, 1892, son of James Harvey and Lydia Catherine (Gilbert) Gibson. His father, who was born in Butler County, March 28, 1851, and is now deceased, was a pumper on the discovery well in Butler County at the age of seventeen, was later employed by the Forest Oil Company and eventually became an independent producer in the Pennsylvania and Allegany fields, continuing in these interests until the close of his career. Lydia Catherine (Gilbert) Gibson, the mother, was born in Clarion County, where her parents were pioneers.

Norman D. Gibson received a public school education. Growing up in the oil industry, he early served his apprenticeship in the business under his father, who also taught him the lessons of industry and thrift, which have been guiding principles of his career. An experienced oil man by the time he attained his majority, he gradually assumed increasing responsibilities and eventually was managing his father's holdings as well as his own properties. In addition to his extensive producing interests, Mr. Gibson also operates four strings of tools as a drilling contractor. In 1930 he suffered a nervous breakdown and since that time has been partially retired, and he largely depends upon the unusual ability of Mrs. Gibson to direct his business and his holdings in both the Bradford and the lower oil fields.

Mr. Gibson is a director of the Eastern Producers Glycerine Association and a member of the Penn Grade Crude Oil Association. Several years ago, he acquired a piece of property on the Dallas City Road, boasting a splendid view, and on this site he has had a fine home erected, according to his own specifications. He has devoted much time to the beautification of the grounds around his home and it is now considered one of the show places of the region, drawing many visitors, especially at Christmas time, when people come from miles around to see his beautiful display. Although flowers, gardening and designing are his favorite hobbies, Mr. Gibson is also an active sportsman and is a member of the National Rifle Association and the McKean County Sportsmen's Association, as well as the McKean County Motor Club. He is affiliated fraternally with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Free and Accepted Masons, in which latter order he is a member of Union Lodge, No. 334, Free and Accepted Masons, and all higher bodies of both York and Scottish Rites, including Bradford Royal Arch Chapter; Bradford Council, Royal and Select Masters; Trinity Commandery, Knights Templar; and Coudersport Consistory. He is also a member of Zem Zem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at Erie. During the World War, Mr. Gibson served in the United States Army. He is an independent Republican in politics and is always ready to assist any movement for civic betterment, either in his own community or in wider fields. In

this he follows the example of his father, who was always active in civic affairs.

On November 14, 1927, Norman David Gibson married Hazel Rudesill, of Bradford, Pennsylvania, daughter of James A. Rudesill and Katherine (Braatz) Rudesill. They are the parents of four children: Norma Katherine, Ruth Marie and Mary Jane, all attending local public schools; and David James.

ELMER HESS, M. D.—During the course of his active career, which covers some thirty years, Dr. Elmer Hess has risen to prominence in his profession. He is a well-known urologist, practicing at Erie, and an influential figure in the general life of the city.

Dr. Hess was born at Millville, New Jersey, on May 31, 1889, son of Frederick and Mary (Theise) Hess. He was educated at Peddie School, Hightstown, New Jersey, where he was a student from 1903 to 1907, and at the University of Pennsylvania Medical School, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1911. From 1919 to 1921, Dr. Hess also carried on graduate work at Johns Hopkins University. After taking his medical degree in 1911, he served as physician in the Indian Service of the United States, in 1911-12, and at the end of that time began the private practice of medicine and surgery at Erie, where his activities have since centered. Since 1920 he has specialized in urology and has won a distinguished reputation in that field.

Dr. Hess has been chief of the department of urology at St. Vincent's Hospital, Erie, since 1920. He is also senior urologist at Hamot Hospital in this city and consulting urologist to Corry Hospital, Corry, the Erie Infants' Home and Warren State Hospital. A fellow of the American College of Surgeons and a member of the governing committee of Gorgas Memorial Institute, these distinctions reflect his professional standing. Dr. Hess is active in many other professional organizations, including the American Medical Association, Pennsylvania State Medical Association, Erie County Medical Association, American Urological Association, the Western New York and Ontario Urological Association, the Pan-American Urological Association, and the Pan-American Medical Association. He is also an honorary member of the Detroit Urological Society and the Western Branch society of the American Urological Association. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Urology and has been a frequent contributor to the literature of his profession, publishing articles and papers in various medical journals.

During the First World War, Dr. Hess was commissioned lieutenant and captain, successively, in the United States Army Medical Corps, serving from 1917 to 1919, during part of which time he was in France with the

15th Field Artillery, 2d Division, American Expeditionary Forces. For distinguished service he was decorated with the Croix de Guerre and received three army citations, with Silver Star. He was also decorated with the Verdun and Chateau Thierry medals of France and received the Victory Medal of the United States, with five clasps. Since the war, Dr. Hess has been a member of the American Legion and the "40 and 8." He is a Republican in politics and in 1919 received the nomination of his party for mayor of Erie. He has been president of the Erie Boys' Club since 1919, recognizing its value in building character and citizenship, and is a member of the Erie Club, Kahkwa Club and others. In religious faith he is an Episcopalian.

On June 26, 1911, Dr. Hess married Edna Africa. They became the parents of four children: Celeste Remle, who married Lieutenant P. W. Cann, United States Navy; Camilla, deceased; Hope Noel; and Elmer, Jr., deceased.

EVAN O'NEILL KANE—Through his wide interests in oil and gas production, real estate and other fields of business enterprise, Evan O'Neill Kane occupies an important position in the life of McKean County. He is a resident of Kane and one of its most active civic leaders.

Mr. Kane was born at Kushequa, Pennsylvania, on August 11, 1899, son of Elisha Kent and Zella Ellen (Hays) Kane. A graduate of Kane High School in 1917, he was a student at Oberlin College in 1917-18 and from August to December, 1918, served as a private in the United States Army Infantry. After the close of the First World War, he entered Princeton University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1921. A number of his business connections grew out of his administration of the Kane Estate. In 1929 he became a trustee of the Elizabeth D. Kane Estate and in 1930 organized the Kane Estate, Inc., and the Kane Realty Corporation, of which he has since been president. From 1921 to 1928 he was superintendent of the Kushequa Brick Company and the Kushequa Ceramic Company at Kushequa and in 1928 entered the garage business under the name of Blair & Company at Kane, Pennsylvania, which he still operates. In 1933 he was elected treasurer of the Northwestern Pennsylvania Gas Company and its subsidiaries and has since been active in the management of this group. Mr. Kane has also been vice-president of the Kane Industrial Gas Company since 1932; was a director of the Simpson-Cooper Oil Company, oil producers from 1928 to 1937 and has been a partner in this enterprise since 1937; and is a partner in the Lannigan Run Property, another oil producing organization.

Mr. Kane has been equally active in the civic life of Kane. He was a member of the Borough Council here from 1930 to 1933, and as a member of the board of managers of Kane Summit Hospital, regional director of the Boy Scouts of America and director of the Kane Young Men's Christian Association he continues his service to the useful institutions of the community. He is also past president of the Kane Rotary Club, member of the Cloister Inn Club at Princeton and other organizations. Mr. Kane is a Republican in politics and a member of the Union Church at Kushequa.

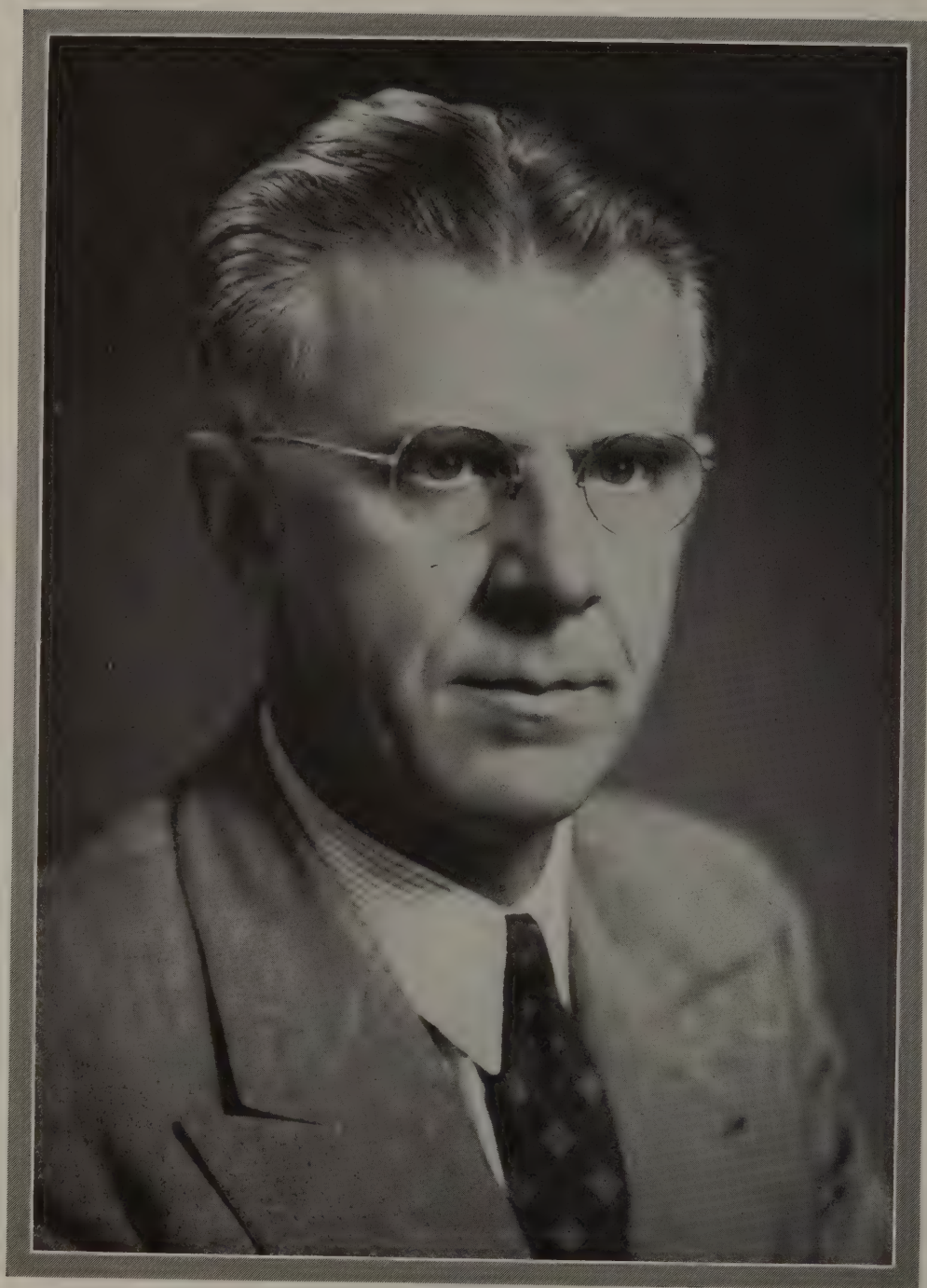
He married, on June 19, 1926, Hannah McCoy Hamlin. Mr. and Mrs. Kane are the parents of five children: Hannah Elizabeth, Orlo Hamlin, Evan O'Neill, Eugenia Mary and Harriet Rebecca Kane.

THE REV. ARTHUR BURD McCORMICK, D. D.—As pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church of Oil City, the Rev. Arthur Burd McCormick, D. D., continues a career in the active ministry which now covers almost half a century. He is a well-known denominational figure and a civic leader of force and vision.

Dr. McCormick was born at Mercer, Pennsylvania, on September 12, 1872, son of William A. and Martha (Burd) McCormick. He was educated at Westminster College in New Wilmington and at Western Theological Seminary, where he was a student from 1893 to 1895 and again in 1906-07, taking both the degree of Bachelor of Arts and the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

Ordained to the ministry of the Presbyterian Church in 1897, Dr. McCormick served as pastor of the Presbyterian congregations at North Clarendon and Irvine in 1897-98, and during the following eight years was pastor of the Presbyterian Church at North Warren, where he served until 1907. From 1907 to 1914 he was pastor of the Central Church in New Castle and from 1914 to 1926, of the West Presbyterian Church in Binghamton, New York. In 1926 he was appointed eastern district secretary of the General Council of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America and continued as such until 1929, when he was called to the Second Presbyterian Church of Oil City, his present charge.

In addition to the duties of his active ministry, Dr. McCormick has been a regular writer for the Presbyterian Board of Publication since 1922, was acting editor of the "Presbyterian Banner" of Pittsburgh in 1927 and for several years wrote the feature column, "The World As I See It," for "The Presbyterian" of Philadelphia. In addition, he served six years as chairman of the National Missions Committee of the Erie Presbytery. He was moderator of Presbytery in 1942. As a resident of Oil City, he interests himself in many civic enterprises and was president of the Civic Educational Forum for five



W. H. Schutz.

years and president of the Community Concert Association for two years. Over a period of years he has been active in the Boy Scout movement. Dr. McCormick is a Republican in politics and is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, the Oil City Rotary Club and the Wanango Club.

He married, on September 19, 1900, Mary E. Olsen. Dr. and Mrs. McCormick are the parents of one daughter, Martha Caroline, now Mrs. Thomas Smyth, wife of Professor Thomas Smyth of the State Teachers' College of Indiana, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM EDWARD LUTZ—One of the finest funeral homes in Warren County is owned and operated by William Edward Lutz, a funeral director of long experience, whose activities have centered in the city of Warren since 1923.

Mr. Lutz was born at Knox, Clarion County, on June 6, 1891, son of John P. and Rosetta (Lorish) Lutz and a grandson of John Adam and Elizabeth (Dorsch) Lutz. His grandfather, who was born in Alsace, France, came to America in 1842 and became a farmer in Upper Beaver Township, Clarion County, where he died. The father, John P. Lutz, was born at Knox on February 4, 1858, and died there on February 21, 1931. A farmer in early life and subsequently an oil producer, he also served as county supervisor, school director and in other offices of responsibility and trust. For twenty-eight years he was an elder in the First Lutheran Church at Knox and over a long period was active and influential in Democratic politics. He married Rosetta Lorish, who was born in Pittsburgh on June 18, 1859, and is now living in Knox. She is a daughter of Nicholas and Margaret (Degelmann) Lorish, both born in Alsace, both died at Pittsburgh. Her father was a truck farmer and oil producer.

William Edward Lutz was educated in the public schools of Knox, where he completed the high school course in 1909. Subsequently, he became an apprentice undertaker under his brother, A. N. Lutz, in Girard, Pennsylvania, and continued there until January, 1915, when he secured his license as an undertaker. Thus qualified, he bought out the business of B. F. Keefer at Emlenton, in partnership with Clarence Shorts, and for nine years continued in business there as a member of the firm of Shorts and Lutz. At the end of that time, in 1923, he sold out his interest to his partner and moved to Warren, where he purchased the business of H. L. Greenland, an established local undertaker. This he conducted at No. 341 Pennsylvania Avenue until 1932. In the latter year, Mr. Lutz purchased his present property at No. 212 Market Street and converted it into a completely modern funeral home, the first funeral home open to the public in Warren. It is fully equipped and beautifully furnished,

an asset to the community in which its owner renders an indispensable service. Mr. Lutz spent two winters at the Eckles College of Embalming in Philadelphia and is a graduate of that college. He is fully qualified for his vocation and has pursued it successfully since he began his independent career.

Mr. Lutz is a member of the Pennsylvania State and the American Funeral Directors Associations. In addition to his business and professional connections, he has been active in civic affairs and Republican politics and for eight years served on the Warren Borough Council, having supervision over borough parks and playgrounds. He is a member of the Warren Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club; is vice-president of the Warren Young Men's Christian Association and a former member of the Executive Board of the Warren Boy Scouts of America, movements in which he has been greatly interested. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Allegheny Valley Lodge, No. 599, Free and Accepted Masons, at Emlenton, of which he is Past Master, and with the various higher Masonic bodies, including the Royal Arch Chapter and Commandery of the Knights Templar in Warren; the Scottish Rite bodies of the Lodge of Perfection and the Consistory at Coudersport; and Zem Zem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in Erie. Mr. Lutz is also a member of Warren Lodge, No. 223, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Conewango Club of Warren and the Conewango Valley Country Club. A Presbyterian in religious faith, he is an elder of the First Presbyterian Church in Warren and for two terms was a trustee. He is fond of outdoor life and sports, particularly fishing and golf, and owns a tract of land comprising seventy-nine acres in Mead Township, where he has set out over twenty-two thousand evergreen seedlings of various species.

On June 17, 1916, William Edward Lutz married Marion F. Jackson, who was born in Vicksburg, Mississippi, daughter of John C. Jackson, a merchant, accountant and farmer, born in Greenville, Mississippi, died in Warren, Pennsylvania, and Jennie (Rea) Jackson, born in Girard, Pennsylvania, now living in Warren. Mrs. Lutz is a graduate of Girard High School and Indiana State Normal School and for two years prior to her marriage was a school teacher. A descendant of old American families, she is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, in which she is Past Regent of the Warren Chapter, a member of the Women's Club of Warren and of the First Presbyterian Church in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Lutz are the parents of three children: 1. John W., born August 25, 1918, a graduate of Warren High School and Mercersburg Academy and now a member of the senior class at Washington and Jefferson Col-

lege. 2. William Edward, Jr., born July 19, 1920, also a graduate of Warren High School and Mercersburg Academy, now a member of the freshman class at the University of Pennsylvania. 3. Marion Louise, born January 17, 1922, a senior at Grier School for Girls, Birmingham, Pennsylvania.

HAROLD WADE THOMPSON—An interest in music and an unusually keen ear influenced Harold Wade Thompson to adopt as his life work the occupation of piano tuning. He serves a wide area in Jefferson and adjoining counties and by virtue of his useful career and qualities of character has become an influential figure in the Brookville community, where he makes his home. Since 1937 he has been burgess of Brookville.

Mr. Thompson was born in Jefferson County on June 29, 1902, son of Thomas Irwin and Esther (Gayley) Thompson, of Brookville. His father was a carpenter. The family is an old one in this section, tracing its origins to John J. Thompson, a pioneer of Jefferson County, who was made president judge and acquired considerable fame. An accompanying record of Judge Thompson can be found in this volume.

Harold Wade Thompson attended a school for the blind, where he received a high school diploma and afterward studied for two years at the University of Pittsburgh. His fine ear for music enabled him to adopt successfully the occupation of piano tuning and when he returned to Brookville his exceptional proficiency soon led to many demands upon his services. For some years, Mr. Thompson has tuned virtually all the pianos of Jefferson County and neighboring counties and kept them in repair. Meanwhile, his civic spirit and willingness to contribute more than his share to the community and its institutions made him conspicuous in its general life. In 1937, in token of the position which he occupies in Brookville, he was elected burgess and in this office is now serving a four-year term, whose constructive achievements have been so many, that the status of the borough government compares favorably with any in the State for business-like efficiency coupled with a progressive outlook. In 1941 he was reelected for a second four-year term.

Mr. Thompson is affiliated fraternally with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is a member and past president of the Brookville Kiwanis Club and a member of the local Presbyterian Church. His wide circle of acquaintances throughout this area includes a host of warm personal friends.

HARRY BLEAKLEY McDOWELL—The McDowell interests in Sharon and Mercer County are now largely under the direction of Harry Bleakley McDowell, president of the McDowell National Bank of Sharon

since 1933 and an officer or director of many other business and financial enterprises.

He was born in Sharon on April 19, 1882, son of Alexander and Clara (Bleakley) McDowell, and was educated at Trinity Hall, Washington, Pennsylvania, where he was a student from 1898 to 1900, and at Washington and Jefferson College, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1904. In 1905-06 he studied at Harvard Law School, but has never been active in the profession of law.

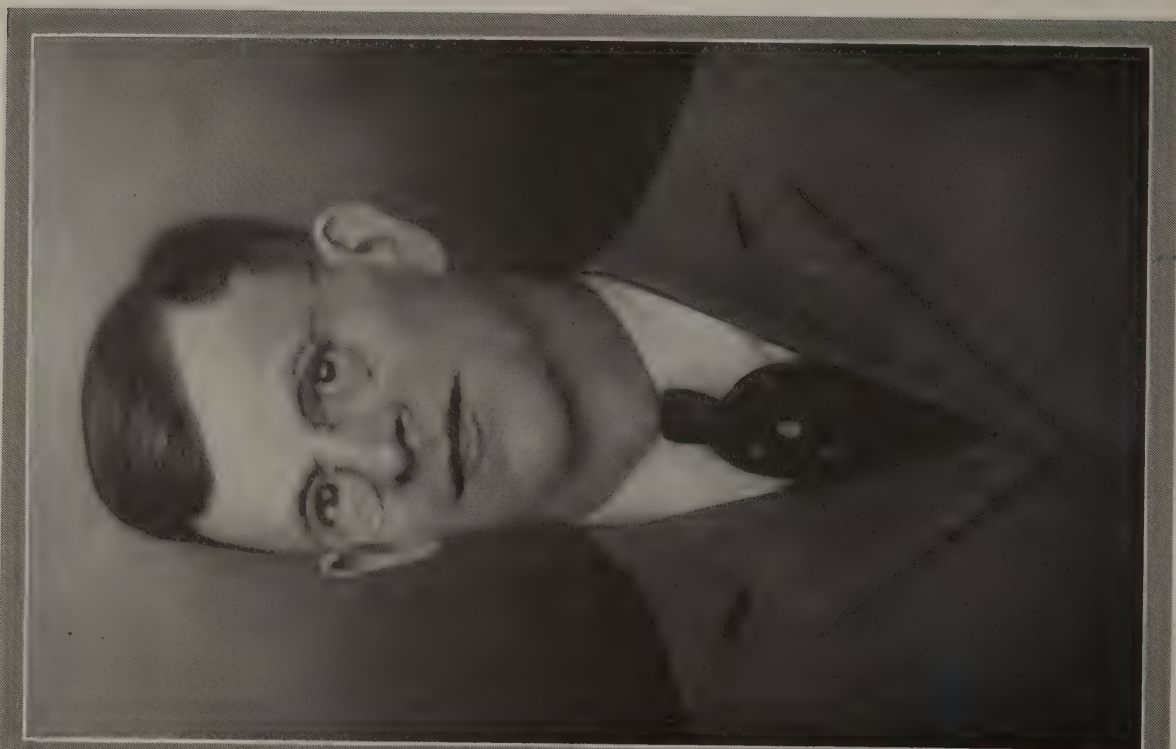
Mr. McDowell began his long banking career in 1904 and in 1907 became cashier of the McDowell National Bank in Sharon. In 1919, after twelve years of service in that office, he was elected vice-president of the bank and in 1933 assumed the presidency, directing its operations since that time. Well known in banking circles, Mr. McDowell is also a director of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland. In addition, he is president and director of the Sharon Coal & Ice Company; vice-president and director of the Shenango Valley Water Company; and treasurer and director of the First Federal Savings & Loan Association. His civic interests are numerous. At Sharon he is a director of the F. H. Buhl Club Fund and has been active in the support of many community enterprises and institutions. He is a director of the Pennsylvania State Chamber of Commerce; a past member of the Economic Policy Commission and the American Bankers Association; and a member of the Duquesne Club of Pittsburgh, the Shrine Club of Erie and the Sharon Country Club. He is affiliated with the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity; with Sharon Lodge, No. 103, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and with the Masonic order, in which he is a member of Sharon Lodge, No. 250, Free and Accepted Masons; all higher bodies of both York and Scottish Rites, including Sharon Commandery, Knights Templar, and New Castle Consistory, thirty-second degree; the Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Erie; and the Royal Order of Jesters at Pittsburgh. During the First World War, Mr. McDowell was director of the Liberty Loan campaign in Mercer County. He is a Republican in politics and affiliated with the Presbyterian Church.

On November 22, 1911, Harry Bleakley McDowell married Grace Osborne. They became the parents of five children: Mary, who married George S. Warren, Jr.; Margaret; Elizabeth; Harry Bleakley; and Alexander, deceased.

JAMES ALBERT MURRIN—During his thirty years as a newspaper man in Northwest Pennsylvania, James Albert Murrin has risen from cub reporter to responsible executive positions with well-known newspapers in this area. He is now editor of the Franklin



Mabel G. Thomson



John L. Thomson

"News-Herald," with which he has been associated since 1919.

Mr. Murrin was born in Pittsburgh on August 18, 1894, son of James Walter and Alice (Myers) Murrin. He was educated in the public schools of Wilkesburg and Pittsburgh, which he attended from 1902 to 1908, and in 1912 was graduated with extra honors from Fifth Avenue High School, Pittsburgh. In the same year he began his newspaper career as a reporter and until 1917 was successively reporter and telegraph editor on the "Evening News" at Franklin. In 1917 he became city editor of the Venango "Daily Herald" and in 1918 enlisted in the United States Army, serving until 1919 with the American Expeditionary Forces, attached to regimental headquarters of the 112th Infantry. For exceptional front line service in France, he was cited by his commanding officer.

In 1919, Mr. Murrin returned to Franklin as telegraph editor of the "News-Herald." In 1931 he was appointed editor and has since been in responsible charge of this newspaper. As a resident of Franklin he has also been active in civic life. Mr. Murrin is a director of the Franklin public library and is now serving his third term as a member of the Franklin City Council. He is official clerk and an elder of the Franklin Presbyterian Church; a member and Past Exalted Ruler of Franklin Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; a member and secretary of the Rotary Club; and a member of the Masonic Order and the Masonic Club. He was an organizer of the American Legion Post in Franklin, serving as adjutant and, later, commander, and in 1928 revisited France to participate in the dedication of the Pennsylvania battlefields monuments at Fismes and Varennes. Mr. Murrin is a Republican in politics.

He married, on July 20, 1917, Helen Wilson, and they are the parents of two children: Nita May and Ralph Calvin.

JOHN LESLIE THOMSON—From the time he was a boy, John Leslie Thomson has been active in the Pennsylvania oil fields, acquiring the experience and gradually accumulating the holdings which enable him to operate as a successful independent producer today.

Mr. Thomson was born at Stewarts Run, near Pleasantville, Forest County, on September 4, 1893, son of A. L. and Blanche Mae (Botsford) Thomson. His father, a lumberman, born in Forest County, is now living at Tionesta. His mother, who was born in Pleasantville, died in 1922.

John Leslie Thomson was educated in the common schools of Tionesta, Pennsylvania, and entered the oil fields as a boy, working as a tool dresser and roustabout for about four years. At the end of that time he bought a team and during the following eight years was a

teamster in and around the Dallas City area. Meanwhile, he acquired a little property and since then has been engaged as an independent producer in the Bradford field. For a year or two after he began production he still handled his team but eventually disposed of it to devote his entire attention to production. He has operated on an expanding scale during the intervening years and at present has some twenty-six producing wells.

Mr. Thomson is a member of the Bradford District Branch of the Pennsylvania Oil Producers Association. As a resident of Dallas City he takes an active part in civic affairs and both he and his wife serve on the Foster Township Republican Committee, exercising a considerable influence in the party. Mr. Thomson is affiliated fraternally with Northern Star Lodge, No. 555, Free and Accepted Masons, at Duke Center, holding the thirty-second degree; and with Tuna Lodge, No. 411, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Bradford. Of the latter he is a life member. His work in the oil fields is his greatest interest and he has made it his hobby as well as his vocation.

On June 21, 1916, Mr. Thomson married Mabel Gibson, of Dallas City, daughter of James Harvey and Lydia Catharine (Gilbert) Gibson. Her father was a pioneer in the Butler County oil fields and later a large independent producer in the Pennsylvania and Allegany fields. Mr. and Mrs. Thomson are the parents of two children: 1. Albert Harvey, a graduate of Bradford High School, now a student at Lehigh University. 2. Catharine Mae, a graduate of Bradford High School, who married Howard English.

MAX F. BALCOM—As his career in business and industry has developed, Max F. Balcom has assumed executive responsibilities of growing importance. He is now vice-president of the Hygrade Sylvania Corporation at Emporium, having been associated with this organization and its predecessors since 1918.

Mr. Balcom was born at Emporium on January 20, 1889, son of George F. and Sarah (Fenton) Balcom. He was educated in the public schools of Emporium, where he was graduated from high school in 1905, and afterward completed a course at the Bryant and Stratton Business College in Buffalo, New York, where he studied in 1907. Meanwhile, his active career was already under way. From 1905 to 1912, Mr. Balcom was clerk and teller in the First National Bank of Emporium. Resigning this connection, he became auditor in 1912 and subsequently assistant treasurer of the Angldile Scale Company, at Elkhart, Indiana, continuing there until 1915. During the following year he was cashier of the Holmes Snowflake Company. In 1917 he returned to Emporium and purchased the Emporium Transfer Company, of which he was owner and opera-

tor until 1918. In the latter year he became cashier of the Nilco Lamp Works, Inc., at Emporium and, in 1923, was designated assistant secretary of the Sylvania Products Company, whose development has created one of the important industries of this section. In 1931, following the organization of the Hygrade Sylvania Corporation, Mr. Balcom became assistant secretary and was appointed vice-president in 1937, and as such has since continued in one of the principal executive offices of the corporation.

Mr. Balcom is also vice-president of the Emporium Trust Company and a director of the Emporium Water Company and the Emporium Foundation, Inc. As a resident of this community he has taken an active and enlightened interest in civic affairs and from 1928 to 1930 was president of the Emporium Borough Council. He is a Republican in politics, a member of the Episcopal Church and is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons.

On July 13, 1926, Max F. Balcom married Besse G. Huggler. They are the parents of one daughter, Martha Jean.

MRS. IDA HELM BEATTY—Mrs. Ida Helm Beatty, club and civic leader at Oil City and a member of families prominently connected with the Pennsylvania oil industry, was born near Tionesta, in Forest County. She is a daughter of William Helm, who was a pioneer oil producer in the Tidioute-Warren oil field in the early 1860s, and of Catherine Ellen (Woods) Helm. Christened Barbara Ida Elizabeth Helm, she was educated in the Tidioute public schools, where she completed the high school course, and on January 22, 1883, was married to Ebenezer Calvin Beatty, son of Ebenezer S. and Agnes Semple (Braham) Beatty. His father was a merchant and oil producer, and E. Calvin Beatty has devoted his own career to oil production.

As a resident of Oil City, the family home for many years, Mrs. Beatty has taken an active interest in the institutions of the community, its civic affairs and in public service through the organizations with which she is affiliated. She is a member of the Oil City Belles Lettres Club, the Oil City Federation and Allied Organizations, the Venango County Federation and Allied Organizations, Putnam King Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and Victorian Circle of the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle. Mrs. Beatty's civic spirit and philanthropic interests have made her well known, and by virtue of her position in the life of Northwest Pennsylvania, she was appointed to the board of the Polk State School for the Feeble-Minded, on which she has served twelve years. She is a Republican in politics and a member of Trinity Methodist Church in Oil City.

Mr. and Mrs. Beatty became the parents of eight children: Elliott Braham, born November 29, 1884; Mabel Alicia, born January 3, 1886, died October 19, 1927; Maude Irene, born December 2, 1888; Vina Marguerite, born September 22, 1895; Clara Barbara, born April 16, 1898; Eleanor Calvine, born May 26, 1901, died in January, 1903; Marshall Helm, born June 29, 1903; and Robert Bruce, born August 3, 1904.

DUNHAM BARTON—It has been said of Dunham Barton, of Mercer, Pennsylvania, "that he has printer's ink in his veins." Certainly it is true that during four decades he has been identified prominently with newspaper and publishing activities in Mercer County, following a half dozen years with the "Pittsburgh Press." Like all good men in his field of endeavor, Mr. Barton has been much to the fore in public affairs, filling several important offices and wielding a potent influence in the community, county and State. His active intelligence, keen understanding of humanity, and vivid sense of the realities of life, made his early days as a journalist notable. His sound business enterprise has been largely responsible for the successful record of the Mercer Dispatch Printing Company.

Mr. Barton was born at Cleveland, Ohio, May 26, 1873, son of David Lawson and Mary Elizabeth (Dunham) Barton. His father was a printer and newspaper publisher, who was associated with the "Mercer Dispatch and Republican" fifty years and also served two terms as postmaster under Presidents Benjamin Harrison and Theodore Roosevelt. A veteran of the War Between the States, he was first sergeant, Company H, 51st Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, from August, 1861, to October, 1864.

Dunham Barton attended Mercer High School three years with the class of 1890. Entering Pennsylvania State College, he was graduated with the class of 1895, taking part in many campus activities. In 1896 he joined the editorial staff of the "Pittsburgh Press," continuing from May, 1896, to July, 1902. At the latter date he became local editor of the "Mercer Dispatch and Republican," a position he held from July, 1902, to June, 1910. He then established the Mercer Dispatch Printing Company, a Pennsylvania corporation, owner of the "Mercer Dispatch and Republican," of which he was secretary-treasurer and publisher until February, 1941. Since the latter date, when he retired from active newspaper work, he has served in an advisory capacity.

As already mentioned, Dunham Barton has given frequent and valuable public service. He was tax collector of Mercer Borough from 1906 to 1908, inclusive; postmaster, Mercer Borough, from October 1, 1921, to May 27, 1930; controller, Mercer County, by appointment of Governor Arthur H. James, when this county



Wayne L. Snyder. M.D.

entered fifth class in population, serving from February 17, 1941, to January 5, 1942. He has been a member of the Republican County Committee for twenty years, and is its present treasurer. During the Spanish-American War, he was a second lieutenant, Company F, 18th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. His college fraternity is Kappa Sigma, and he is a member of the Rotary International. His religious affiliations are with the Presbyterian Church.

On July 28, 1900, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Dunham Barton married Ann Jeannette Parkinson Barbour, daughter of Joseph and Anjanett (Hurlbut) Barbour and an experienced newspaper woman. Mr. and Mrs. Barton became the parents of three children: 1. David Barbour Barton, born September 24, 1901, a lieutenant-colonel, Signal Corps, United States Army, now serving as signal officer of the 7th Motorized Division. 2. Anjanet Hurlbut Barton, born July 3, 1905, now deceased. 3. Joseph Dunham Barton, born July 7, 1911, now deceased.

WAYNE L. SNYDER, M. D.—A member of a family that for four generations has been prominent in the life and affairs of Jefferson County, Dr. Wayne L. Snyder has followed the tradition of his people for public service. With him it has been by engaging in the practice of medicine and surgery as a specialist in general surgery. In addition to caring for a large clientele of far more than local origin, as a conscientious citizen he has contributed substantially to the welfare and prosperity of Brookville, of which he is a native and lifelong resident. His friends are legion.

Dr. Wayne L. Snyder was born at Brookville, Jefferson County, Pennsylvania, March 13, 1881, son of John Calvin and Emma (Scott) Snyder. His great-grandfather, Henry Snyder, was a pioneer settler in Center County, who moved to Clarion County, locating on a farm near Greenville, where he became a substantial agriculturalist and influential citizen. He passed the closing years of his life at Brookville, where he died at the ripe old age of ninety-six years. His son, Abraham Snyder, grandfather of Wayne L. Snyder, was born in Center County, and for a number of years was engaged in a mercantile business in Brookville, until a disastrous fire destroyed his entire stock of goods. Thereafter he successfully followed his trade of blacksmith, until his retirement from active affairs several years before his death, at the age of seventy-eight years. He was the father of eight children: John Calvin, Clarence, Quincy S., Clintus M., Abraham Z., Caroline, Maude, and Cora Snyder.

John Calvin Snyder, father of Dr. Wayne L. Snyder, was born in Clarion County, Pennsylvania, and here educated in the public schools. As a young man he

learned the blacksmith trade and, after locating in Jefferson County, conducted a shop for a number of years at Richardsville. He finally removed to Brookville, where as a skilled blacksmith he long operated a large and prosperous business, until he retired from active work. He married Emma J. Scott, who was born at Summerville, Jefferson County, daughter of the late Edwin H. Scott. They were the parents of four children: Lillian; Wayne L., of this record; Muriel, and Inez.

Wayne L. Snyder received his preliminary education in the public grade and high schools of Brookville, being graduated from the latter in 1899. During the spring and summer seasons he furthered his education by attending the normal school at Clarion, and was a teacher at Millstone, Elk County, and for one year he was head of the Oats School at Ridgway. In the autumn of 1901 he entered the celebrated Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, and was graduated with the class of June, 1905, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He was an interne at Jefferson Medical College Hospital for one year, during which he gained varied and valuable experience, which ably fortified him for the independent practice of his chosen profession. Upon leaving the hospital, he served one year as assistant to the distinguished physician and surgeon, Dr. John E. Grube, of Punxsutawney Hospital. He then returned to Brookville, where for six months he was an associate of Dr. Thomas C. Lawson. In March, 1908, Dr. Snyder severed this connection and up to the time of his retirement was engaged in active practice at Brookville, specializing in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat and later in general surgery.

Shortly after beginning practice in Brookville, Dr. Snyder started a private hospital, beginning with a few rooms and gradually enlarged it until it had a capacity of thirty patients. He was commissioned a first lieutenant in the United States Army Medical Corps in January, 1918, and closed his hospital and immediately entered service. He served actively overseas in France for over a year and was promoted to the rank of captain. On his return from the army, Dr. Snyder opened his hospital for seven months, until the completion of the community built Brookville Hospital. He then closed his private hospital and was surgeon to the Brookville Hospital until his retirement because of ill health in October, 1936.

For further preparation for his work, Dr. Snyder took postgraduate courses at various times at the Post Graduate Hospital, New York City; Polyclinic Hospital, New York City; and the Wills Eye Hospital, Philadelphia. He has gained distinctive success and prestige in this special field and won far more than local fame. Dr. Snyder devotes much time to research and investigation,

and keeps abreast of the advances made in both medicine and surgery. Although retired from active practice, he is a member of the Jefferson County Medical Association, Pennsylvania State Medical Society, the American Medical Association and the American College of Surgeons. His Greek letter professional fraternity is Phi Beta Phi. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Loyal Order of Moose, Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Free and Accepted Masons. He is a thirty-second degree Mason. In the latter order he is a member of Hobah Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Jefferson Chapter, No. 225, Royal Arch Masons; Bethany Commandery, No. 84, Knights Templar, at Du Bois; Coudersport Consistory, Coudersport, Pennsylvania.

On June 4, 1907, Wayne L. Snyder, M. D., married Ruth Luther, daughter of Austin K. Luther, of Troutville, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, and they were the parents of four children: 1. John Chalmer Snyder, who died at the age of eleven weeks. 2. Helen Louise Snyder. 3. Mary Ruth Snyder. 4. Anne Claire Snyder. Inez Pauline Snyder was an adopted daughter of his sister, Inez Snyder. Dr. Snyder married (second) on October 26, 1938, Emma Hinderliter, of Brookville, who passed away April 18, 1942. Both Dr. and Mrs. Snyder were popular in the social life of Brookville and their home was noted for its gracious hospitality.

JOHN FREDERICK BUDKE—Since 1927 John Frederick Budke has been engaged in the practice of law at Franklin. The development of his professional interests represents only one phase of his career. He is also active in several business and industrial organizations and in many civic connections, which have enhanced the scope of his influence and service.

Mr. Budke was born at Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, on April 26, 1899, son of John Frederick and Mary Helen (Harrison) Budke. He received his preparatory education in Pennsylvania schools and after studying at Mercersburg Academy from 1916 to 1919, entered Bethany College in West Virginia, where he took courses in 1920-1921. Subsequently he enrolled at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, to prepare for the profession of law and was graduated from that institution in 1926, taking the degree of Bachelor of Laws. In 1925 he was admitted to the Virginia bar and in 1927 to the Pennsylvania bar. Since 1927 his professional activities have centered at Franklin, where he has developed an extensive practice.

In addition to his other connections, Mr. Budke is vice-president, director and member of the executive committee of the Parkersburg Iron & Steel Company; a director of the Cecil Improvement Company; and director and secretary of the Drake Realty Company, of Oil

City. He is active in the Venango County Bar Association, on whose examining committee he serves, and is a member of the Pennsylvania State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. His civic connections are numerous. Mr. Budke is a member of the executive committee and roll call chairman of the Franklin-Venango Chapter of the American Red Cross and member of the National Panel of Arbitrators of the American Arbitration Association. He was formerly chairman of the Central Relief Board, secretary of the Venango County Local Selective Service Board, No. 1, and member of the Venango County Association for the Blind, and has served as both president and treasurer of the Franklin Kiwanis Club. He is affiliated with the Delta Upsilon and Delta Theta Pi fraternities, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Free and Accepted Masons, in the latter of which he is a member of various higher bodies. In 1938 Mr. Budke was a candidate for the State Senate. He is a member of the Franklin Kiwanis and Elks clubs and is a Presbyterian in religious faith.

On August 8, 1923, John Frederick Budke married Margaret May Heydrick. They are the parents of two children: Harriet Louise and John Frederick.

GEORGE ALLEN GETTY—Although in recent years George Allen Getty has devoted his principal attention to banking and finance, he is widely experienced in general business and has been instrumental in building up the industries of Jefferson County, where his activities center. He is now president of the Brookville Bank & Trust Company and an officer or director of several other corporations.

Mr. Getty was born at Numedia, Pennsylvania, on June 2, 1888, son of George W. and Matilda (Hoffman) Getty. He was educated in the public schools and at Bloomsburg State Normal School and began his career as a worker in the car shops at Berwick. Later he was a clerk in the office of Haines, Jones and Cadberry, at Norristown, and bookkeeper in the Benedictine Stores, at St. Benedict (1910). Resigning this connection he became, in 1914, manager of the Peoples Supply Company, operating at Summerville, Gordontown and Sligo, and afterward was manager of and a partner in the company until 1925. Meanwhile, in 1917, he also became president of and a partner in the Orchard Coal Company, continuing the association until 1927. With expanding interests, he assumed the presidency of the Union National Bank of Summerville in 1921, held it until 1927, and subsequently, until 1936, remained with the bank as cashier. In the latter year he was elected president of the Brookville Bank & Trust Company, whose operations he has since directed. Mr. Getty continues as director of the Union National Bank of Sum-

merville. He is also president of the Thrift Plan Corporation of Brookville and a director of the Clarion County Thrift Plan, Inc., and of the Lake Erie, Franklin & Clarion Railroad Company. In 1925 he was instrumental in having the Hanley Company of Bradford locate its brick plant at Summerville, which is now the most modern plant of its kind in the United States. His efforts to promote the industries of Jefferson County and its general progress have made him one of the county's best known citizens.

Mr. Getty, who maintains his home in Summerville, is a member of the First Methodist Church of this community. He is affiliated fraternally with the Masonic Order, in which he is a member of various higher bodies, including the Temple of the Mystic Shrine, and is a member of the Brookville Community Club.

On January 29, 1908, he married Cleo C. Schultz. Mr. and Mrs. Getty have one daughter, Ethel, now Mrs. Ditty.

ROBERT PATTON HABGOOD—"The Bradford Newspapers," owned and published by Robert Patton Habgood, are a monument to his long career as a newspaper man in this city. He is a well-known publisher of northwestern Pennsylvania, past postmaster of Bradford, an influential Republican and a leader in several fraternal orders.

Mr. Habgood was born at Bellefonte, Centre County, on May 21, 1871, son of William Henry and Sarah (Sircombe) Habgood. His father was a watchmaker and jeweler, a machinist and toolmaker at various stages of his career.

Robert Patton Habgood was educated in Pennsylvania schools, completing his high school course at Renova, Clinton County, in 1887. As a young man in his teens, after finishing high school, he worked in the railroad shops and office, and later in the general offices of the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railroad at Bradford. In 1889 he was the first railroad agent at Hazelhurst, McKean County, when it was a booming glass town on the Mount Jewett, Clermont & Northern Railroad. His career in the newspaper business dates from April, 1899, when he joined the "Bradford Evening Star" as cub reporter and advertising solicitor at \$12 a week. A year later he became editor and manager of the paper and in March, 1903, bought the stock of The Star Publishing Company and opened a new plant in St. James Place, after a fire in the Producers Exchange Building, which entirely wiped out the equipment of the "Evening Star." Since that time he has devoted himself without interruption to his duties and responsibilities as a publisher in the Bradford community. During the intervening years Mr. Habgood's interests have grown steadily. In

1908, he purchased the "Daily Record," another evening paper, and merged it with the "Star." In 1922 he also purchased the "Sunday Herald" and published that in the same plant with the "Star-Record." Finally, in 1938, he purchased the "Morning Era" and the Emery Building, at 43 Main Street, Bradford, and moved all the newspapers to that location, occupying the former Era Building and the Emery Building combined. Since that time the "Morning Era," "Evening Star-Record" and "Sunday Herald" have been published in the one plant, under the one ownership and management. They are now known as "The Bradford Newspapers," in the management of which Mr. Habgood continues to exercise the directing force.

Since the early years of the century, Mr. Habgood has been prominent in Republican politics and has frequently been active in public life. He was a member of the Pennsylvania Legislature from 1907 to 1915, inclusive; in 1908 was elected by the Republican State Convention as delegate-at-large to the National Republican Convention in the interest of Philander Chase Knox for President; in 1907-08 was president of the State League of Republican Clubs; and from 1911 to 1915 served as postmaster of Bradford, under presidential appointment. Again, from 1924 to 1936, he was postmaster of Bradford, rounding out sixteen years of service in all. From 1929 to 1934, inclusive, he was secretary treasurer of the National Association of Postmasters and editor of the "Postmaster's Gazette."

Fraternally, Mr. Habgood is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is a member of the Blue Lodge; the Royal Arch Chapter; the Commandery of the Knights Templar; all higher bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including the thirty-second degree of the Consistory; and the Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He is Past Master of his Blue Lodge and Past Eminent Commander of his Commandery. Mr. Habgood is also affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in which he is Past Exalted Ruler and Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler; and with the Loyal Order of Moose; Knights of Pythias; and Improved Order of Red Men. At Bradford, he is a member of the Bradford Club, the Elks Club and Pennhills Country Club, and a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

On November 3, 1897, at Bradford, Mr. Habgood married (first) Daisy May Heffner, who died in March, 1910, a daughter of Samuel Dean and Jennie (Peightal) Heffner. They became the parents of two children: Stuart Kinzer, born May 18, 1900, who was killed in a mining accident on August 1, 1929; and Dorothy Gladys, born October 10, 1906. On June 6, 1911, in New York City, Mr. Habgood married (second) Mary Ann

Sheaffer, daughter of Singleton and Marguerite Elizabeth (Fisher) Sheaffer. There are two children of this marriage: Robert Patton, Jr., born May 25, 1912; and Mary Ann, born May 16, 1916.

LOUIS E. KOCH—One of the oldest business establishments in Bradford is the Koch-Chatley Mortuary. First established in 1887, it has served the Bradford community for over half a century and is now under the capable direction of Louis E. Koch, brother of the original founder and his partner for many years. Mr. Koch is also a director of the Kendal Refining Company of Bradford and an active figure in all the civic affairs of his community.

Born in Dunkirk, New York, on January 2, 1881, he is a son of Louis Koch, who was a leading mortician in that city. Louis E. Koch received his general education in the public schools of Dunkirk, was trained as an undertaker and embalmer by his father and, in 1898, when he was seventeen years old, came to Bradford to join his brother, Otto F. Koch, already an established funeral director in this section. Since that time his principal efforts have been devoted to the building and operation of the institution now known as the Koch-Chatley Mortuary.

Like his brother, Otto F. Koch had been trained as a funeral director by his father, under whom he also learned the furniture business. The year 1887 marked his advent in Bradford, where he promptly entered business for himself. Otto F. Koch soon established a reputation for fair dealing and sympathetic handling of all the details of his business. He prospered as an undertaker and for a time also conducted an art shop in conjunction with his undertaking parlors. A few years later he built a modern building at 139-41 Mechanic Street, Bradford. With the continued growth of the business, he brought his brother, Louis E. Koch, from New York to become his assistant. Approximately ten years later, in 1907, the two brothers formed a partnership and Otto Koch began to devote most of his time to other interests, leaving Louis E. Koch to manage the business of the partnership. This firm was known as Koch Brothers and was so continued until 1921, when it was incorporated as the Koch Mortuary, Inc., with Louis E. Koch as president. Modern standards have always been met by the mortuary, which has constantly kept abreast of the times. All furnishings and all equipment used are of the finest type. Throughout the years of its history the management has offered tactful and sympathetic guidance to those who have had occasion to employ the facilities and services of the organization. These fine traditions, well known to Bradford's people, are faithfully maintained in the conduct of the present Koch-Chatley Mortuary.

Louis E. Koch is a prominent member of the National Select Morticians' Association. His connections at Brad-

ford outside the realm of business are numerous and have enhanced his influence, while enabling him to contribute his full share and more to the civic and social life of the community. Fraternally, Mr. Koch is active in the Masonic Order, in which he is affiliated with Union Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and all higher bodies of both York and Scottish Rites, including Bradford Royal Arch Chapter; Bradford Commandery of the Knights Templar; Coudersport Consistory of the Scottish Rite, in which he has taken the thirty-second degree; as well as Zem Zem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at Erie, Pennsylvania. Mr. Koch is also affiliated with Bradford Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, is a trustee of Tuna Lodge, No. 411, one of the board of managers of Carnegie Public Library, and a charter member of the Bradford Rotary Club. He belongs to the First Presbyterian Church of this city.

He married Ethel C. Clark, daughter of the late T. B. Clark, of Bradford, and they are the parents of two daughters: Martha L., the wife of Russell J. Carson, and the mother of their son, Russell Steele Carson; and Barbara C.

JOSEPH HOWARD MOSES—One of the outstanding chiropodists of Pennsylvania, Dr. Joseph Howard Moses, is an exemplar of the rôle many of foreign birth or parentage play in the American scene. Many of our finest citizens come from abroad, fired with ambition and adaptability, and progress farther and faster than those of native birth. J. Howard Moses was brought to the United States as a small child, and by intensive study and broad experience has become notable in his profession.

Dr. Moses was born in Hungary, April 10, 1907, and received his elementary and secondary education in the public schools of Farrell, Mercer County, Pennsylvania. He was graduated, with honors, from Farrell High School, and then attended the Ohio State University, at Columbus, Ohio. For his professional studies, he matriculated at the Ohio College of Chiropody, being graduated in 1931, with the degree of Doctor of Chiropody. In that same year he entered upon a private practice of his profession at Sharon, Pennsylvania, and it was not long before his reputation for skill and knowledge had extended far beyond the bounds of the community. Almost from the beginning he has specialized in the treatment of deformed pedal extremities and other orthopedic work that requires the utmost in specialized abilities. His laboratories and offices are the last word in modern equipment, the most complete in Mercer County.

J. Howard Moses is an exceptionally popular member of the professional coteries of Sharon and of the Chamber of Commerce. He is active in the membership of the



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Pennsylvania State and National Chiropodists. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His religious affiliations are with the Hebrew Church, B'nai B'rith, and he is a member of a number of philanthropic and humanitarian organizations. To the literature of his specialized profession he has contributed a number of articles that have been presented before scientific societies or published in technical magazines.

On December 25, 1937, J. Howard Moses married Sophia Schmier, of Detroit, Michigan, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Stephen David Moses, born January 4, 1939. 2. Carl Michael Moses, born December 23, 1940.

I. L. THIEL—Operating a fine garage and repair shop in Derrick City, I. L. Thiel ministers effectively to the needs of automobiles in this region.

Mr. Thiel was born September 1, 1898, in Langford, New York, son of Peter Paul and Josephine M. (Cook) Thiel. His father, born in New York State, came in 1903 to Derrick City, where he now operates a general store and is a widely known merchant. The mother came also from New York State.

Graded and high schools of Derrick City provided I. L. Thiel's education, and he was early employed in his father's store here, so continuing until he was twenty-six years of age. Meanwhile, he worked in spare time about a garage until he thoroughly learned the garage business. In 1924 he opened his own garage in Derrick City, gradually building it up to a position of leadership in the field. He has from time to time added to the equipment and modernized it, until he now has one of the most up-to-date repair shops in the district. The quality of his work has brought him wide approbation, for he has shown unusual ability and aptitude along these lines.

Politically he is an "independent Democrat." He belongs to St. Bernard's Roman Catholic Church. He is respected and honored in an ever-widening circle of acquaintance, and his friends are many and loyal.

I. L. Thiel married, October 20, 1926, Margaret Hill, of Bradford, Pennsylvania. They have one adopted son, Lawrence Thiel, who was born in 1930 and is at the time of writing a student at St. Bernard's Parochial School.

JOSEPH R. FAZIO—One of the best known custom tailoring establishments of McKean County is owned and operated by Joseph R. Fazio, who has been engaged in business at Bradford for more than a quarter of a century. During the period of his residence here he has also become one of the most active civic leaders of the community.

Mr. Fazio was born in Dinami, Southern Italy, on August 2, 1896, son of Pasqual Fazio. He was educated

in the public schools of his native land and came to the United States in May, 1912, settling immediately in Bradford. At the time he was sixteen years old. Upon his arrival in this city, Mr. Fazio entered the employ of Harry Offenbach, a local custom tailor. Two years later he opened his own shop and has since carried on a high grade custom tailoring business, drawing his patronage from the entire northwest section of the State. From the outset, Mr. Fazio took an enlightened interest in the civic progress and community enterprises of Bradford and with passing years he has found the opportunity to serve actively in many worthy causes. He was president of the Bradford Rotary Club in 1935-36, has been active in the board of commerce and at the present time serves as a member of the board of managers of the McKean County Crippled Children's Society and member of the board of the Family Welfare Association. He is a member of Bradford Club. His civic spirit has won him recognition and honor in the community and his influence is felt in many phases of its life.

Mr. Fazio is a Republican in politics and is affiliated fraternally with the Knights of Columbus. A Roman Catholic in religious faith, he is a member of St. Bernard's parish in Bradford.

On January 1, 1918, Mr. Fazio married Florence Rice, of Bradford, who was born in Binghamton, New York, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. U. M. Rice; her mother was born in Sherborne, New York, and her father in Monroeton, New York, but were residents of Bradford for over twenty-five years. Mr. and Mrs. Fazio are the parents of the following children: Joseph Richard, a graduate of Bradford High School, now serving in the United States Navy; Norma Patricia, a graduate of Bradford High School, living at home; David Clay, now attending the public schools; Cosmo Polo, a student in the public schools; Mario Vincent; and Donald Frederick. The two youngest children are not yet of school age.

CHRIS A. CHACONA—In Franklin and Venango County, the two restaurants owned and operated by the Chacona family are widely known for their excellence and high standards. Chris A. Chacona, now general manager of the Franklin store, has spent his active career in the family business, which was established by his father, who came to Venango County from his native Greece more than half a century ago.

Mr. Chacona was born in Oil City on August 23, 1902, a son of Anastasius Chacona. As a boy of sixteen his father left the country of his birth and after his arrival in the United States in 1886 came to Oil City in 1888, where he opened a small fruit and confectionery store. The business prospered and by 1890 he was engaged in the manufacture of candy on a much larger scale. To carry on his more extensive business, he formed a part-

nership with George J. Nichols, which was continued for several years, but later Mr. Chacona purchased his partner's interest and incorporated the company. Subsequently, with capital acquired from his confectionery enterprise, he entered the restaurant business and gradually built up the Chacona restaurants, now well and favorably known throughout northwest Pennsylvania.

Chris A. Chacona became associated with his father in this business immediately after he had completed his education. Having acquired management experience as assistant manager of the Oil City restaurant, he was transferred to Franklin in 1924 to serve under his brother, J. A. Chacona. In 1940 he was made general manager of the Franklin store and has continued in this capacity. Mr. Chacona is also a director and stockholder in the company, which is headed by A. D. Chacona as president. G. A. Chacona is secretary and treasurer of the corporation. The Chacona restaurants, which are patronized by the better class in every community in which they are located, owe their success to the excellent quality of the food and service which they offer and to the able management which has marked the conduct of the enterprise since it was first established.

Chris A. Chacona has been active in the life of Franklin since he first came to this city and is a member of a number of the well-known local institutions, including the Chamber of Commerce. He is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons and is prominent in the order, being a member of all higher bodies of the Scottish Rite, including the thirty-second degree of the Consistory. He attends the Episcopal Church.

On June 4, 1933, Mr. Chacona married Eunice J. Gregory, of Jamestown, New York, a daughter of James Gregory. They are the parents of one daughter, Christine Ann, born on October 20, 1935.

CHARLES PORTER McGEARY—Occupying a place of prominence in educational quarters in Erie, Charles Porter McGeary has performed a particularly valuable service as president of the Erie Business College, a soundly established institution of learning which seeks to meet modern requirements and is one of the few schools of its kind to be housed in its own building.

Mr. McGeary was born July 15, 1882, in Brookville, Pennsylvania, son of Hiram Thompson and Catherine (Survey) McGeary. His paternal grandfather, William McGeary, was a lumberman who lived near Brookville; and the maternal grandfather, John Survey, resided in Knox Township, near Brookville, where he was a contractor and builder. John Survey also was a soldier in the Union forces during the Civil War. Hiram Thompson McGeary, a native of Brookville, who died at Grove City, Pennsylvania, was an agriculturist, a Republican in politics and a trustee of the United Presbyterian

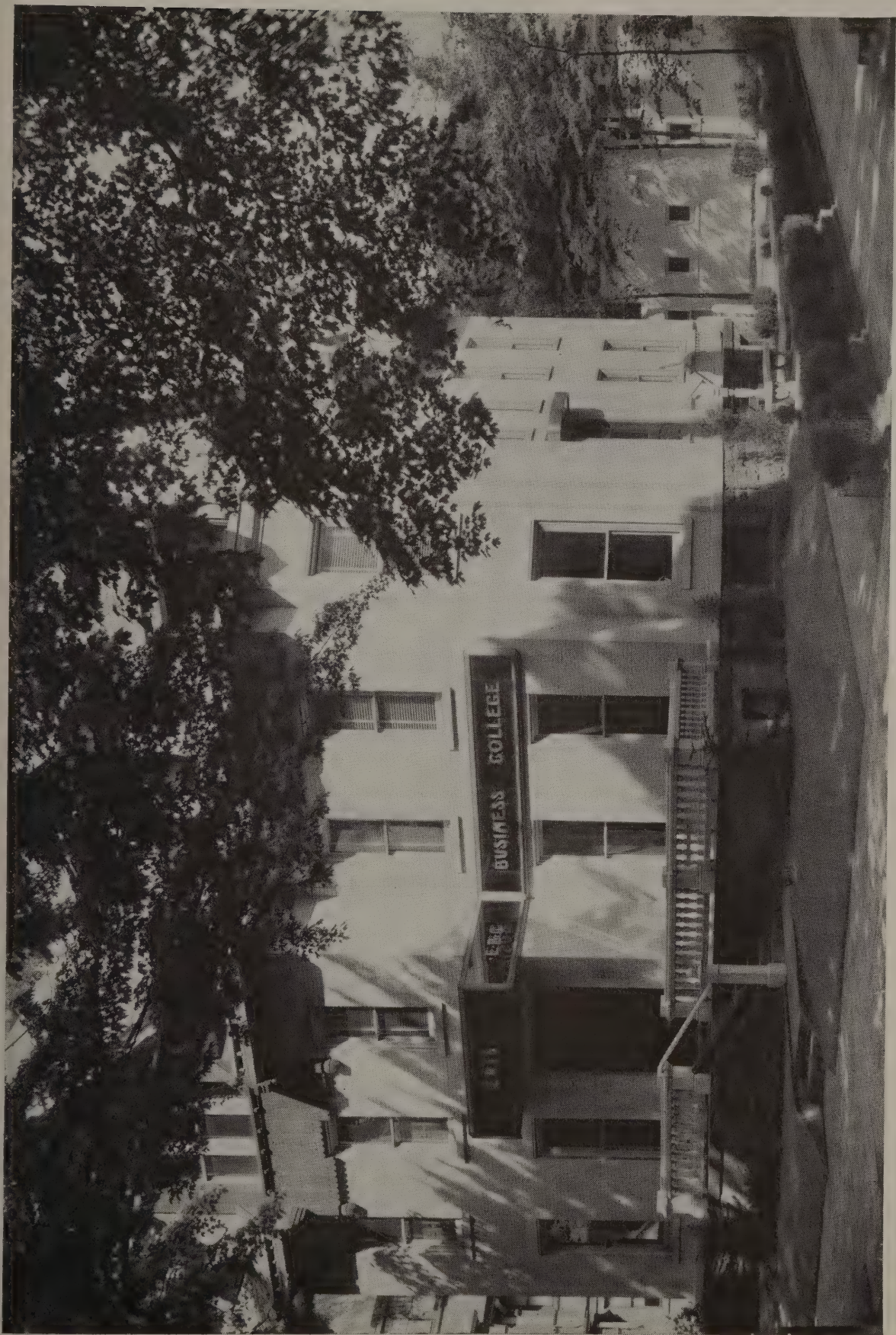
Church. His wife, Mrs. Catherine (Survey) McGeary, was also a native of Brookville and died in Grove City.

Their son, Charles Porter McGeary, attended public schools in Jefferson County, Pennsylvania, and later studied at Cold Spring Academy and Muskingum College. At Muskingum he studied business administration at a time when courses along these lines were new and, educationally speaking, revolutionary. He became associated afterward with the United States Steel Corporation, in Pittsburgh, serving as a secretary for ten years. Then he turned his attention to business education by taking a position as business manager of the Iron City Business College, in Pittsburgh. Remaining there for five years, Mr. McGeary next came to Erie in May, 1917, to associate himself with the Erie Business College.

This institution, so much of whose recent development has been traceable to the work and thought of Mr. McGeary, has an interesting history dating back to its founding, in 1884, as Clark's College. It was without any doubt the pioneer business college in this part of the State, starting its existence when Erie had a population of only twenty-nine thousand people. The founder, H. C. Clark, continued in charge until he was succeeded by Amos C. Cassell in 1909. Bert L. Stringer was president of the institution, which was known as the Erie Business College after the turn of the century, from 1915 to 1923, when Mr. McGeary came. In 1920 the Erie Business College purchased the Davis Business & Short-hand School, which W. C. Davis had founded in 1898. Since that time the Erie Business College has carried on a continuous program of expansion, aiming in every way to meet the needs of students and young people trying to prepare themselves to go out significantly into the world of business and industry and perform useful and needed tasks.

Mr. McGeary, who deserves large credit in recent years for the upbuilding and growth of the school, is deeply interested in civic and social affairs in Erie. He is a Republican in politics, a past vice-president of the Family Service Society of Erie and a past president of the Erie Inter-Church Federation. He is active in the Church of the Covenant, a Presbyterian congregation, and was formerly a member and clerk of Sessions in the First United Presbyterian Church. Formerly Mr. McGeary was active in the Rotary Club of Erie. He enjoys the out-of-doors and healthful outdoor recreations, being particularly fond of golf.

Charles Porter McGeary married, June 29, 1916, Chelsea A. Schenck, a native of New Kensington, Pennsylvania, daughter of Philip and Margaret (Dambaugh) Schenck, both of whom are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. McGeary became the parents of two children: 1. Charles Porter McGeary, Jr., born April 29, 1934. 2. Margaret Katherine McGeary, known among her many friends as "Peggy" McGeary, born April 30, 1937.





THEOPHILUS LOWRY WILSON—One of the senior members of the Clarion County bar, Theophilus Lowry Wilson has to his credit a distinguished professional record and many years of varied public service.

He was born in Clarion on April 7, 1875, son of Theophilus Strattan and Amanda (Lowry) Wilson, and was educated at Clarion State Normal School and Indiana University. Studying for the bar, he was admitted to practice and has since devoted himself to the responsibilities of his profession, although his private practice of law has not prevented him from giving his attention to many other interests.

Mr. Wilson early became active in public life and in the national election of 1908 was a Presidential elector from the 27th Congressional District of Pennsylvania. In July, 1912, he was appointed president judge of the 18th Judicial District of Pennsylvania and served on the bench until January, 1914. In 1921 he was elected to represent the 27th Congressional District in the proposed Pennsylvania Constitutional Convention, approximately half a century after his grandfather, Samuel Wilson, was similarly elected to the Pennsylvania Constitutional Convention of 1873. He has remained influential in Clarion affairs down through the years.

In addition to his purely professional connections, Mr. Wilson is a director of the Citizens Trust Company, the Lake Erie, Franklin & Clarion Railroad Company and the Glenray Lumber Company, of Alderson, West Virginia. He is a member of the Clarion County Bar Association, a life member of the Pennsylvania Forestry Association and a life member of the American Red Cross. During the Spanish-American War he served as corporal in Company D, 15th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and in 1899 was commissioned captain of Company D, 15th Regiment, Pennsylvania National Guard. He has made an extended study of the history of Clarion County and its institutions and is the author of the "One Hundred Year History of the First Presbyterian Church of Clarion," published in book form, "Roads and Highways of Clarion County," and other historical papers, including the "History of the Iron Industry in Clarion County," published in the "Western Pennsylvania Historical Magazine." Mr. Wilson is a member of the Pennsylvania Society of New York, the Wanango Country Club and the Pittsburgh Athletic Association. He is unmarried.

JUDGE CHARLES GILLETTE HUBBARD—

During the past eight years Charles Gillette Hubbard has served as judge of the Court of Common Pleas in McKean County. He has been a member of the bar of this county since 1906 and has risen to prominence both in his profession and in public life.

Judge Hubbard was born at Kane on March 21, 1883, son of William and Mary Hungerford (Gillette) Hubbard. After his preliminary education in the public schools, he entered the University of Michigan Law School to prepare for his chosen career and was graduated from this institution in 1906, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Upon his return to Pennsylvania, he was admitted to the McKean County bar and until 1934, when he was elevated to the bench, was engaged in the general practice of law at Kane. During this period he also served as district attorney of McKean County, from 1928 to 1934, and as a member of the Kane Borough School Board, from 1925 to 1927. In 1934 he entered upon his present duties as judge of the Court of Common Pleas and has since devoted himself to his judicial responsibilities.

Judge Hubbard is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, the Rotary Club and the Conopus Club at Smethport, where he makes his home. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the Methodist Church.

He married on June 22, 1911, Mabel Sill. Judge and Mrs. Hubbard have three children: 1. Mrs. Genevieve Nourse Quackenbush, who has one child, June Quackenbush. 2. Helen Jane. 3. Mary Gillette.

NANCY CLARISSA MORROW—There are few if any more esteemed women in Oil City, Venango County, Pennsylvania, than Nancy Clarissa Morrow. A retired educator, she continues her interest and activities in a wide variety of organizations and movements, is a writer, historian and authority on many subjects. She exemplifies certain advice once given by Carrie Jacobs Bond when she said: "It is my plea that you retain something of this childlike attitude, arising every morning to a fresh new world, filled with such a multitude of interesting things. Be ready every day for everything life has to offer. No matter where your talents may lie, be sure of this: that at the end of the long road you know that you have lived well and loved much; that you have made the world a better place, by a fine story, a new recipe, or the heartfelt gratitude of some whose life you have helped to mould. Every day should be a full one, each life an abundant one."

Nancy Clarissa Morrow was born at Dayton, Pennsylvania, December 23, 1866, daughter of Dr. John Wilson Morrow and his wife, the former Rebecca M. McFarland, both of whom are deceased. Her father was a physician and surgeon, the postmaster of the town and the coroner, who served as a corporal with the 5th Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery during the Civil War years, 1864-65. Her ancestry reaches back to Colonial times, and her forebears bore arms in the Revolutionary War.

Miss Morrow was encouraged to obtain a sound education and attended the Tionesta grammar and high

schools, and was graduated from the Indiana State Teachers College. She also was a student of Westminster College, Pennsylvania, and is a graduate from the Seattle Pacific College, State of Washington. Her general career was that of an educator and for many years she taught. Retirement has meant only a change of activities, or the giving of more time to interests held in abeyance. Her knowledge of history, American or foreign, medieval or ancient is broad, but she also has an acquaintance with the annals of northwest Pennsylvania that is recognized as authoritative. At the present time (1942) Nancy Clarissa Morrow is corresponding editor of the "Missionary Tidings," Winona Lake, Indiana, and for four years has been president of the Oil City District of the Women's Missionary Society. She is a member of the First F. Methodist Church of Oil City, although reared in the Presbyterian faith. Miss Morrow is a member of the Putnam-King Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution; member and recorder for nineteen years of the Chautauqua Circle, Daughters of the American Revolution; member of the Chautauqua Women's Club, Women's Christian Temperance Union, the Oil City Belles Lettres Club, the Pen Women's Club, founder and for sometime editor of Presbyterian "Mission Tidings," and for six years was corresponding secretary of the Clarion Presbyterian Society. In 1939 she was honored with the degree of Doctor of Literature by Grove City College.

ASHER R. JOHNSON—From the modest circumstances of his early life, Asher R. Johnson has risen to high position as a Pennsylvania leader. His wide business interests, extending beyond the borders of the Commonwealth, his many civic services, latterly centered at Bradford, and his influence in Democratic politics have all combined to bring him prominence.

Mr. Johnson was born in Damascus, Wayne County, on July 5, 1864. His formal education was limited to a few months in a primitive one-room school, located in an Elk County lumber town, where he spent part of his boyhood. At twelve, he went to work as a clerk in the Pennsylvania Railroad office at Daguscahonda, where an older brother of his was official station master. At sixteen he became a bookkeeper for a lumber contracting firm at Carrollton, New York, and at twenty served in the various capacities of clerk, baggage master, yard master and ticket seller for the Erie Railroad at Carrollton, then an important junction station.

At twenty-four, Mr. Johnson began work as a "roustabout" for a large wood-working concern and eventually rose to become general manager of eight establishments, located from Maine to West Virginia, and employing a thousand people. Following that experience he became prominent in many lines of business. He was secretary

and treasurer of the Blaisdell Machinery Company, builders of gas engines and air compressors. He became vice-president of two oil companies in Colombia, South America. He was president of five "casing-head" gasoline manufacturing companies in Pennsylvania. He was secretary, treasurer and part owner of a large lumber company in West Virginia. He was owner of a furniture company, a brush and broom factory, a vacuum sweeper company and a company manufacturing plate glass articles. He was half-owner of the two thousand-acre oil property of Henline & Johnson. He was a director in two banks.

The energy and capacities which marked his successful career have also distinguished his innumerable activities in civic and political life. In civic affairs, Mr. Johnson was president of the Bradford Chamber of Commerce on two occasions and was chairman of the Chamber's Public Affairs Committee for fifteen years. In 1921 he was chiefly responsible in securing Pullman service from the Erie Railroad for the benefit of Bradford residents and visitors traveling to or from New York. For ten years he was chairman of the Budget Committee of the Bradford Community Chest. From 1910 until 1931, when a serious illness slowed his efforts, he was active in every civic improvement. The last of these, on the larger scale which habitually marked his activities, was his service as chairman of the McKean County Housing Authority, working for a large, low-rent housing project under the Federal Authority in an effort to secure one hundred low-rent modern homes in Bradford. A Federal grant of \$400,000 for the project was secured, which, however, the City Council vetoed by a vote of three to two. This was in 1938 and 1939.

In politics, Mr. Johnson's record of active leadership covers more than forty years. In 1898 he was a delegate to the New York State Democratic Convention. In 1899 he was a candidate for Member of the Assembly from Cattaraugus County, New York. In 1912 he was elected a delegate to the Democratic National Convention from Pennsylvania to help nominate Woodrow Wilson for the Presidency. In that year he also represented Pennsylvania in the Notification Ceremonies for the candidates. Mr. Johnson also participated in the successful fight to reorganize the Democratic party under the leadership of A. Mitchell Palmer and Vance McCormick, and became an active leader of his party from that time forward. He was Democratic county chairman for two terms. He was a member of the Democratic State Committee for three terms. He was a principal speaker in every campaign during the days of political "spell-binding" from 1896 onward and has enjoyed the personal friendship of many of the prominent leaders of the Democratic party, State and national, down to the present day. In the campaign of 1924 he engaged in a



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notable public debate in Olean, New York, with Oswald Garrison Villard, of New York City, then editor of "The New Nation." He was a prominent public speaker in all nearby communities, and also in Rochester, Buffalo, Erie, Niagara Falls, Toronto and Hamilton and Welling, Ontario. Throughout the period of the First World War, he was in constant demand at patriotic rallies, had charge of the speakers' bureau at Bradford and was appointed by the Department of Labor to speak in industrial war work plants. In 1918 he was selected as candidate for Secretary of Internal Affairs.

The severe illness which Mr. Johnson suffered in 1931 seriously impaired his physical abilities, but did not lessen his civic and political activities. Despite his illness, he became active as a columnist and commentator for numerous Democratic and independent weekly newspapers. In 1935 he was appointed by Governor Earle as a member of his advisory committee to study the State Constitution. In 1936 he was appointed alternate-at-large to the Democratic National Convention, a complimentary honor, since he was physically unable to attend. In March, 1936, he was appointed acting postmaster of the city of Bradford and served until August, 1940, when a newly-enacted law made him ineligible. In 1936 he received the public thanks of the Bradford City Council for civic service.

Mr. Johnson is also an honorary member of the Bradford Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce. With his other interests he has been active in Rotary and in 1936 wrote an allegorical sketch for the Bradford Rotary Club, which was adopted by Rotary International for widespread use in Rotary. A devoted citizen of Bradford, he wrote, in 1940, a radio drama depicting the history of "Bradford Through the Years," a panorama consisting of thirteen thirty-minute episodes broadcast each week by Radio Station WHDL, employing approximately one hundred actors drilled by a dramatic instructor. His varied activities reflect his versatile talents, and the constructive value of his efforts in many fields indicates the vision, the energy and gift for leadership which he has brought to his career.

WILLIAM A. BAIRD—Proprietor of the Riverside Hotel, one of America's most famous hostelries, and situated in the most beautiful section of northwestern Pennsylvania, William A. Baird, of Cambridge Springs, is not only an outstanding leader of the city's business and civic interests, but has gained national prominence as an active member of the Republican party, particularly during the past decade, when he has held various State and county offices.

William A. Baird was born March 28, 1877, in Kentucky, the son of William and Elizabeth J. (Smith) Baird. William Baird, who was senior member of the

celebrated contracting firm of Baird Brothers, Pittsburgh, won wide recognition through his company's construction of many public buildings and such great bridges as the railroad bridge across the Hudson River at Poughkeepsie, New York. In his later years Mr. Baird became the owner of the Riverside Hotel at Cambridge Springs, and its associated properties, devoting himself enthusiastically to the development of the institution until his death in 1921.

Due to his father's professional activities which entailed frequent changes of residence, the education of William A. Baird was more or less broken in upon. He attended Leslie Academy at Poughkeepsie, the River-view Military Academy, the Park Institute of Pittsburgh and East Liberty Academy, concluding his formal training at Iron City College. In 1901 William A. Baird joined his father in the operation of the Riverside Hotel, becoming its manager only a year later when William Baird retired from active direction of the property, and taking over the complete responsibilities in 1921 upon his father's death. Under William A. Baird's direction, the hotel has become nationally celebrated as offering its guests one of the best golf courses in the world. The course, as originally planned by Herbert Lagerblade, was to have no superior anywhere and to this policy William A. Baird has adhered. Professionals describe it as being a splendid example of the scientific development of everything a course should be. Full advantage has been taken of the natural beauty of the site and the holes have been arranged so that, while difficult enough for the most accomplished players, they can yet be enjoyed by ordinary amateurs who play for pleasure alone. An example of the high calibre of the Riverside course is its greens. As soft as velvet and yet as springy as if they were floating on rubber, no pains have been spared to make the grass the very best that may be found. To make this possible, the property maintains a test garden in which various grasses are grown in order that the greens, fairways and tees may be given the benefit of any new development of the art of horticulture. The Riverside course not only attracts golfers from most sections of America, but is frequently given over to tournament play, the northwestern Pennsylvania annual championship contest being an established fixture.

In addition to his duties at Riverside, Mr. Baird has given most generously of his time and talents to civic and political affairs, being one of the leading members of the Pennsylvania organization of the Republican party. Never seeking public office for himself, he has nevertheless been frequently called upon to direct various matters of public business, beginning in 1906 with seven years of service as a member of the Cambridge Springs City Council. From time to time various other duties have devolved upon him, his present posts including member-

ship on the Pennsylvania State Council of Employment and Unemployment Compensation, presidency of the Crawford County Highway Commission, and membership on the State Republican Finance Committee of the State of Pennsylvania. He is always on call when the interests of the Republican party require his services. In 1928 he was a delegate to the National Convention at Kansas City and, in 1940, a member of the Governor's Committee at the National Convention at Philadelphia. Local conditions have always had first call upon Mr. Baird's time and he has held various offices in the city's business life, the Cambridge Springs First National Bank being of primary importance. He was chairman of the bank's board from 1928 through 1940 and also served as a vice-president and director of the institution, becoming president in 1940. During the World War he was very active in various local organizations, serving on committees for the Red Cross drives and being a member of the Committee for National Defense. Keenly devoted to all sports, Mr. Baird, at the age of seventeen was one of the organizers of the Pittsburgh Athletic Club's hockey team, of which he became captain, and when eighteen was made a member of the club's board of governors. Other organizations to which he belongs, as well as being a member of the First Presbyterian Church, include the Pittsburgh Club, the Atlantic Association and the Kalkwa Club of Erie.

On March 18, 1904, William A. Baird married Jeanette Riggs, daughter of Dr. W. J. and Abrilla (Dawson) Riggs.

ALBERT GEORGE BREHM—Albert George Brehm, secretary, treasurer and assistant manager of the Daily Press Publishing Company at St. Marys and a well-known authority on the history of the area, was born at St. Marys on July 28, 1877. He is a son of Andrew and Margaret (Weigel) Brehm, both now deceased. His father was a building contractor and for sixteen years school director of Benzinger Township, Elk County.

Albert George Brehm was educated in the Benzinger Township (St. Marys) public schools, which he attended for seven terms of six months each, and privately through his own wide reading and study. He began his active career as a carpenter, a trade which he learned under his father and which he followed from 1891 to 1900. Afterward he was a store clerk until 1903 and again a carpenter until July 5, 1907, when he entered the Federal postal service as clerk in the St. Marys Post Office. This connection he continued for almost twenty years. On August 25, 1926, he resigned and, until July 31, 1928, was engaged in the restaurant business, after which on August 1, 1928, he entered the service of the Gazette Publishing Company of St. Marys as office manager.

On June 1, 1935, when the "Gazette" was merged with the "Daily Press," Mr. Brehm joined the latter organization and since that time has been secretary and treasurer of the Daily Press Publishing Company, as well as assistant manager.

Mr. Brehm's connection with Elk County publishing long preceded his formal association with the "Gazette" and the "Daily Press." For a quarter of a century, at intervals, he has written for local newspapers on local history, a subject to which he has given extended study. His scholarship in this field is acknowledged, and his "History of Elk County," unpublished as yet in book form, appeared serially in the "Elk County Gazette" over a period of five years. Mr. Brehm was also publisher of the St. Marys City Directory for twelve years and was editor and co-publisher of "Who's Who in Elk County," which appeared in 1932. He is a member of the Cameron County Historical Society and was formerly secretary of Summit Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, and also of the county grange. A Republican in politics, he has served since 1936 as justice of the peace. Mr. Brehm is a member of the Roman Catholic Church. He is fond of fishing and travel, and these diversions, along with his historical research, have been his hobbies.

On June 5, 1901, Mr. Brehm married (first) Matilda Berndl, daughter of Mathias and Anne (Rosenhoffer) Berndl. He married (second), on September 15, 1926, Clara L. Sarginger, daughter of Robert and Martha (Roedl) Sarginger. By his first marriage he became the father of the following children: Carl Albert, born April 25, 1902, now a resident of Akron, Ohio, married, but having no issue; Bertram G., born January 11, 1905, residing in Mayfield Heights, Ohio, married, with two children; Bernard M., born July 23, 1906, a resident of Warren, Ohio, married, with two children; Harold A., of Cleveland, Ohio, married, and the father of one child; Eleanor, married N. F. Lamson, of Cleveland, died March 29, 1941, leaving two children; Theodore J., born October 13, 1911, a resident of Pittsburgh, married, with one child; Margaret, born June 11, 1913, married H. F. O'Hern, of St. Marys, and has two children; and two other children who died in infancy.

D. DALLAS DITTY—The present interests of D. Dallas Ditty are divided between the practice of law, which he established at Knox in 1932, and his various business connections, notably in real estate in this area. He is a prominent figure in the life of Knox and a well-known member of the Clarion County bar.

Mr. Ditty was born at Summerville, Pennsylvania, on June 24, 1905, son of Charles W. and Effie M. (Smith) Ditty. His father, a farmer, comes of English stock. His mother, a descendant of French-Huguenot settlers who early came to this country, is organizer and Past

Regent of the Summerville Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

D. Dallas Ditty received his preliminary education in the public schools of Summerville, where he completed the high school course in 1921 and, in 1923, was graduated from Clarion State Normal School. During the following two years he served as principal of McCalmont High School, after which he began the study of law at Dickinson Law School, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1929. He commenced the practice of law in Alabama after his admission to the bar of that State in 1929, and for three years maintained offices at Decatur, Alabama. In 1932, however, he returned to Pennsylvania, was admitted to the bar of the Commonwealth on April 12, 1932, and launched the practice at Knox which he has since successfully continued. As an attorney, Mr. Ditty has represented a number of leading interests in this section and at present serves as solicitor of the borough of Knox. He is a director of the Clarion County Thrift Plan and for a number of years, in addition to his professional interests, has carried on an extensive business in local real estate. In this connection he has erected a considerable number of houses on property he has acquired for sale to home owners of the community.

Mr. Ditty has also found time to be active in civic affairs and is prominent in Republican politics, having served from 1934 to 1936 as chairman of the Clarion County Republican Committee. He is a member of the Clarion County Bar Association and of the Methodist Church.

On December 31, 1931, at Huntsville, Alabama, Mr. Ditty married Ethel G. Getty, of Summerville, Pennsylvania. She has served since 1934 as justice of the peace at Knox and is active in the Junior Civic Club and the Order of the Eastern Star. Mr. and Mrs. Ditty have one daughter, Dona Dee, born December 5, 1932.

DENISON WADSWORTH GRANT—With the petroleum industry in northwestern Pennsylvania the name of Grant has been conspicuous over the larger part of the long period that oil wells have been producing in this region. Of the second generation, Denison Wadsworth Grant, of Franklin, Venango County, is one of the widely recognized leaders in this business and in many phases of city, State and national organizations and affairs. However fortunate in inheritance, he has been the sole architect of his career, and is an excellent example of the dictum that no matter how great one's initial advantages, these furnish no surety of success. It frequently is more difficult to carry on the enterprises of others than to initiate one's own. Mr. Grant learned oil production as a roustabout in the field and went on to win his place as the executive of a half dozen and more

petroleum companies. He enlisted in the First World War as a private and soon was wearing a sergeant's chevrons. Within less than a year he had been promoted to a first lieutenantcy and was carrying out a most important assignment. He is very much the clubman, member of business, social, sports and ancestral organizations.

Mr. Grant is a native of Franklin, Pennsylvania, born August 21, 1890, son of Joseph Wadsworth and Myra (Fay) Grant. His father, an oil and natural gas producer, was the president and manager of the Franklin Pipe Company, Franklin, Venango County; president of the Franklin Natural Gas Company, which is now a unit of the National Fuel Gas Company, and the owner of many oil leases. He was a veteran of the War Between the States and became identified with northwestern Pennsylvania's petroleum production in the early years of its history.

Denison Wadsworth Grant was educated in the Franklin grade and high schools; the Barnard School for Boys, New York City; the Harvard Military School, Los Angeles, California; Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire; and the Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, New York. Later he was a student at the Curtis Flying School, at Buffalo, New York. During summer vacations, from 1909 to 1912, he was a roustabout on the J. W. Grant heavy Franklin crude producing leases. From 1913 to 1916, he was accountant and apprentice under Frank Steele in the Paragon Refining Company, Toledo, Ohio. Then followed something more than a year as treasurer of the Foco Oil Company, of Franklin. But the entrance of the United States into the First World War was an immediate prospect, and Mr. Grant enlisted in the regular United States Army, and was assigned, with the rank of sergeant, to the Aviation Oil Department in the Castor Oil Division. On January 15, 1918, he received a commission as first lieutenant in the Air Service, and was ordered to the Bureau of Aircraft Production, Castor Oil Section, Materials Department. It may be explained to the uninitiated that castor oil was at that time (1918) a vital element in the lubrication of airplane engines, especially those flying very high, because of its stable qualities under low temperatures.

Upon his honorable discharge from the United States military service, Denison Wadsworth Grant returned to his native city, and from 1919 to 1920 was vice-president of the Foco Oil Company, at Franklin. From 1920 to 1925 he was president of the Foco company, and from 1925 to 1927 was general manager of the Franklin Creek Refining Corporation. From 1927 to 1938 he was assistant to the president of The Pennzoil Company, Oil City, Venango County, and from 1938 to the date of this writing has been vice-president of The Pennzoil Com-

pany. Some of these official activities were concurrent, and it should be added that Mr. Grant is also manager of the Grant & Grant, Franklin Heavy Crude Production; manager of the Grant Heirs, Franklin Heavy Crude Production; a director of The Franklin Pipe Company, and assistant treasurer of the Venango Development Corporation, all of Franklin, Pennsylvania. He was instrumental in the forming of the Venango Development Corporation, a company pioneering in horizontal drilling from the bottom of the shafts in the Pennsylvania oil sand. From the aforesaid it is, of course, clear that Mr. Grant is more than a local figure in the petroleum industry, however important this might be. He is a member of the Twenty-five Year Club of this industry. How modern he is in the use of transportation is illustrated by his being a member of the United Air Line 100,000 Mile Club. He belongs to the Pennsylvania Society and the Mayflower Society, both of New York City, and is a member of the Franklin Club of Franklin, and the Wanango Country Club at Reno, Pennsylvania.

WALTER DeWITT HERVEY—During the greater part of his career, Walter DeWitt Hervey has been associated with the Pennsylvania oil industry. Since 1925 his activities have centered at Bradford, where he is connected with the Kennedy interests and with various Bradford community institutions.

Mr. Hervey was born at Hillsville, Lawrence County, on September 8, 1883, son of Samuel McCune and Annie Elizabeth (Davis) Hervey. His father, a contractor and insurance man, served for several years as mayor of Rochester, Pennsylvania, and as a justice of the peace.

Walter D. Hervey spent his boyhood at Rochester, attending the local public schools. After completing the high school course, he studied at Beaver Business College in Beaver, and began work with the Rochester Tumbler Works, Rochester, Pennsylvania, then the largest glass manufacturing enterprise of its kind in the world. Since he left that company, Mr. Hervey has been engaged in the oil business. He was, first, assistant secretary and treasurer of the Hazelwood Oil Company at Pittsburgh, resigning to come to Bradford in 1925, when he joined the Kennedy oil interests. This connection he still continues. Meanwhile, for a number of years, he had independent oil interests as a partner in the Herbel Company, which was eventually sold to other owners. Also, for a number of years, 1930 to 1936, he was vice-president of the Lewis Run Manufacturing Company, engaged in the production of acetate of lime, charcoal and methanol.

Mr. Hervey has been a lifelong Republican in politics and while residing in Rochester served two terms as councilman. He is active fraternally in the Free and

Accepted Masons, in which he is affiliated with all higher bodies of both York and Scottish Rites and holds office in the Bradford Commandery of the Knights Templar. At Bradford, where he has become a familiar figure in the city's life, he is also a member of the Bradford Club and the Pennhills Club. With his family he is a member of the First Baptist Church in this city.

On March 8, 1906, at Steubenville, Ohio, Mr. Hervey married Besse Eleanor Meade, daughter of Daniel Eldridge and Mary Ann (Blair) Meade. They are the parents of three children: Kathryn E., born December 12, 1906; Mary Anna, born September 21, 1911; and Nell Meade, born April 6, 1921.

HAROLD L. CARTER—Extensively engaged in business in Eldred and Duke Center, Harold L. Carter operates a grocery business in Duke Center and is a director of explosives companies in Eldred.

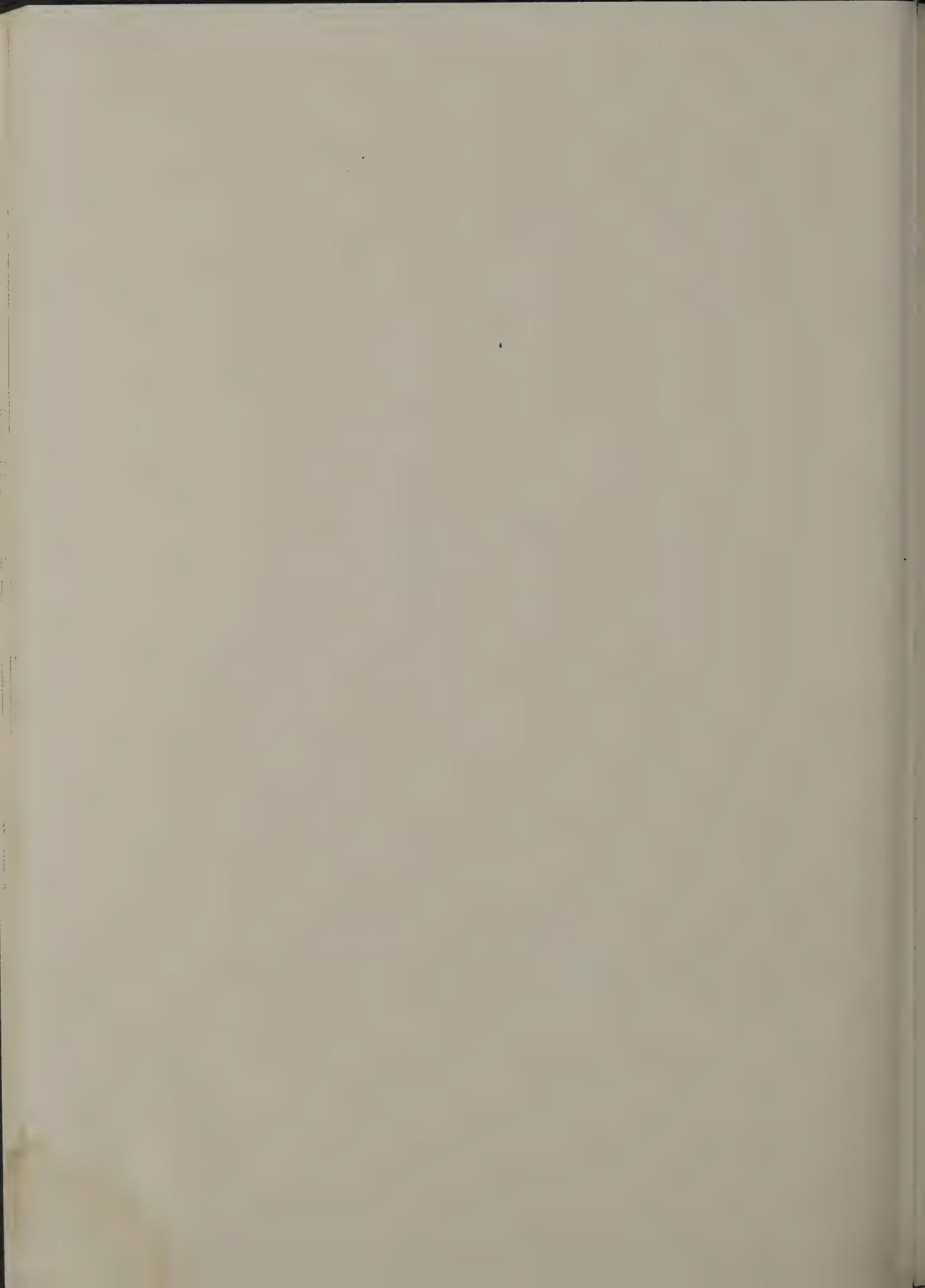
Mr. Carter was born November 26, 1897, in Jamestown, New York, son of George Gardner and Hattie (Ames) Carter. His father, who is now deceased, came from Warren County, Pennsylvania, and the family removed again to that county not long after the birth of Harold L. Carter in New York State. The father was engaged in farming. The mother was a Minnesota woman.

Warren County schools provided Harold L. Carter's early formal education, and he was graduated in 1917 from the State Normal School at Edinboro. In the academic year 1917-18 he taught school. Then, turning his attention to business affairs, he entered the employ of William F. Grow (*q. v.*), the two men becoming engaged in the grocery business in Duke Center. In 1930 Mr. Carter bought an interest in the store, which was given the name of Grow & Carter at that time and which so continued for ten years. On September 1, 1940, Mr. Carter bought Mr. Grow's interest in the business and became its sole proprietor, remaining as such today. He has been a director of the Otto Torpedo Company since 1927, and is also a director of the National Powder Company.

Prominent for many years in community affairs, Mr. Carter is a Republican in politics, and has rendered valuable service as a justice of the peace, though he no longer acts in this capacity. During the World War he was a member of the Students' Army Training Corps. He belongs to the Eldred Men's Club, the Federation of Church Men of Bradford, and the Presbyterian Men's Club of Olean. In the Free and Accepted Masons he is a Past Master of Northern Star Lodge and is affiliated with Coudersport Consistory of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He is a member of the Methodist Church.



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On March 4, 1930, Harold L. Carter married Anna May Pogson, of Bradford, Pennsylvania. They became the parents of four children, all of them students in local schools—Louise, Mary, Harold and Lillian Carter.

HERBERT A. MOORE—As a lawyer, as a leading figure in the civic and community life of Du Bois, and as an authority on local history, Herbert A. Moore has distinguished himself among his fellow-citizens. He served for two terms as mayor of Du Bois, and in that capacity did much for the furtherance of worth while movements designed to better the community and district.

Mr. Moore was born January 22, 1869, in Luthersburg, Pennsylvania, son of Reuben H. and Henrietta (Barrett) Moore, of Center County, both now deceased. Reuben H. Moore was only three years old when he came to Clearfield County from Center County, where he was born March 7, 1831; he was long a successful merchant and banker, serving for a quarter of a century as president of the Deposit National Bank. The mother, Mrs. Henrietta (Barrett) Moore, was a sister of the Hon. George R. Barrett, a Clearfield County judge.

Herbert A. Moore attended Luthersburg schools and was graduated from Chamberlain Institute, at Randolph, New York. He studied law in the office of the Hon. William P. Jenks, general counsel for the extensive Du Bois interests, and with A. L. Cole. Admitted to the bar of Clearfield County on February 3, 1891, Mr. Moore carried on a private practice of law until he formed a partnership with A. L. Cole in 1896. That relationship continued until 1902, when Mr. Moore once more turned to an independent practice. He has practiced alone down to the time of writing, and is a member of the Clearfield County Bar Association and the Pennsylvania State Bar Association.

Adding civic work to his professional activities, Mr. Moore has concerned himself somewhat with politics and community affairs. As mayor of Du Bois for two terms, he earned the respect of his constituents and of the people of neighboring communities. His knowledge of Du Bois goes far back beyond any present limits, however, for Mr. Moore is a deep student of local history. Delving into original sources in making his studies, he has much valuable material furnished by a George C. Kirk, an old-time surveyor of the community, who lived to be within only four months of one hundred years old.

Mr. Moore's opinions are respected and sought in Du Bois, where he has been able to do much for his fellow-citizens in a variety of ways. He is active in the Kiwanis Club and is a past president of both the local club and lieutenant-governor of the division. He served for two terms as a governor of Pennsylvania Kiwanis District and was for two terms an international trustee. In the Free

and Accepted Masons, Mr. Moore is a Past Master of Garfield Lodge, in Du Bois, and is affiliated with Royal Arch Chapter, a Past Eminent Commander of Knights Templar, Williamsport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and Zem Zem Temple (Erie), Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. During the 1917-18 World War period he was head of the local Red Cross and Liberty Loan campaigns in Du Bois and served as a four-minute man. Mr. Moore belongs to the Presbyterian Church.

Herbert A. Moore married Eva L. Brown, of Beverly, Ohio, daughter of Captain David T. Brown. Mrs. Moore is an accomplished organist and violinist, holding a degree of Bachelor of Music from Earlham College, and she has for years taken an active rôle in Du Bois musical affairs, as well as official rôles in local and State organizations of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Daughters of 1812. Mr. and Mrs. Moore became the parents of the following children: 1. Willard Brown Moore, graduated from Du Bois schools and Haverford College, spent two years in France with the United States Army during the World War period of 1917-18, now engaged in the insurance business in Merchantville, New Jersey; he married Constance Wallace, of Philadelphia, and they became the parents of Charles Wallace Moore. 2. Ruth H. Moore, graduated from local schools and Goucher College, where she took her degree of Bachelor of Arts, took postgraduate work at Columbia University, New York City, was married to Joseph Henderson Van Tassel, of Du Bois; she died in 1933, leaving one child, Joseph Henderson Van Tassel, Jr., who is being reared by his grandparents, the Moores. 3. Grace E. Moore, graduated from Goucher College and Carnegie Institute of Technology, now secretary to the headmaster of Haverford School, Haverford, Pennsylvania.

THOMAS C. MORGAN—Proprietor of the Bartlett Hotel, one of the famous hostleries of northwestern Pennsylvania, Thomas C. Morgan, of Cambridge Springs, Crawford County, is one of the city's most active citizens, taking part in civic and business affairs and also finding an opportunity to devote himself to his favorite recreation, golf.

Born September 13, 1870, at Fayette County, Pennsylvania, Thomas C. Morgan is the son of James and Harriet (Patterson) Morgan. James Morgan, who passed away in 1929, was a shoe merchant who, during the Civil War, served three years in the service of the Union, and was taken prisoner and confined in Libby Prison.

After passing through the public schools, Thomas C. Morgan began his career as a merchant in Pittsburgh. In 1903 he came to Cambridge Springs and purchased

the Bartlett Hotel, a famous property noted both for its present hospitality and for having entertained many famous personages in its long history. The Bartlett Hotel began as the McFadden House, being built by John McFadden. Other proprietors included John Bonner, J. C. Close and Lon Haggerty, who operated it in partnership with A. L. White. The old frame structure, one of the finest in Pennsylvania in its day, was destroyed by the great fire which swept through Cambridge Springs April 1, 1897, destroying the business section along Main Street, from the railroad through to Spring Street. Following the fire, the present large brick structure was reared, including the quarters of the Chamber of Commerce. B. F. Bartlett purchased the hotel shortly after its construction and gave it the present name of the Bartlett Hotel. A. O. Paul held the property under lease for several years, until 1903, when Thomas C. Morgan took charge.

Deeply interested in all civic affairs, Mr. Morgan has been a president of the Cambridge Springs School Board and was formerly vice-president of the First National Bank of Cambridge Springs and president of the Cambridge Springs Chamber of Commerce, and has given freely of his time to all civic enterprises. A member of the Cambridge Springs Rotary Club, and belonging to the Methodist Church, he is also very active as a mason, holding thirty-second degree rank and including in his membership such bodies as the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Thomas C. Morgan married, in 1898, Ora Bartlett, daughter of B. F. Bartlett. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan are the parents of a daughter, Helen, born at Pittsburgh. Helen Morgan married Paul Clark, an attorney of Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Clark are the parents of a son, Thompson Clark, born in 1928.

ALBERT OLIN DOFFORT—Broad experience in manufacturing and business affairs has well equipped Albert Olin Doffort for his service as controller of all divisions of the Robinson Industries, Inc. He carries on his work from Franklin, his place of residence, which is the headquarters of one of the important Robinson subsidiaries, the Plastics Division, organized in 1940 as a result of the rapid development and wide present use of plastics. (The Robinson organization, centered in Saegertown, produces insecticides and plastics and does plastic die casting.)

Mr. Doffort, who is secretary and controller of the great Robinson organization, was born August 11, 1894, in Keyser, West Virginia, son of John George and Betty Sophia (Boyer) Doffort. His father was for years a railroad worker until his retirement.

Albert Olin Doffort attended Ohio schools and afterward the Carnegie Institute of Technology, in Pittsburgh, and also studied at the Westinghouse Night School and Northwestern University, as well as correspondence courses through the extension department of Columbia University, New York, and La Salle University, Chicago. His first work was with the Bessemer Railroad, and later he was associated with the Bessemer Hotel, in North Bessemer. In 1916 he became connected with the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company in East Pittsburgh, serving in the production department for two years until, in 1918, he joined the United States Army as a first-class private. He was stationed at Camp Sherman in the supply and police division, and later was sent overseas. Upon returning to this country, he was employed by the Ernst & Ernst Company, in Chicago, as a public accountant in charge of the organization's drafting and research department.

In 1924 Mr. Doffort became connected with the G. B. Lewis Company as director of credits in Watertown, Wisconsin. In 1926 he spent a year with Pete Marwick Mitchell Company, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and from 1927 to 1930 he was director of credit and production with the Western Metal Specialty Company, also of Milwaukee. In 1932 and 1933 Mr. Doffort was with the Remington Rand Company business service in Milwaukee, serving in the accounting and surveying department of the accounting machine division. He became, in 1934 and 1935, chief auditor of the Erie Railways, at Erie.

It was in 1934 that Mr. Doffort was made controller of all divisions of the Baldwin Laboratories, whose headquarters were, as indicated above, in Saegertown. The corporation name was changed to Robinson Industries, Inc., October 1, 1941. A subsidiary plant was built in Franklin to specialize in plastics in 1940, opening the Plastics Division for business in 1940, to be managed by William S. Perry (*q. v.*). Mr. Doffort has figured prominently in the affairs of both the parent organization and the Franklin subsidiary, and he holds a position of leadership in industrial and trade circles through memberships in such organizations as the National Association of Cost Accountants, the National Association of Credit Managers and the American Management Association. He belongs also to the Franklin Kiwanis Club.

He is a Republican in politics, though he casts his vote always on an independent basis, making his judgments of candidates and measures on their merit, as he views them. He belongs also to the American Legion Post in his home community. In spare time he enjoys such recreations as gardening and photography. He is justly proud of his achievement in the business world, his long and steady rise to a place of leadership from the time when he had to work to finance his own education down

to his present situation in the Robinson Industries, Inc., organization.

Albert Olin Doffort married, April 5, 1924, in Chicago, Illinois, Margaretta Paff. They adopted a daughter, Virginia, who was born July 1, 1920.

ROGER L. CHRISTIAN—General manager and executive officer of the Drafto Company of Cochran, Crawford County, northwestern Pennsylvania, Roger L. Christian is not only widely known and respected in his community of Cochran as an executive and manufacturer, but he is equally prominent in Bridgeport, Connecticut, where for years he was associated with several large industrial corporations.

Roger L. Christian was born at Bridgeport, Connecticut, July 14, 1909, a son of Alton P. and Bertha E. (Lounsbury) Christian. Alton P. Christian is prominent in Bridgeport, where he is associated with the Singer Manufacturing Company of that city.

After passing through the public schools of Milford, Connecticut, and graduating from the Milford High School, Roger L. Christian, who began his technical education by attending night school, entered the State Engineering School at Bridgeport, Connecticut, graduating in 1926. Mr. Christian's first employment was with the Singer Manufacturing Company of Bridgeport, where he worked in the mechanical drawing section of the plant's engineering department until 1929. Then, after a year of association with the Ashcroft Company of Bridgeport, he became the chief tool engineer and assistant master mechanic for the Consolidated Ashcroft-Hancock Corporation of Bridgeport. He retained this position until 1936, when he moved to Greensburg, Pennsylvania, to accept a post as tool supervisor for the Wallworth Company of that city. Four years later, in 1940, Mr. Christian resigned from his post to establish himself in Cochran, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, where, having purchased a third interest in the Drafto Company, he became the general manager and executive officer of the corporation, his partners being W. J. Greenleaf and Lewis Skeel, both of whom are residents of Meadville, Crawford County. The Drafto Company was organized in 1932 by Mr. Greenleaf and Mr. Skeel, in the basement shop of Mr. Skeel's Meadville residence. In 1935 business had prospered so considerably that they built themselves their present plant at Cochran, a factory which covers some four thousand feet of floor space and which has a payroll averaging fifty employees. The Drafto Company was originally established to manufacture portable drawing machines, but since Roger L. Christian has joined the partnership the company has added jobbing to its list of products and is now engaged not only in producing its original machines for drawing, but is also manufacturing many of the smaller parts used in aircraft

production. The Drafto Company has enjoyed a remarkable development and has won an international market for its product as well as serving domestic firms in most sections of the United States. The building and the development of the Drafto Company has been of considerable value to Cochran and the company and Mr. Christian are generally admired by the citizens of the community. A member of the Republican party, Mr. Christian, although keenly interested in civic problems, takes no active part in political life, choosing to devote his energy to his business. He belongs to the International Order of Moose and worships at the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Cochran. He enjoys his devotion to amateur photography and stamp collecting as a means of recreation from the responsibilities of his business duties.

EDWARD W. COLEY—Postmaster of Cochran, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, Edward W. Coley is not only one of the leading citizens of his community, being active in civic affairs, but he is also widely known among business men as a former merchant and among manufacturers and industrialists as a former representative of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company and the United States Steel Corporation.

Edward W. Coley was born at Cochran, Pennsylvania, on April 12, 1882, a son of James and Jennie (Patton) Coley. James Coley, who was born and raised in Cochran, was one of the most prominent citizens of his generation in the community, owning and operating a general store for a period of sixty-eight years and taking a most active part in the city's management, serving for many years as a member of the Cochran City Council and being largely instrumental in the development of the city during the past sixty years.

After graduating from the primary schools of Cochran and the Cochran High School, Edward W. Coley planned a career in business, and prepared himself by attending the Eastman College of Business at Poughkeepsie, New York. After graduating from business college, he joined the Youngstown, Ohio, staff of the United States Steel Corporation as superintendent of shipping, a position which he retained for seven years, resigning to return home to Cochran, where he joined his father in general merchandising. In 1917, when James Coley passed away, the business was continued as an estate with Edward W. Coley as executor and general manager, an arrangement which continued until 1926, when the estate was settled and the business sold outright. In 1927, Mr. Coley became the outside director of the chemical division of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, an employment which he followed until 1933. In that year he was appointed postmaster of Cochran, an office which he has retained through the present time

and now holds under civil service regulations. An active member of the Democratic party, Mr. Coley gives generously of his time and abilities to the public business, supporting all worthy organizations and enterprises. He is particularly concerned with municipal government, having already served two terms as a member of the Cochranton City Council. He attends the United Presbyterian Church of Cochranton. Mr. Coley finds great delight in being a baseball fan, having as a younger man been a catcher in semi-professional baseball. He supports his office by membership in the National Postmasters Association, the Pennsylvania State Postmasters Association and the Crawford County Postmasters Association.

Edward W. Coley married, in 1905, at Cochranton, Nellie Whiting, who passed away several years ago. In 1920, Mr. Coley married (second) Margaret E. Ott. By his first marriage Mr. Coley became the father of a daughter, Phyllis, who is now the wife of Melvin Dangel, an attorney, of Boston, Massachusetts. Mrs. Dangel is the mother of a son, James Coley Dangel, who was born in February, 1939.

CLAIRE C. CRAWFORD—Widely known in Oil City's business and civic life, Claire C. Crawford is engaged in the undertaking and embalming business here.

Mr. Crawford was born August 26, 1890, in Pioneer, Pennsylvania, son of Robert W. and Erie (Hogg) Crawford. His great-grandfather, Colonel John Crawford, came from Ayrshire, Scotland, and settled in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The grandfather, Robert Crawford, was born in Lancaster County and died in Petroleum Center. He owned and operated an iron furnace and foundry at Brady's Bend, Pennsylvania, the birthplace of his wife, Catherine (Linnebery) Crawford, who died also at Petroleum Center. Their son, Robert W. Crawford, Clare C. Crawford's father, was born near Emlenton, December 26, 1849, and died September 8, 1922, in Tionesta, Forest County, after a valuable career as an oil producer and stock raiser. He was a Republican in politics and a trustee of the Presbyterian Church. His wife, Erie (Hogg) Crawford, Claire C. Crawford's mother, was born August 9, 1850, in Mercer County, and died September 27, 1939, daughter of James and Ann (Nyamon) Hogg. Her father was born in Mercer County and died in Reno; a farmer all his life, he came to Venango County in 1859. Her mother was born in Sheakleyville and died in Plumer.

Claire C. Crawford attended district schools in Petroleum, Pennsylvania, and later was a student at Cincinnati Business College. He then went to Lincoln University, at Lincoln, Nebraska, where he spent a year, and subsequently he was in the telegraph service, serving in both

the railroad and commercial departments. For a time he was associated with the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad; later he spent two years with the Santa Fe Railway as telegraph operator and station agent; then performed the same kind of work with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for five years at Rockmere, near Oil City. For four years he was associated with the Oil Well Supply Company's auditing department.

Then came Mr. Crawford's entry into his present profession, for which he prepared himself at the Cincinnati College of Embalming. Graduated there in 1924, he took up the practice of his profession in Titusville and later in Oil City, until November, 1927, when he established his Oil City headquarters as a funeral director at No. 212 Elm Street. Two years later he removed to No. 15 Spring Street, where he remained until 1937. In that year he bought the Kern property, at the corner of Hoffman and Seeley avenues, and remodeled it to meet his business needs, and he continues his work here down to the time of writing. His equipment is up-to-date and complete, sufficient to take care of three funerals at the same time. His son, Harold Robert Crawford, is now associated in business with him, and they operate a quick and efficient ambulance service.

Also interesting himself in the affairs of his community, Claire C. Crawford is a Republican, active in the First Presbyterian Church and the Sunday school connected with it, and a leader in fraternal and social affairs. He belongs to Lodge No. 589, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias Lodge in Oil City, the Loyal Order of Moose, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and Lodge No. 78, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Mr. Crawford is also associated with the Lions Club, the Chamber of Commerce and the Young Men's Christian Association. Some years ago he organized and became the owner of the Crawford baseball team of Oil City, a team that was credited with twenty-seven winnings out of a total of thirty-five games. At the time of writing he has one of the best junior teams in the county.

Claire C. Crawford married, April 6, 1914, Irene E. McCosh, who was born in Chester, Pennsylvania, daughter of Thomas and Anna Grace McCosh. Her father lives retired in Chester, though her mother is now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Crawford became the parents of the following children: 1. Harold Robert Crawford, born February 28, 1915, graduated from Oil City High School in 1933 and from the Cincinnati College of Embalming in 1937. 2. Edith G. Crawford, born January 12, 1918, graduated from Oil City High School in 1936, graduated from the Calculating School, of Pittsburgh, in 1937, and associated since that time with the Oil Well Supply Company, in Oil City.



Ed Crawford



HORACE A. BROWN—In 1938, after fifteen years of prior experience in the same field, Horace A. Brown established his own general insurance agency at Punxsutawney, which he has since developed on an expanding scale. He is a leading business man and prominent citizen of this community.

Mr. Brown was born in Marion Center, Pennsylvania, on March 29, 1897, son of William S. and Mary Elizabeth (McGinity) Brown. His father, a farmer, operating a farm of 140 acres, has been very active in buying and selling cattle and is president and director of the Sheep Growers Association. He also served for many years as health officer and county auditor and is Past President of the Grange.

Horace A. Brown received a public school education at Marion Center and went from high school into the service of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad as station agent at Creek Side. Here he remained until the United States entered the World War, when he enlisted in the United States Army Field Artillery and was assigned to duty with Battalion C, 12th Regiment, in which he became sergeant. He was stationed at Camp Jackson, South Carolina, until after the Armistice. Following his honorable discharge from the service, Mr. Brown removed to Detroit, Michigan, in 1919, and for two years was employed there by the Ford Motor Company, learning the toolmaker's trade. This work, however, he found too confining and accordingly resigned. In 1924 he settled in Punxsutawney, where he became associated with the insurance firm of Kurtz & Hastings, spending fifteen years in that business. In 1938 he established his own agency in Punxsutawney, handling all types of insurance, including life insurance. In a relatively short period he has built up a flourishing agency, whose extended business he now directs.

Mr. Brown is also superintendent of the Army and Navy Club Building, a civic honor in this community. He is very active in all phases of Punxsutawney life, and in addition to his business connections is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Sportsman's Club and the Archery Club; past director of the Young Men's Christian Association; secretary and treasurer of the local post of the American Legion; charter member and member of the board of the Army and Navy Club; member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Mr. Brown is also affiliated with the "40 and 8" at Blairsville. He has been director and solicitor of the Jefferson-Clarion Motor Club for ten years and is a director at the present time of the National Association of Life Underwriters. He is fond of sports, particularly hunting and archery, which are his favorite recreations and principal hobbies, and is a member of the Presbyterian Church. In politics he is a Republican.

On September 11, 1920, at Detroit, Michigan, Horace A. Brown married Bernice Brady, daughter of Howard J. and Essie (Stutchell) Brady. Two children were born to them, both now deceased: William Howard Brown and Doris Jean Brown, who died in infancy.

JAMES G. BROWN—As treasurer and general manager of the Kurtz Coal, Lumber & Supply Company of Punxsutawney, James G. Brown continues the successful business career which he launched in this city immediately upon the completion of his education. He is a member of a well-known local family and one of the leaders among the young business men of the community.

Born at Cloe, Jefferson County, on May 21, 1905, Mr. Brown is a son of Peter Lott and Margaret (Grube) Brown. His father is now president of the Punxsutawney National Bank and is identified with several other corporations in executive capacities. He was born March 28, 1865, and married Margaret Grube, of Bell Township. Seven children were born to them: Nell, Ned L., Madeline, Kathryn, Martha, Louise, and James Grube.

James Grube Brown, of this record, received his general education at Augusta Military Academy, Elkins, West Virginia, and at Washington and Jefferson College. Subsequently he completed a business course at Pittsburgh Business College, following which he became connected with the Associated Gas & Electric Company. In 1935, however, he resigned to assume his present duties as treasurer of the Kurtz Coal, Lumber & Supply Company, whose operations he has since directed. It is an important local business which has gone steadily forward under his management.

Mr. Brown is also a director of this company and of the Mahoning Ice Cream Company of Punxsutawney. He is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and is a member of the Country Club of Punxsutawney. In politics he is a Democrat and in religious faith a Presbyterian. He is known to his fellow-townsmen as an energetic and progressive business man and as a good citizen genuinely interested in the advancement of the community and its institutions.

On November 24, 1924, at Cumberland, Maryland, Mr. Brown married Gertrude Miller. They are the parents of one daughter, Marilyn, born August 11, 1929, now a student in the public schools of Punxsutawney.

FLOYD NEWELL BIDWELL—Much of the present success of the Mahoning Ice Cream Company, a Punxsutawney industry, is due to the efforts of Floyd N. Bidwell, secretary and general manager of the company since 1933. He is an experienced executive, who came into general business after an earlier railroad career.

Born in Sullivan County, Pennsylvania, on April 1, 1891, Mr. Bidwell is a son of Benjamin Harrison Bidwell, a lumberman in Sullivan and Jefferson counties, who died in 1930, and Ida M. (Kipp) Bidwell. He received a public school education in Punxsutawney and went from high school into the service of the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railroad, working in the various departments of the line over a period of years. Eventually he attained the position of weighmaster and finally yardmaster of the Punxsutawney Division. Resigning his connection with the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railroad, he became superintendent of the Perry-Hills Coal Company in Punxsutawney and so continued until 1933. Since that time he has devoted his principal attention to his responsibilities as secretary and general manager of the Mahoning Ice Cream Company. This enterprise was originally organized in 1920 under the name of the Jefferson Ice Company and operated on that basis until 1924, when it was consolidated with two other ice cream factories. The present name was then adopted. The Mahoning Ice Cream Company manufactures seventy-five thousand gallons of superior ice cream annually and distributes its products throughout an area within a radius of fifty miles from Punxsutawney. Fifteen people are regularly employed. Mr. Bidwell, as general manager, has been largely responsible for the substantial expansion in business which the company has experienced since 1933. Associated with him in the management of the company are the following officers: J. D. Williams, president; Mrs. Anna Johnson, vice-president; and P. Lott Brown, treasurer.

Mr. Bidwell is also a director of his company. A Democrat in politics, he has never entered public life, but is interested in community affairs and plays his part in promoting the cause of civic progress. He is affiliated fraternally with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, is a member of the Punxsutawney Rotary Club and of the Presbyterian Church.

On April 21, 1916, Mr. Bidwell married Madeline Brown, daughter of Peter Lott and Margaret (Grube) Brown. They are the parents of four children: 1. Margaret Jean, a graduate of Allegheny College, who married Joseph M. Lukehart, the latter also associated with the Mahoning Ice Cream Company. They have one child, Lee Lukehart. 2. Peter Newell, formerly a student at New York University, now in the army. 3. David Brown, formerly a student in Punxsutawney High School and now also in the army. 4. Madeline, a student in Punxsutawney High School.

LELAND TALMADGE SHEFFER—The Knox community numbers among its most active business men Leland Talmadge Sheffer, Chevrolet dealer in this borough for twenty-five years.

He was born at Lamartine on January 9, 1896, son of John Henry and Ida Mae (Fye) Sheffer, his father an implement dealer for half a century. After the completion of his education with the high school course, he launched his active career, turning to the automobile industry, which then stood on the threshold of its greatest period of development. Mr. Sheffer secured the agency for Chevrolet motor cars in the Knox area and has devoted himself successfully to this business for a quarter of a century. He is president of the Edenburg Motor Company of Knox.

Mr. Sheffer is a stockholder in the Clarion County National Bank, in addition to his own business, and has been active in other phases of Knox life. He is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is a member of all higher bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including the Consistory, thirty-second degree. Mr. Sheffer has a record of military service dating from earlier years. He is a Democrat in politics and is a member of the Knox Community Club and the local Methodist Church.

On October 2, 1919, at Elderton, Pennsylvania, he married Kathleen Boyer Kahle, daughter of Dr. I. Dana Kahle and Margie R. (Boyer) Kahle. Mr. and Mrs. Sheffer have three children: Leahruth, born June 16, 1921; Goldie Naomi, an adopted daughter, born May 13, 1921; and Shyrlee Kathleen, born September 20, 1930.

THEODORE R. KOENIG, M. D.—During the past ten years Dr. Theodore R. Koenig has been engaged in the general practice of medicine at Knox, advancing rapidly in his profession and in the extent and diversity of his community service. He is past president of the Clarion County Medical Society.

Dr. Koenig was born in Edgewood (Pittsburgh) on February 21, 1906, son of Dr. Adolph and Mary Beatrice (Jeffcoat) Koenig. He comes of a family in which the tradition of medical service is well established. His father, who was born in Switzerland, was a physician in Pittsburgh for many years. Three of his sons have followed him in the profession of medicine and one son died while studying in medical school. Dr. Adolphus Koenig and Dr. Arthur Koenig, brothers of Dr. Theodore R. Koenig, are practicing physicians, both being located in Pittsburgh until recently, when Dr. Arthur Koenig left to serve in the army. The six girls in this family of ten children all live in northwestern Pennsylvania. The mother, Mary Beatrice (Jeffcoat) Koenig, was born in England.

Theodore R. Koenig received his preliminary education in the public schools of Edgewood (Pittsburgh) and after completing the high school course entered the University of Pittsburgh. From this institution he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in





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1929 and subsequently served one year as undergraduate interne at Presbyterian Hospital, Pittsburgh, and one year at West Penn Hospital. He began the practice of his profession at Ambridge, where he remained until 1932. Since the latter year his activities have centered at Knox, where he is today one of the established physicians of the borough. Dr. Koenig is an associate member of the staff of Oil City Hospital. In addition to his private practice, he is chief physician of the Knox Board of Health and is a director of the borough schools, in which capacity he is able to insure that all necessary measures are taken for the protection of the health of the city's school children. Since he first began practice in this county, he has been very active in the Clarion County Medical Society and his election as president of the society, beginning in 1936, reflects his professional standing.

Dr. Koenig is also a member of the American Medical Association, the Pennsylvania State Medical Association and various non-professional organizations, including the Knox Community Club; Knox Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and higher bodies of this order, including Oil City Lodge of Perfection. He is affiliated, in addition, with the Delta Tau Delta and Phi Beta Phi fraternities. Dr. Koenig is a Republican in politics and a member of the Presbyterian Church. For several years he has held a commission as first lieutenant in the Medical Reserve Corps of the United States Army. He is fond of outdoor life and numbers among his principal recreations fishing and gardening. Photography is also one of his favorite hobbies.

On January 1, 1932, at Pittsburgh, Dr. Koenig married Helen Marshall Clayson, daughter of Henry and Bertha (Marshall) Clayson. Mrs. Koenig, a graduate of Washington Seminary, Seton Hill College and the University of Pittsburgh, owned a gift shop in Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado, prior to her marriage. She is a member of the Episcopal Church and is very active in civic affairs and social work in the Knox community. Dr. and Mrs. Koenig are the parents of one child: Iseli, born November 29, 1933.

AUSTIN M. McCLAIN, JR.—Since being graduated from college in 1903, Austin M. McClain, Jr., has made a career in the United States Government postal service, starting in a humble capacity and rising by merit to acting postmaster of the Ridgway, Pennsylvania, office. Due to his long connection with the Ridgway office and by reason of personal characteristics he is exceptionally widely known and is popular in all circles of local activities.

Austin M. McClain, Jr., was born in Center County, Pennsylvania, February 15, 1883, son of Austin M. and

Mary E. (Boyleau) McClain, both also natives of this county, his father engaged as a lumberman. The family removed to Ridgway when their son was a few months old, and he attended the Ridgway public and parochial schools, before matriculating at Haverford College. Graduated in 1903, he immediately entered the United State Government postal service in Ridgway as substitute clerk, and in the latter part of the same year was promoted to clerk. By his courteous attention and efficient handling of postal affairs, he advanced through various posts and in 1914 was appointed assistant postmaster, holding this position until March, 1941, when he was appointed acting postmaster, pending the results of civil service examinations. Fraternally Mr. McClain was formerly affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is a member of the Postal Supervisors Association and of the Kiwanis Club. His political allegiance is given to the Democratic party.

On February 15, 1908, Austin M. McClain, Jr., married Grace E. McCreight, of Reynoldsville, Jefferson County, daughter of Dr. J. S. McCreight and Sally (Collins) McCreight. Dr. J. S. McCreight, who is eighty-four years of age, is a dentist of Wilcox, Pennsylvania; his wife is seventy-eight years of age. Mr. and Mrs. McClain, Jr., are the parents of four daughters, all graduates of Ridgway schools: Jane, who married Loren E. Smith, of Erie, Pennsylvania; Martha, Sally, and Alice.

ANDY E. ANDERSON—The contracting and building business carried on at Port Allegany by Andy E. Anderson with the assistance of his son, originated in a small way and has developed to its present size under the able management of its founder. Mr. Anderson is also active in politics and public life and has served eight years as county commissioner of McKean County.

He was born at Port Allegany on October 7, 1878, son of Bengt and Anna (Anderson) Anderson, both of whom came to this country from Sweden. His father, who was a tannery worker, is still living at the advanced age of eighty-eight. His mother died at the age of eighty-seven.

Andy E. Anderson received a common school education and as a boy worked at the various jobs available in a small town. When he was seventeen he entered the employ of the Camp Glass Works in Smethport, learned the window glass trade and followed it at several different plants until he reached the age of twenty-four. At that time the Allegany Window Glass plant was built at Port Allegany and he returned to the town of his birth to work there as a gatherer. Meanwhile, he began a small business as a contractor and builder in and around Port Allegany. By 1915 this business had grown to such proportions that it required all his time. He has since continued it successfully and in 1930 was joined by his son,

Lester Anderson, who has taken over many of his responsibilities in its operation.

Accordingly, since 1930, Mr. Anderson has found time to indulge his taste for politics. Entering the sphere of public service, he was elected county commissioner of McKean County in 1932 and continued in this office until 1940, during which time he was also president of the Pennsylvania State Association of County Commissioners. As such, he was influential in the legislative and executive branches of the association. Mr. Anderson has also served for eight years as a member of the Borough Council of Port Allegany and is now (1941) serving as burgess. To his public responsibilities he has brought the enterprising spirit and sound judgment which have marked his business career and has won the confidence of the county and its people. Mr. Anderson is one of the Republican leaders of McKean County and exercises an important influence in his party. He is affiliated fraternally with Port Allegany Lodge, No. 505, Free and Accepted Masons, and in this order is also a member of the various higher bodies, including Port Allegany Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and Zem Zem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. At present he serves as Potentate Representative of the Shrine in the Third District. In addition to these connections, Mr. Anderson is a charter member of the Port Allegany Rotary Club, and (1941) its president; president of McKean County Automobile Club; and a member and deacon of the Swedish Lutheran Church. He finds his principal recreation in outdoor life.

On June 30, 1903, Andy E. Anderson married Rena Thoren, of Port Allegany, a daughter of Jonas E. Thoren and Mary (Holmes) Thoren, the mother still living at the age of eighty. Mrs. Anderson taught school for four years and since her marriage has continued active in community affairs. She is a Past Worthy Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, was president of the Shakespeare Club for two years and is widely known throughout the district for her many charitable interests. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are the parents of the following children: 1. Lester, a graduate of the Port Allegany schools and attended the University of Pittsburgh, now associated with his father and in active charge of the business. He is also prominent in civic and community affairs. He married Louise Mangold of Port Allegany. 2. Christine, a graduate of the local schools and of Carnegie Institute of Technology. She married Charles K. Doll and has four children: Andy Charles, Alva, Donald, and Norreen. 3. Thorene, who was educated in the Port Allegany schools, studied at the nursing school of the Hospital of the Good Shepherd, Syracuse, and also completed a course in anesthesia at Johns Hopkins Hospital. She is now a member of the staff of St. Francis at

Olean, New York. 4. Alvin, a graduate of the local public schools, attended Kiski School, finished a Diesel Engineering course at Detroit, and is now employed by the State Highway Department. He married Jane Kline, of Olean, New York. 5. Donald, a graduate of the Port Allegany schools, a graduate of Duke University, and now attending Pennsylvania University Law School.

FREDERICK J. MOSS—Extensively engaged in the lumber business in Conneaut Lake, Frederick J. Moss is a partner in Moss Brothers and a prominent figure in the life of the community, where the Mosses are among the oldest and best established families.

Mr. Moss was born April 23, 1864, in Goderich, Ontario, Canada, son of James and Eliza (Slight) Moss. His parents were both born in England, the mother at Land's End; the father at Yarmouth. They early came to Ontario where James Moss was engaged in the shoe business until his family was reared. Later he followed his sons to Conneaut Lake, Pennsylvania, where he lived until his death.

Schools at Nappanee, Ontario, furnished Frederick J. Moss' early education, and when he was twenty-two years of age he removed to the United States.

Settling in Conneaut Lake, Pennsylvania, he established here a confectionery and ice cream business which he ran for three years. Afterward he began building boats and his business grew rapidly. He installed machinery to facilitate the manufacture of boats, and out of his work in that connection grew his present sizable lumber business.

Mr. Moss then bought, with his brother, E. T. Moss, a sawmill which they installed in their plant under the new partnership name of Moss Brothers. The enterprise grew and expanded to meet the community's growing needs, and it is recognized now as one of the largest lumber and building supply firms in this section of Pennsylvania.

In 1942, January first, the newly incorporated Moss Brothers Lumber Company succeeded to the partnership. Frederick J. Moss' son, Ralph S. Moss, is also associated with the undertaking as general manager, while the two older partners are partially retired.

As an outgrowth of Moss Brothers a lumber yard was established at Cochranon, Pennsylvania, known as the Moss Lumber Company and one at Greenville, Pennsylvania, known as the Greenville Lumber & Supply Company.

Some years ago, early in the century, Frederick J. Moss and a partner, L. E. Heisler, bought and developed thirty acres of land south of West Palm Beach, Florida, known as Palm Beach Heights addition. This development is now in the central part of the city, the main street being the beautiful Florida Avenue boulevard. Later the com-

pany was incorporated and known as Palm Beach Security Company, with Mr. Heisler as president and Mr. Moss as vice-president and construction engineer. This business flourished for many years, and in 1940 was liquidated.

Mr. Moss has always taken a deep interest in the affairs of Conneaut Lake. Though a Republican in politics, he votes independently. For many years he was a councilman. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is an elder of the local Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Moss has at all times taken a lively interest in boating, sailing and fishing, and particularly enjoys the outdoor life provided by the natural landscape about Conneaut Lake. He is an ardent gardener and each year produces a beautiful array of vegetables and flowers. He is a deep student of the history of this region of Pennsylvania with which his life has been so closely associated.

Frederick J. Moss married, September 30, 1897, in Conneaut Lake, Pennsylvania, Mary Ellen Ramsey, member of another old Crawford County family, daughter of John and Julia Ann (Koonce) Ramsey.

Mr. and Mrs. Moss became the parents of the following children: 1. Ralph Slight Moss, born August 15, 1899, now general manager of the Moss Brothers Lumber Company. He married Marjorie Heberling, and they became the parents of three children: Frederick James Moss, Edwin Lee Moss, Alan Phillip Moss. 2. Julia Moss, born September 25, 1901, became the wife of Noble H. Harned, a partner in the Conneaut Lake Roller Mills; they have one adopted child, Ann Joyce. Both Ralph Moss and Mrs. Harned are graduates of Grove City College.

JOHN M. FLYNN—Both in Pennsylvania industry and in the public life of the Commonwealth, John M. Flynn is well known. His record of thirty-four years of continuous service in the Pennsylvania Legislature has seldom been approached in the annals of any State, while throughout the same period he has also been active in a number of large business enterprises. As president of the Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association at the present time, he remains a public figure of consequence, devoting much of his attention and effort to the interests of Pennsylvania's industries.

Mr. Flynn was born in Ridgway, Elk County, on February 14, 1873, son of Dennis and Elizabeth (Sullivan) Flynn, both of whom were born in Ireland, but lived most of their lives in Ridgway. His father was a laborer.

Born into a home of modest circumstances, and one of eight children, four boys and four girls, John M. Flynn was educated in the Ridgway grade and high schools and learned the machinist's trade as a boy, preparing to make his own way in the world. In this trade he served his apprenticeship with the Ridgway Manu-

facturing Company, now the Elliott Company, and later remained with the company until 1902, when he was first elected to the Pennsylvania Legislature. In every succeeding election for thirty-four years he was returned, to Harrisburg from Elk County, a remarkable tribute not only to his personal popularity, but to the value placed upon his public service, which was of the highest order. Mr. Flynn enjoyed equally the respect of his legislative colleagues of both parties, and when he retired from the house, in 1936, he was unanimously elected by the members thereof as an honorary life member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. This distinction has never been accorded a Pennsylvania legislator before or since.

In the meantime, while he was winning honor in public life, Mr. Flynn was also developing other business interests. In 1906 he established the Ridgway Foundry Company and operated it for about ten years. After that, with several associates, he became interested in the gas business as a member of the firm of the Wyckoff Gas Company. His disposal of his holdings in that company preceded his present connection with the Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association. As president, Mr. Flynn now directs the program and activities of the Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association. He is also vice-president and general manager of the Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association Casualty Insurance Company and administers both offices with characteristic zeal and ability. In addition, he is vice-president of the Russell Snow Plow Company of Ridgway and a director of the Elk County National Bank. Although his business headquarters are now in Philadelphia, he retains his home in Ridgway.

Mr. Flynn has long been influential in politics in this State. He is a member of St. Leo's Roman Catholic Church in Ridgway.

On November 26, 1906, he married Margaret L. Spafford, of Erie, Pennsylvania, daughter of John D. Spafford, and they are the parents of four children: Marjorie, who married Ralph Boyer and has two children: Nancy and Judith; Richard, who married Lillian Smith, of Ridgway, and has a son: John M., II; Kathleen, unmarried; and Susan, who married William H. Cramer and has three children: Patsy, Parker, and Susan. Mr. Flynn's sisters were teachers and his brothers were active in the professions.

EDWARD JOHN BLATT—Engaged in the practice of law in Ridgway, Edward John Blatt is the legal representative of a number of leading business organizations in this area of Pennsylvania, while along with his professional activity he has done considerable social work. Particularly have his undertakings on behalf of

youth been sound and constructive from a social point of view, covering the three phases of education, recreation and character building.

Mr. Blatt was born January 25, 1908, in Clarion, Clarion County, Pennsylvania, son of Edward P. and Elizabeth (Hoover) Blatt. Both parents were natives of Armstrong County and moved to Ridgway, Elk County, March, 1913, where Edward John Blatt has since resided. His father died in 1936.

Edward John Blatt attended parochial schools of St. Leo's parish, in Ridgway, completed both grade and high school studies there, then matriculated at Pennsylvania State College, where he received the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1930. In 1933 he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. Admitted to the Elk County bar in 1934, he was shortly afterward accepted as a practitioner before the Supreme and Superior courts of Pennsylvania and the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania. His practice was, from the outset, of a general nature, covering all branches of the profession, and in Ridgway he became a partner of Alfonse J. Straub at the very beginning, in 1934. In 1940 he decided to practice independently, however, and so continues today. In addition to his regular office practice, Mr. Blatt serves as counsel to the Elk County National Bank, and is vice-president, director and counsel of the Ridgway Publishing Company.

Closely paralleling his legal services have been Mr. Blatt's youth activities in Ridgway and its environs. His own experiences and struggles, combined with the Christian influences of church and home, have kept him unceasingly aware of the need for such work in any community; and his labors along these lines have been influential in the building of a sound community social life. He has served as county chairman of the Boy Scouts of America, and at the time of writing is a member of the troop committee of Scouts at St. Leo's Roman Catholic Church. He also serves actively in the endeavors of the Public Recreation Committee in Ridgway. He is also a member of the Youth Welfare Fund Board, and is chairman of the Elk County Defense Savings Committee.

Mr. Blatt is likewise secretary of the Elk County Law Library Committee, and since 1935 has been solicitor for the county auditor's office. A Democrat in politics, he has acted since 1935 as a member of the board of road viewers and in 1941 he became the Democratic candidate for district attorney, to which office he was elected for a four-year term. He was elected by a large majority, carrying twenty-two out of twenty-nine voting precincts. Fraternally Mr. Blatt is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Loyal Order of Moose, the Knights

of Columbus (in which he is a Past Grand Knight, Past District Deputy of the Seventh District and Past State Advocate), the Phi Kappa national social fraternity, the Pi Lambda Sigma national pre-legal fraternity and also Delta Theta Phi, a national legal fraternity. He is a member of St. Leo's Roman Catholic Church, Ridgway.

LUTHER DAVID FULTON—It would seem that Luther David Fulton was destined from the beginning to become an "oil man," and it is with the petroleum industry that he was associated throughout his life. He was born within a hundred feet of the famous Colonel Drake oil well, a decade after that extraordinary event which initiated commercial oil production in the world. From childhood he was familiar with the production end of the petroleum industry; and progressed through the years to the refining phase, to become general superintendent of the Pennzoil Properties, with headquarters at Rouseville, Pennsylvania. Not the least of his contributions to the development of the industry are a number of patents, now in use, the product of his inventive genius.

Mr. Fulton was born in Cherrytree Township, Venango County, Pennsylvania, October 28, 1869, son of David and Eliza (Wellman) Fulton. His father was long an independent oil producer and contractor. After attending the first district and the Titusville high schools, the son supplemented his education with courses in Clark's Business College, and then joined his father, as a partner, under the name David Fulton & Son, in oil production and contracting. In 1892 the concern suffered a major calamity when fire and flood destroyed its enterprises. Although this was a tremendous set-back, Luther David Fulton was not dismayed and set about rehabilitating his finances, but along different lines. He joined the Manhattan Oil Company as supervising engineer, remaining until 1896. Then he went with the Carbondale Machine Company, and was assigned to the Isthmus of Panama Canal Zone. While in the tropics he was the first to produce artificial ice at Panama.

At the beginning of the present century, Mr. Fulton returned North and became associated with Mr. Suhr, and the Pennzoil Company, in Oil City, Venango County, Pennsylvania, as manager of the paraffine department of the corporation. He soon won promotion to general foreman and helped to rebuild the Pennzoil Refinery plant and eventually was established as general superintendent of Pennzoil Properties, with his main office at Rouseville, this State. Mr. Fulton was, as has been indicated, an inventor, having to his credit a number of patents, improvements and new devices of importance to the oil industry, now widely used, such as the Fulton filter screen, Fulton lock box, Fulton Still Safety Valve, Fulton chilling machines, and a number of others. He



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was a member of the Engineers Society of Western Pennsylvania.

Civic affairs and good citizenship were always important interests of Luther David Fulton. He was mayor of Titusville, Pennsylvania, from 1936 to 1940. During the World War he was chairman of the fuel board. Fraternally he was affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Loyal Order of Moose. Mr. Fulton belonged to the Titusville Country Club and the Lions Club. He was a communicant of the Protestant Episcopal Church and a vestryman.

At Titusville, Pennsylvania, Luther David Fulton married Katharine Cox, daughter of William and Mary (Metcalf) Cox, and they became the parents of a daughter, Hazel, who married J. G. Pierce, in 1927. Mrs. Fulton shared her husband's interest in civic affairs, and is a member of the Country Club, the Garden Club, the Woman's Club, and of the various church societies.

Luther D. Fulton died April 2, 1941.

THE REV. JOHN W. MURPHY—Since 1926 the Rev. John W. Murphy has served as pastor of Saint Leo's Roman Catholic Church at Ridgway. Returning to the city of his birth after a notable career of some twenty years in the priesthood, he has since devoted himself to the duties of his pastorate with characteristic zeal and ability.

Father Murphy was born at Ridgway on April 22, 1879, son of John J. and Rose (Warner) Murphy. His father, who was born in County Wexford, Ireland, September 1, 1840, and died at Ridgway, November 29, 1897, came to this country in early life and pursued his trade as a carpenter. He married, on June 17, 1877, Rose Warner, daughter of Thomas and Johanna (Murphy) Warner, of Ridgway. They became the parents of three children: John W., of this record; Joseph P., superintendent of the Babcock Lumber Company at Marysville, Tennessee; and Thomas M., superintendent of the W. H. Dougherty Refining Company at Petrolia, Pennsylvania.

Father Murphy received his preliminary education in the Ridgway schools and subsequently entered Saint Charles College, at Ellicott City, Maryland, where he began his preparations for the priesthood. His studies in theology and philosophy were then continued abroad at Rome, where he was ordained a priest on June 5, 1905, by His Eminence, Cardinal Respighi. A brilliant record in scholarship, combined with qualities of leadership, promptly recognized by his superiors, brought him immediately the important appointment as First Prefect of the American College in Rome. On his return to the United States he was then appointed secretary *pro tem.* of the Apostolic Delegation in Washington, District of

Columbia, an office carrying with it large and exacting responsibilities. Following his incumbency in Washington, Father Murphy took up active pastoral duties with his appointment as assistant priest at Saint Catherine's Church in DuBois, Pennsylvania. In succession he then served as pastor of Saint Charles' Church in New Bethlehem and as pastor of Saint Gabriel's Church in Port Allegany. On October 27, 1926, he was appointed pastor of Saint Leo's Roman Catholic Church in Ridgway and was inducted on November nineteenth of the same year. An admired spiritual leader and able administrator, Father Murphy has since devoted himself to the affairs of his parish. He is well known, not only among the Catholic people of Ridgway, but in the city as a whole, and has earned the respect of his fellow-townsmen of every creed by his qualities of character, amiability and earnest endeavor to advance the general welfare.

On December 22, 1940, St. Leo's Church was completely destroyed by a disastrous fire. Soon afterwards the new church was started and, on June 10, 1941, the corner stone was laid, and on Holy Thursday (April 2, 1942), the first Mass was celebrated in the new church. On May 17, 1942, Bishop Gannon solemnly dedicated the new St. Leo's, which cost, completed, \$150,000.

BENJAMIN R. COPPOLO—Carrying on an extensive practice of law in St. Marys, Benjamin R. Coppolo is a member of the law firm of Driscoll, Gregory and Coppolo.

Mr. Coppolo was born September 5, 1907, in Weedville, Elk County, Pennsylvania, son of Benjamin G. and Carmella Marie (Capizosi) Coppolo, both of Italian birth and both now deceased. His father was for many years a merchant at Weedville.

Public schools at Weedville provided Benjamin R. Coppolo's early formal education, and he was graduated from high school there, then entered the University of Pittsburgh, taking his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1930. For his professional education he became a student at the University of Pennsylvania, where he was graduated in 1933 as a Bachelor of Laws. Admitted to the bar on January 2, 1934, Mr. Coppolo shortly afterward was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. The United States Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania admitted him to practice in December, 1938. Beginning his general practice of law in 1934 in St. Marys, Mr. Coppolo continues today as a member of the law firm of Driscoll, Gregory and Coppolo.

Taking a lively interest in community affairs, Mr. Coppolo is a Democrat in politics, serving at the time of writing as district attorney of Elk County. He is also active in business and financial affairs in his community, being a director of the Elk County Savings & Loan Association. His contribution to his community and

district has been outstanding; and, though he centers his legal practice in St. Marys, Mr. Coppola makes his home in Weedville.

THE GIES FAMILY—In the early part of the nineteenth century, probably in the 1820s, John and Eliza (Koch) Gies left Hessen, Germany, came to the New World, and settled temporarily near Easton, Pennsylvania, where John Gies was engaged in farming. About 1844 he removed with his family to what is now Elk County, which was then very wild forest land. The few pioneers of the day had to clear the land of a tangle of undergrowth, and it is, indeed, a tribute to the spirit of those early settlers that so much of this district presents the splendid appearance that it has today. John and Eliza (Koch) Gies, the pioneers of this family, reared several children.

William Gies, one of these, who had been born in Easton, remained on the home farm until about 1876, when he removed to St. Marys and entered the hotel business. Operating the old Franklin Hotel for a time, he took over the Commercial Hotel in 1882 and thereby established a business that became permanent and that has since been in the hands of the Gies family. The Commercial Hotel, as it was then known, was started two years before that time, in 1880, by the Riley brothers. But after taking it over, in 1882, William Gies operated it successfully until his death in 1920. He also took an active rôle in civic affairs, as have his sons since that time. He married Johanna Muellandin, and they became the parents of four children: 1. William Gies, Jr., of further mention. 2. Kathleen Gies, graduated from local schools in St. Marys, became the wife of Joseph Schlimm, of this place; their children were: William, Berna, and Florence Schlimm. 3. Joseph Charles Gies, of further mention. 4. John Gies, born in St. Marys, educated in local schools; married a Miss Callahan, of St. Marys; their children are: i. William Gies, III, graduated from St. Vincent's School and Notre Dame University, associated at the time of writing with the Keystone Carbon Company, of St. Marys. ii. Kathleen Gies, a teacher in St. Marys High School; she became the wife of Charles Harvey. iii. Joseph Thiel Gies, graduated from St. Marys schools. iv. Johanna Muellandin Gies, wife of Arthur George Werner, Jr. The four children of John Gies are all members of the Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church.

William Gies, Jr., mentioned above, first of the children of William and Johanna (Muellandin) Gies, received his education in St. Marys schools, and early became interested in the family hotel business, along with his brother, Joseph Charles Gies. William Gies, Jr., never married. He died in 1935, after operating the

hotel for fifteen years following his father's death in 1920.

Joseph Charles Gies, who then took it over, was born October 1, 1880, and studied in St. Marys schools. Early in his career he became associated with the hotel business of his father, and since his brother's death in 1935 he has been manager and head of the hotel organization. In 1930 the hostelry was completely remodeled, and the present name—The Mullendean Hotel—was adopted. This name is a modification of the maiden name of the mother of the two most recent owners—Johanna Muellandin. The Mullendean Hotel has been operated continuously by the same family since 1882, and through these years the Gies family has earned the respect of friends, neighbors and traveling public. The hotel, which is clean and comfortable, continues to make notable headway under the present proprietorship of Joseph C. Gies, who, like his brother, William, never married. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and is deeply interested in local affairs in St. Marys. He has never sought nor held public office, however, feeling that he can make his best contribution to the community through his business activities. He is independent in his political views.

RAYMOND HESTON ANDERSON—To be engaged in the incongruous capacities of bookkeeper and truck driver and, a decade later, to be sole owner of a business transporting millions of gallons of petroleum products, that is the achievement of Raymond Heston Anderson.

He was born at Freedom, Pennsylvania, December 3, 1906. His father was Andrew Jolly Jackson Anderson, a railroader and salesman; his mother, Lydia (Davis) Anderson. He completed the tenth grade in the public schools of Monaca, Pennsylvania; later had a full course in accountancy at La Salle Extension University. He finished there in 1929. Meantime, however, from 1925 to 1927 he was a clerk for the Joseph Reid Gas Engine Company, and a clerk, then branch office manager for the Pennzoil Company. It was in 1930 that he became, inconsistently, bookkeeper and driver of trucks for Clare M. Marshall, an individual of Clarksburg, Indiana County, Pennsylvania. Mr. Marshall began his business career in 1926 as owner of a garage repair shop, and later was a dealer in automobiles. In 1928 he entered the trucking field with a dump truck on excavation work. In 1929 he organized various groups of farmers whose object was to sell their milk through the Dairymen's Coöperative Association in Pittsburgh, he to transport their milk in cans by motor truck to various dealers in that city. After a time he carried the milk in glass-lined tanks and developed a large trade in western Pennsylvania and eastern Ohio.



William Gies



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R. H. Anderson

He discontinued his milk business in 1935. On August 15, 1933, he had begun with a one-truck tank to haul petroleum products for the Pennzoil Company of Oil City and handled this business so well that in a comparatively few years practically all the refiners and marketers of petroleum products in western Pennsylvania were added to his list as shippers and in November, 1940, he had sixty-five employees, owned and operated thirty truck units and was moving 5,500,000 gallons of petroleum products per month. But in the preceding January the business was incorporated as Clare M. Marshall, Inc., and ownership passed from Marshall to Raymond H. Anderson, president and full stockholder of the corporation, who had, before incorporation, become general manager of the business. On January 15, 1941, he acquired the stock by purchase of a passenger bus line called Albany, Cohoes Bus Line, Inc. He plans on adding new buses and lengthening its service throughout New York State.

Mr. Anderson is a member of Indiana Lodge, No. 313, Free and Accepted Masons, the Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, thirty-second degree, of Coudersport. He is also a member of the Lions Club, is an Episcopalian, and a Republican.

On December 12, 1927, at Oil City, Pennsylvania, Raymond Heston Anderson married Ellen Elizabeth Lytle, daughter of Harry L. and Elizabeth (Callahan) Lytle. Their children are Stewart Lytle, born November 26, 1928; Shirley Ray, born May 24, 1930; Joyce Ellen, born April 3, 1933, and Richard Harry, born April 1, 1935. The family home is at Hasson Heights, Oil City; the headquarters of Clare M. Marshall, Inc., are Main Street, Rouseville, Pennsylvania.

ROY IRWIN FULTON—President of The County National Bank at Clearfield, Roy Irwin Fulton has an established reputation as an experienced executive, active financier and progressive citizen. In his bank he has served in practically every position from "runner" to top executive. In the meanwhile he has become more and more constructively identified with Clearfield affairs and has contributed outstandingly to the progress of the community and the welfare of its people.

He was born in Lawrence Township, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, June 9, 1886, son of Thomas Newton and Almira (Irwin) Fulton, both of whom are deceased. Both were natives of Lawrence Township. Thomas Newton Fulton, grandson of Samuel Fulton, one of the early settlers of the county, was a farmer all his active life. After receiving his education in the schools of his birthplace, Roy Irwin Fulton taught in the rural district school for one term, and then became a runner with The County National Bank, Clearfield, Pennsylvania. He progressed steadily through the dif-

ferent departments of the bank, was appointed cashier in 1914, and on January 9, 1940, was elected president of this institution, a history of which is appended to this biography.

Mr. Fulton takes a constructive interest in the financial, civic and fraternal affairs of his community. He is serving as chairman of the Agricultural Committee of the Pennsylvania Bankers' Association, having served a term as chairman of its Group Six. He is a director of the Clearfield Machine Company and other local organizations. Fraternally he is affiliated with Clearfield Lodge, No. 314, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a Past Master; a Past High Priest of the Chapter, No. 228, Royal Arch Masons, and a Past Commander of Moshannon Commandery, No. 74, Knights Templar. He is also a member of the Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. By right of ancient and honorable ancestry, he is a member of Susquehanna Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution. He belongs to the Chamber of Commerce and for the past twenty years has been president of the local Young Men's Christian Association, and is a member of the State Executive Committee. His religious affiliations are with the Methodist Church, where he is a Sunday school teacher and a trustee.

On April 28, 1915, Roy Irwin Fulton married Elizabeth Stage, of Clearfield, daughter of Isaac and Margaret (Norris) Stage. Her father (now deceased) was a coal operator and merchant. Her mother still lives at the age of eighty-nine years. Mr. and Mrs. Fulton are the parents of a daughter, Margaret, a graduate of local schools, who married A. Boyd Thorn.

On February 5, 1865, while the Civil War was still in progress, and the town of Clearfield had a population of but one thousand five hundred, a group of enterprising citizens banded together to establish The County National Bank of Clearfield. The law authorizing the organization of national banks, which was passed during Abraham Lincoln's administration, had been in effect less than two years. The organizers of the bank were James T. Leonard, William A. Wallace, G. L. Reed, Richard Shaw, James B. Graham, and William Porter. These, together with A. K. Wright, composed the first board of directors. James T. Leonard was elected president and served until his death in 1882. Thomas H. Forcey served in that office until his death in 1905, when he was succeeded by H. B. Powell, who continued as head of the bank for twenty-eight years. The following persons served successively as cashier of the bank: W. V. Wright, 1865-67; D. W. Moore, 1867-70; W. M. Shaw, 1870-89; H. B. Powell, 1889-1905; J. L. Gilliland, 1905-14; R. I. Fulton, 1914-33.

The bank was originally capitalized at \$100,000. As its resources grew, the capital was increased on two successive occasions, in 1903 to \$300,000 and in 1911 to

\$500,000. The bank was a notable factor in the development of the industrial resources of the region. It saw the opening of the first fire clay mine and the building of the first fire brick plant. It had an important part in the development of the many other industries of the community.

When the bank was organized it occupied a small one-story building on North Second Street across from the courthouse. In 1870 this building was removed. The bank then occupied a room in the brick building known as the Old Masonic Building, now owned by Charles M. Rhine. In 1880 it purchased and moved into the building now occupied by Helmbold and Stewart on Market Street. The present building at the corner of Market and Second streets was erected in 1890. At first the banking room occupied only a part of this building. A room at the rear of the building on the Market Street side was occupied by the Adams Express Company. In 1906 the building was remodelled and this portion taken into the banking room. Later as the business of the bank continued to expand, the store room owned by A. J. Hagarty on Second Street adjoining the bank building was purchased and remodeled to form part of the bank room. In 1928 the building was further enlarged by the inclusion of the Harder Building on Second Street, which had been purchased by the bank some years earlier. This makes the present banking room the largest quarters of any bank in this region.

THE COUNTY NATIONAL BANK AT CLEARFIELD: On February 10, 1934, The County National Bank at Clearfield opened to succeed The County National Bank of Clearfield. The latter was placed in liquidation by the Federal authorities and within a reasonably short time had paid all its creditors in full with interest, leaving a substantial equity for its shareholders. The new bank purchased, and has continued to occupy, the building at the corner of Second and Market streets. That the good will built up by the old bank through its years of service in the community was very largely carried over to the new bank is evidenced by the fact that the deposits of the latter institution are now substantially higher than those shown by the last published statement of the predecessor bank.

Rembrandt Peale was elected chairman of the board of The County National Bank at Clearfield at the time of its organization. P. B. Reed (grandson of G. L. Reed, one of the organizers of the old bank), was elected president; W. H. Thomson, vice-president; R. I. Fulton, cashier; E. Clair Davis, assistant cashier. The bank was capitalized at \$540,000, including paid in surplus. Of this amount \$225,000 was preferred stock, all of which has now been retired from earnings of the bank. The bank has a staff of twenty-one persons,

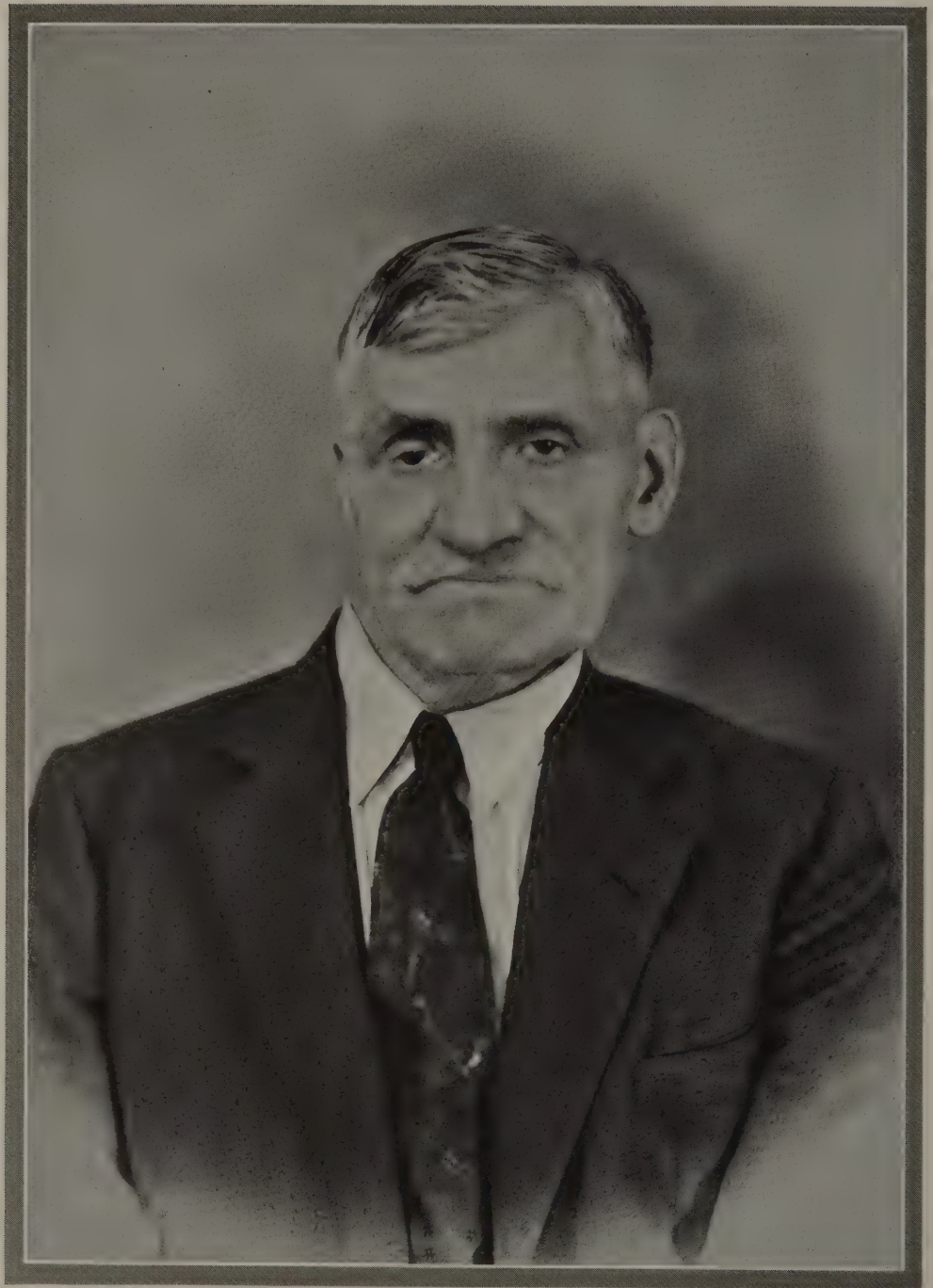
counting the officers, and conducts a general banking business, including safe deposit vault, trust department and installment lending. The present officers are: Philip B. Reed, chairman of the board; Roy Irwin Fulton, president; Charles T. Kurtz, Jr., vice-president; Howard M. McGarvey, cashier; E. Clair Davis, assistant cashier; Blair Sykes, assistant cashier; Eugene M. Henry, trust officer.

RAY HENRY RICHARDS—Member of one of Jefferson County's oldest families, Ray Henry Richards continues the traditional association of his forebears with the local lumber industry. He is now head of the R. H. Richards & Son Lumber Company at Brookville, largest enterprise of its kind in the area.

Mr. Richards was born in Brookville on June 2, 1875, son of the late George W. and Katheryn (Penrose) Richards. His paternal grandfather came to Jefferson County with its earliest settlers and at one time owned, in virgin timber lands, the greater part of the county. Through his mother, Mr. Richards is also descended from the Penrose and Barnett families, whose members were among the founders of the Commonwealth. In Elgin Township there stands today a monument commemorating the peaceful commerce of the settlers with the Indians. The figure depicted is that of Mr. Richards' grandfather, Jacob Penrose.

Ray Henry Richards was educated in the public schools of Brookville and at Tunnell High School. After the completion of his high school course, he became associated in business with his father, a lumber operator and owner of large timber tracts. In this connection he spent several years, learning the lumber business under his father's guidance. Meanwhile, he began to take building contracts and eventually established his own business as a building contractor. During this phase of his career he remodeled and made additions to the Jefferson County Courthouse, erected the building occupied by the Brookville Bank & Trust Company, and built the present Methodist Church, all very fine buildings, in addition to many other business and residential structures. All materials used in his contracting work were obtained from his own timber lands, which are located throughout Jefferson and adjoining counties and still comprise one of the largest holdings under single ownership in northwest Pennsylvania. Since 1939, Mr. Richards has devoted his principal attention to the R. H. Richards & Son Lumber Company, which he established at Brookville in that year. It is the largest and most completely equipped lumber business in Brookville, comprising both a mill and lumber yards some three acres in extent. As before, all lumber is obtained from the Richards' timber tracts. In addition, builders' supplies of every kind are carried; in fact, everything





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necessary to build a home is available except the plumbing.

In addition to the lumber business which he heads, Mr. Richards is president of the Howe Gas Company of Brookville. He is a member of the Community Club and a member of the Brookville Presbyterian Church. He is the inheritor of honored names which since the beginning of the Commonwealth have stood for resourcefulness, integrity and exemplary citizenship and has always maintained these fine traditions in his own career.

On July 4, 1899, at Brookville, Mr. Richards married Nellie B. Lash, of this city. They are the parents of one son, Ray L., born January 28, 1915, who is a partner with his father in R. H. Richards & Son, and is now serving as a corporal in the United States Army, in the chemical warfare service and stationed at Edgewood Arsenal.

F. F. WILLMAN—Both Mount Jewett and Kane have substantially benefited from the work of F. F. Willman, who heads the Kane Pure Ice Company, handling ice, coal and beer, and the Mount Jewett Theatre, in Mount Jewett.

Mr. Willman was born May 1, 1874, in Hastings, Cambria County, Pennsylvania, son of John C. and Melinda Jane (Baker) Willman, natives of Germany, both now deceased. His father was a blacksmith.

Common schools furnished F. F. Willman's early formal education, and at the age of fourteen years he started working in the lumbering business, remaining so engaged until he attained his majority. He then became associated with the McCoy Window Glass Company, in Kane, but after a short time began dressing tools and drilling for oil for the same company. In 1905 he went to Mount Jewett to take charge of the work of the McCoy Window Glass Company in connection with its leases in this vicinity. In 1910 he bought their lease and became an active producer, so continuing down to the time of writing. In 1925 Mr. Willman acquired holdings in the Kane Pure Ice Company, and in 1933 he took over full operation of this company, which he still heads. In addition to ice, the company handles coal and beer and a number of other items.

Not only does Mr. Willman head this enterprise, but he is also president of the Mount Jewett Theatre and vice-president of the Mount Jewett National Bank. A Republican in politics, he spent twelve years as burgess of Mount Jewett and six years as a member of the school board here. He belongs to the Mount Jewett Methodist Church and is a member of its official board. Fraternally he is connected with the Loyal Order of Moose, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Fraternal

Order of Eagles and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and in the Odd Fellows has gone through the different offices, serving for thirty years as financial secretary of his lodge and having been a member since 1896 and for many years a member of the Encampment. In leisure time he is interested in draft horses, studying and breeding them as a hobby.

F. F. Willman married (first), October 4, 1903, Anna Malstrom, of Kane, who died in 1919. They became the parents of two children: 1. Howard F. Willman, graduated from Mount Jewett schools, then became foreman of the Oakes Drilling Company; he married Gertrude Davison, and they became the parents of three children: Marion, Frederick, and James Willman. 2. Raymond Willman, who married Gladys Bloomquist; they became the parents of one child: Raetta Willman. F. F. Willman married (second), in June, 1922, Florence Cameron, of Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

PAUL Q. BARCLAY—As postmaster of Punxsutawney and a leading figure in its life, Paul Q. Barclay continues the tradition of prominence long associated here with the family name. He traces his ancestry to David Barclay, original owner of the land on which Punxsutawney was built and also its first postmaster. Since his day his descendants have played a vital rôle in the growth and progress of the city.

Mr. Barclay was born in Westville on April 22, 1895, son of George H. and Mary (Haag) Barclay. His father, who died in 1933, was a wholesale and retail tobacco dealer. His mother is still living.

Paul Q. Barclay received his preliminary education in the public schools of his birthplace, attended Grove City College and then entered the University of Pittsburgh, from which he was graduated in pharmacy in 1920. Upon his return to Punxsutawney, he became active in the profession of pharmacy and from 1921 to 1933 owned and operated the leading pharmacy of the community. This business he disposed of with his appointment as postmaster of Punxsutawney in 1933, since which time he has devoted himself to the efficient administration of the postal service in the city.

During the World War, Mr. Barclay enlisted and served in the United States Army, rising to the rank of sergeant, first-class, on duty at Base Hospital No. 27. He spent eighteen months overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces, remaining in the service until after the Armistice, when he received his honorable discharge. As a resident of Punxsutawney he has taken an active interest in all civic affairs and through his support of useful community institutions and enterprises has fully met the obligations of good citizenship and fully maintained the family tradition. He is a member

of the Punxsutawney Chamber of Commerce, the Punxsutawney Country Club, a charter member of the local post of the American Legion, and was one of the organizers of the local chapter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. In the Masonic Order he is a member of all higher bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including the thirty-second degree of the Consistory. Mr. Barclay is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

He married, in 1927, at Punxsutawney, Nellie M. Shermer, daughter of John C. Schermer (*q. v.*) and Mary Elizabeth (Stokes) Shermer. Mr. and Mrs. Barclay are the parents of two children: Frederick, now thirteen years old; and Mary Elizabeth, eleven years old.

JOHN C. SHERMER—Since 1912 John C. Shermer has been a member of the Borough Council of Punxsutawney and has served as president since 1934. He is a leading figure of his community and a veteran railroad man who spent more than half a century in the service of the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railroad Company, and the Baltimore & Ohio system prior to his retirement.

Mr. Shermer was born at Punxsutawney on October 21, 1869, son of William Shermer, a merchant here, and Anna C. (Zeitler) Shermer. He received a public school education and, in 1883, at the age of fourteen, began his long career in the service of the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh and Baltimore & Ohio lines. Working in various positions, he was advanced gradually in the organization until his appointment as yard conductor at Punxsutawney. In this capacity he rounded out his fifty-four years as a railroad man and at the time of his retirement in 1937 was the oldest employee of the road.

Mr. Shermer's retirement from railroad service did not, however, imply a life of inactivity, which is entirely foreign to his nature. He has continued to play a leading rôle in the Punxsutawney municipal government as a member of the Borough Council, an office to which he was first elected in 1912 and which he has since held without interruption. He has served as president of the council since 1934. To his public duties he has brought the dependable judgment and zeal to advance the interests of the city which have always distinguished him. Mr. Shermer also serves as chairman of the Punxsutawney Borough Police Commission. He has been president of the Maple View Park Association during the past several years; is vice-president of the Veteran Employees of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad; and a member of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. In addition to these connections, he is a member of the Sportsmen's Club at Punxsutawney and an active Methodist

layman, serving as a member of the official board of his church.

In 1891, Mr. Shermer married Mary Elizabeth Stokes. They are the parents of three children: 1. Herbert A., now employed by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad; he married Mary Stigers, of Hallton, Pennsylvania, and their children are: i. John J. ii. Donald. iii. William. iv. James. v. Robert. 2. Charles A., a planing mill operator; married Anna B. Cole. He was a veteran of the First World War and was the first volunteer from his county to serve in World War II and is a chief petty officer in the navy, doing construction work. 3. Nellie M., who married Paul Q. Barclay (*q. v.*).

Mr. Shermer has made a hobby of wood carving and painting and has many specimens depicting outdoor life which he has carved and painted in an artistic manner, for his own recreation.

On July 21, 1941, Mr. Shermer celebrated his golden wedding anniversary. On October 18, 1941, Mrs. Shermer passed away.

PETER JOHNSON—For many years Peter Johnson centered his many-sided business activities in Punxsutawney, where in the closing years of his life he was vice-president and manager of the Mahoning Ice Cream Company until his death in 1938 at the age of forty-four. This enterprise became a leading establishment of its kind in the Punxsutawney district, and Mr. Johnson himself came to be widely known for his contribution to business and civic affairs and for his remarkable civic-mindedness and public spirit. He was generous, thoughtful always of others and devoted to the highest principles of thinking and living, and he had many friends in all walks and departments of life.

Mr. Johnson was born in Turkey, whence he came at an early period to the United States. It was in young manhood, about 1910, that he came to Punxsutawney and started a candy business here. He owned five retail stores, and later also went into the amusement business, becoming the owner of several theatres. His theatres were situated in Indiana, Ridgway, Johnsonburg, St. Marys and Punxsutawney. After a time he disposed of the theatres, but retained the candy stores. In 1927, however, he sold all his other interests and became vice-president and manager of the Mahoning Ice Cream Company, of Punxsutawney.

Not only did he develop this company into a leading establishment of its kind, but he also interested himself in many aspects of civic and social life in his community, where he was a member of the Free and Accepted Masons and the Presbyterian Church.

On November 4, 1914, in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, Peter Johnson married Anna Perou. They became the parents of two children: 1. Catherine Johnson.



Edmund H. Lopez

born in 1916. 2. George Johnson, born in 1918, now serving in the army.

The death of Peter Johnson, in 1938, removed from his home community, and from the many other centers where he had business affiliations, an individual who was at once devoted to the best interests of his fellow-citizens, friends and associates and consecrated to the loftiest ideals of human service. His attainments were many, and the respect and affection with which he was regarded were well merited.

WILLIAM C. TIBBY—Extensive service in both business and civic life has brought William C. Tibby a well-merited confidence and admiration on the part of his fellow-citizens in Punxsutawney and this district of northwestern Pennsylvania. Since 1929 he has served as Punxsutawney's burgess and as a justice of the peace here, being repeatedly reelected to succeed himself as his popularity goes forward undiminished.

Mr. Tibby was born April 24, 1866, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, attended local Pittsburgh schools and had two terms of study at Western University, in that city, the forerunner of the present University of Pittsburgh. As he completed his formal schooling, he served an apprenticeship in glass-blowing for four and one-half years in the city of his birth. Both his father and uncle were engaged in the glass business, and Mr. Tibby was made superintendent in 1887, when he was only twenty-one years of age. He remained there until, in 1911, he came to Punxsutawney and took charge of the Whightman Glass Company plant here.

Until 1929 he continued his work with that organization, rounding out a career of brilliant usefulness in his trade and coming to be highly esteemed and honored in business circles wherever he was known. Now, expanding his public service to become burgess of Punxsutawney, as well as justice of the peace, he thus began a work in which his constituents have held him since that time. Previously, from 1918 onward, Mr. Tibby had been a member of the Borough Council of Punxsutawney, to which he had been elected by popular ballot and frequently reelected, and his successive reelections as burgess have been still further indication of his remarkable standing in his community.

Mr. Tibby is active also in the Free and Accepted Masons, being a Past Master of his lodge and holding the thirty-second degree of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masonry. He is an initiate in the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

EDMUND H. LOPUS—As superintendent of the McKean County Home and Farm, at Smethport, Edmund Lopus has performed a service of great value and distinction in his community and district.

Mr. Lopus was born August 21, 1906, in Kane, Pennsylvania, son of Elmer and Jennie (Bray) Lopus. His father, who came from Waterford, Pennsylvania, has been for years a railroad worker in Kane. The mother is now deceased.

Edmund H. Lopus studied in the public schools in Kane, and after attending high school he was employed in the glass works at Kane, where he remained for three years. Next he entered the employ of the Holgate Toy Company, in Kane. Eager to take up outdoor work, he turned his attention to farming, and in 1936 came to Smethport as a farmer at the McKean County Home. Progressing in his new work and in his knowledge of farming, Mr. Lopus was appointed superintendent of the farm, operated in connection with this home, in 1937. In 1938 he was made superintendent of both the home and the farm, and he has so continued down to the time of writing.

In politics Mr. Lopus is a Republican. He attends the Methodist Church in Smethport.

Edmund H. Lopus married, June 12, 1929, Audrey Deane, of Kane, Pennsylvania, daughter of Frank and Olga (Westgren) Deane. Mr. Deane died in 1928. Mr. and Mrs. Lopus became the parents of two children: 1. Milton Lopus, a student in Smethport schools. 2. Deane Lopus.

JOHN N. BOYER—One of the oldest undertaking and furniture establishments in Clarion County is now owned and operated by John N. Boyer at Knox under the name of the John N. Boyer Company. He has been active in the business for thirty years and as sole owner has been responsible for many recent improvements and additions to equipment and service.

Mr. Boyer was born at Kossuth, Pennsylvania, in 1893, son of the Rev. N. Frank Boyer, a minister of the United Evangelical Church, and Emma (Utzing) Boyer. He received a public school education and entered the business, which he now heads, as a young man. This enterprise was established sixty-one years ago by B. A. Cribbs and Amos Hunter, who were furniture and casket makers at Knox in 1880. In 1887 they sold their interests to C. E. Miller & Brother. During the next thirty-five years the store was under the active management of N. Miller. In the last ten years of this period Mr. Boyer was his assistant and, in 1922, with H. J. Slicker, he purchased the store. In 1925 Mr. Boyer and Mr. Slicker bought out the Hanst furniture and undertaking establishment with its complete stock and fixtures, thus merging two of the oldest firms of the kind in the county. Mr. Boyer became sole owner in 1927, when his partner died and he purchased the Slicker interest. Since then he has operated the business with

the assistance of his brother, Heil M. Boyer, a licensed funeral director; his sons, Homer J. and John, Jr., and his daughter, Hazel June, and Frank Boyer. Under Mr. Boyer's direction an important program of construction and enlargement has been completed. In 1931 the entire building was lowered to conform with a street widening project, the rear of the store was rebuilt and an additional story and basement were added to the building. The floor space available in the store was thereby doubled. A complete redecoration of the interior of the store took place in March, 1940, air conditioning and indirect lighting were installed, a mezzanine floor was built and a separate funeral apartment was added. The recent installation of an automatic electric elevator serving all five floors of the store completes the improvements to the premises. They have been matched by the acquisition of completely modern equipment, including a new De Soto sedan ambulance and a new La Salle funeral car, purchased in line with the progressive policies Mr. Boyer has adopted in the operation of his business.

Mr. Boyer is a member of the National Funeral Directors' Association and the Clarion County and Western Pennsylvania Funeral Directors' Associations. He has been very active in community affairs over a long period of years and is prominent in Lutheran Church circles and religious movements generally. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias, while the Boy Scout movement, whose value in building character and citizenship he clearly recognizes, has been another of his major interests. Mr. Boyer is also a member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He enlisted June 18, 1917, in the 321st Field Hospital, 81st Division, and served overseas from August 8, 1918, to June 20, 1919, taking part in engagements in the St. Die Sector (Vosges) and the Meuse-Argonne. He was honorably discharged on June 25, 1919.

He married, in 1920, Beulah Clowes and they are the parents of five children: Homer J., in the United States Army; Hazel J.; Neri F.; John A.; and Naoma Boyer.

RUTH A. REDDING—As county treasurer of Elk County, Ruth A. Redding continues her long career of public service, which began in the early years of the century when she entered the office of the county treasurer in minor capacities. Her elevation to her present post in 1940 was a clear recognition of her fine record and exceptional qualifications for the responsibilities now devolving upon her.

Miss Redding is a daughter of the late James H. and Ella P. (Beardsley) Redding, the former of whom was born in Tioga County and the latter in Bradford County.

Her father was a lumberman. She was educated in the public schools of Ridgway, which has always been her home, and in 1907 was graduated from Ridgway High School. In 1908 she was appointed a clerk in the office of the county treasurer of Elk County at Ridgway and began the long service which has brought her her reputation as an exceptionally able and distinguished public servant. In 1924 she became deputy treasurer of Elk County and on January 1, 1940, took office as county treasurer for a term of four years. Her designation to this office reflected the public confidence so firmly reposed in her and the value placed upon her experience, knowledge and devoted service. Miss Redding has one deputy, John D. Phelan, serving under her. She is a Democrat in politics and is a member of St. Leo's Roman Catholic Church at Ridgway.

FRED A. MOORE—Extensive business experience has well equipped Fred A. Moore for his present service in public office in Cameron County. Living in Emporium, he serves as prothonotary, registrar and recorder.

Mr. Moore was born May 21, 1876, in Emporium, Pennsylvania, son of Andrew J. and Martha (Goss) Moore. His father, a millwright and carpenter who came from Maine, early became recognized as one of the leading members of his occupation in his day. He is now deceased. The mother, a Cameron County woman, is also deceased.

Fred A. Moore attended Emporium schools, finished his high school studies here, then went into contracting operations with his brother in the firm of Cochrane Brothers. He remained so engaged for thirteen years before going to Buffalo, New York, and learning the machinist's trade as it pertained to repair work on large trucks. For a considerable period he was employed in that same kind of service with the Centurion Motors Company. Leaving that company, he was associated then with the Iroquois Brewing Company, of Buffalo, where he had charge of maintenance in the heavy rolling equipment department. Remaining there for nine years until he was injured in the course of his employment, Mr. Moore returned at the conclusion of that time to Emporium, where for two years he was active in small farming operations.

Always deeply interested in public affairs, Mr. Moore was persuaded by his fellow-citizens, in 1923, to become a candidate for county treasurer, and was duly elected. Not being permitted to succeed himself, because of the provisions of the law, Mr. Moore then ran for prothonotary, registrar and recorder, and was elected. He has held these positions down to the time of writing. He is one of his community's leading Republicans and an active worker in the Methodist Church.



A. Ward Zimmer

Fred A. Moore married, in 1897, Jennie Conway, of Emporium. They became the parents of a son, J. P. Moore, who attended Buffalo schools, and who married Lula Chandler; they have two children, Irene and Fred J. Moore.

ROBERT A. TAYLOR—Widely known as one of Emporium's leading citizens, Robert A. Taylor is treasurer, trust officer and a director of the Emporium Trust Company, as well as a leader in a variety of other business and civic enterprises.

Mr. Taylor was born March 12, 1902, at Wyalusing, Bradford County, Pennsylvania, son of Alton S. and Lydia (Stalford) Taylor. His father is retired from many years of active business endeavors in Wyalusing.

Robert A. Taylor attended graded and high schools in Wyalusing, and in young manhood went to work in the banking business in Genesee as a clerk, remaining there for four years. In 1925 he came to Emporium as a bookkeeper and note teller with the First National Bank, in which organization he was subsequently advanced to assistant cashier. In 1927 Mr. Taylor associated himself with the Emporium Trust Company as treasurer, so continuing down to the time of writing and becoming trust officer and a director.

In addition to his work with this company, Mr. Taylor performs other important responsibilities in the business world, being a director of the Home Telephone Company, of Ridgway, and a director of the Emporium Foundation, Inc. He is treasurer and a director of the Emporium Rotary Club, treasurer of the Cameron County Red Cross, and a trustee of the Presbyterian Church. Active in politics as a Republican, he has figured in certain public offices in this area, notably as a member and president of the Emporium School Board and president of the Cameron County School Directors' Association. Mr. Taylor is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, belonging to the lodge at Ulysses, in Potter County, and Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. Fond of the out-of-doors, Mr. Taylor particularly enjoys the time that he is able to spend in healthful recreations in natural surroundings.

Robert A. Taylor married, November 24, 1927, Elizabeth Gates, of Renovo, Pennsylvania. Their one child, Robert Gates Taylor, born June 27, 1930, is a student in Emporium schools.

HENRY WARD ZIMMER—In 1919, Henry Ward Zimmer became associated with the Novelty Incandescent Lamp Company of Emporium, predecessor of the Hygrade Sylvania Corporation. He has spent the intervening years in the service of the organization, rising to positions of executive responsibility, and now holds the post of general manager of operations of the Receiving

Tube Division of the corporation. A prominent figure in Emporium life, Mr. Zimmer serves as president of the Borough Council in addition to his business connections.

He was born in this community on June 20, 1897, son of Fred Karl and Cora Neita (Secrest) Zimmer, both born in Cameron County. His father is a farmer, but his own choice of a career brought him into the business world. After his graduation from Emporium High School, he attended a business college in Olean, New York, and spent the following five years in the employ of an explosives company at Emporium. At the end of that time he began his long association with the Novelty Incandescent Lamp Company. Starting in 1919 as a clerk, he became purchasing agent in 1922 and when the Sylvania Products Company was formed he was appointed general purchasing agent for all plants of the corporation. Subsequently he was appointed plant manager of the plants at Saint Marys, Pennsylvania, and Clifton, New Jersey, and continued in this capacity until the Hygrade Sylvania Corporation was organized. Since then he has served as general plant manager of the Radio Tube Division of the latter corporation.

Mr. Zimmer is also a director of the Emporium Bank & Trust Company. The energy and ability which made possible his successful business career have been devoted on many occasions to community interests and as president of the Borough Council he brings to the responsibilities of public business, administrative capacity, sound judgment and a thorough knowledge of local needs and problems. A Republican in politics, Mr. Zimmer has long been influential in his party and now serves as a member of the State Republican Committee. He is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is a member of Emporium Blue Lodge and Royal Arch Chapter and the higher bodies of the Scottish Rite, including Coudersport Consistory. Mr. Zimmer is also a member of the Emporium Rotary Club. An active Methodist layman, he is president of the board of trustees of the Methodist Church and one of its devoted supporters. Fishing is his favorite recreation.

On August 30, 1924, Henry Ward Zimmer married Ethel May Dandois of Saint Marys. They are the parents of two children: Kathryn Louise and Henry Ward Zimmer, Jr., both attending the local public schools.

EDWIN WILFORD TOMPKINS—Engaged in the practice of law in Emporium, Edwin Wilford Tompkins represents the interests of a number of important corporations in this area of Pennsylvania. He has figured prominently in the life of his community and its environs, and is district attorney of Cameron County.

Mr. Tompkins was born October 30, 1901, in Emporium, Pennsylvania, son of Harvey G. and Amanda E. (Wise) Tompkins. His father, who came from Florence-

ville, New Brunswick, became president and superintendent of the Emporium Water Company. The mother, a native of Jefferson County, this State, is now deceased.

Edwin Wilford Tompkins attended elementary and high schools in Emporium, and received his degree of Bachelor of Philosophy at Dickinson College, in Carlisle, in 1925, and the degree of Bachelor of Laws at Dickinson School of Law in 1927. At the same institution of learning he received the degree of Master of Arts in 1927. He was admitted to the Cameron County bar in 1928 and began a general law practice in Emporium, conducting it down to the time of writing. He has no business affiliations except as solicitor for a number of corporations. Prominent in his profession, Mr. Tompkins has rendered particularly useful service as president of the Cameron County Bar Association, and he is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association. He is licensed to practice in all the Pennsylvania courts, as well as in the United States courts.

A Republican in his political views, Mr. Tompkins has figured prominently in community affairs. He was for a brief time a member of the borough council of Emporium, and in 1930 was elected district attorney of Cameron County. He has continued as district attorney down to the present, is a member of the District Attorneys' Association of the State of Pennsylvania, and was president of that organization in the year 1933-34. He is serving as Government Appeal Agent, Cameron County Local Draft Board No. I. Along with all these activities, Mr. Tompkins interests himself extensively in fraternalism as a member of Lodge No. 987, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and in the Free and Accepted Masons is affiliated with Emporium Lodge No. 382, Ridgway Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and Ridgway Commandery, Knights Templar. His major hobby is the collection of newspaper clippings, particularly of cartoons, of which he has an extensive collection. He is a member of the Methodist Church.

Edwin Wilford Tompkins married, September 3, 1929, Margaret Glass, of Carlisle, Pennsylvania. They became the parents of two children: 1. Edwin W. Tompkins, Jr., born June 25, 1931, now attending Emporium schools. 2. Eleanor Madyline Tompkins, born June 12, 1939.

THOMAS A. GREGORY—A native, and except for the years spent elsewhere acquiring his formal and professional education, a resident of St. Marys, Pennsylvania, Thomas A. Gregory has made a name for himself as an attorney which is of more than local note. He comes from a pioneer family of Elk County, his great-grandfather, George Gregory, being one of the earliest settlers of Benzinger Township; his grandfather, also named George, was the builder of the Andrew Kaul Memorial Hospital and the Catholic Church at Rasselas. His

father, Joseph H. Gregory, was for many years a building contractor.

Thomas A. Gregory was born at St. Marys, Elk County, Pennsylvania, August 26, 1901, son of Joseph H. and Mary (Malony) Gregory. His father, also a native of St. Marys, is now deceased. After attending parochial grade schools he was made ready for higher education at St. Vincent's Preparatory School. Matriculating at the University of Notre Dame, he was graduated in 1923, a Bachelor of Arts. For his professional education Mr. Gregory went to the University of Pittsburgh from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws with the class of 1926. On September 13 of the year in which he was graduated, he was admitted to the bar and shortly thereafter was licensed to practice before the Superior Court, and on October 7, 1929, was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court.

Mr. Gregory initiated his professional work with D. J. Driscoll, and since 1928 the name of the firm with which he has been associated is Driscoll, Gregory and Coppolo. He engages in the general practice of law. Mr. Gregory is a director of the Elk County Savings & Loan Association. Influential in party circles, he is chairman of the Elk County Democratic Committee, and is solicitor for the Borough of St. Marys. His law fraternity is Phi Alpha Delta, and he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus. He worships in the Catholic faith, a member of the parish of the Church of the Sacred Heart, St. Marys.

Thomas A. Gregory married Mary Anna Cochrane, of Doylestown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, daughter of Dr. John C. Cochrane, a physician of Bell Township, Jefferson County, and Mrs. Ruth (Derr) Cochrane, a native of Berwick, Columbia County, Pennsylvania.

JAMES LYLE GILLIS HALL—For more than a half century it has become tradition for members of the Hall family to be outstanding leaders in industrial, financial, civic and club life of St. Marys, Elk County. James Lyle Gillis Hall, representing the second generation, has been prominent in all these fields and in several enterprises that have come to the fore in the past thirty years, and serves as president or high official of a number of business companies; is equally prominent in the service of humanitarian organizations, and is a clubman popular in Florida and Pennsylvania.

A native and lifelong resident of St. Marys, Mr. Hall was born August 13, 1886, son of James Knox Polk Hall and his wife, the former Kate Hyde, daughter of J. S. Hyde of Ridgway, Pennsylvania. His father, born at Milesburg, Center County, Pennsylvania, was widely known as an industrialist, banker and legislator. The son in acquiring an education attended Phillips-Andover

Academy, Andover, Massachusetts, and Yale University, from which he was graduated with the class of 1910, a Bachelor of Arts. That same year James Lyle G. Hall became associated with some of the business interests of his father and has since continued that identification.

He has, however, gone into various other concerns, such as the Stackpole Carbon Company, of which he became treasurer in 1914, was general manager from 1921 until 1929, and was elected its president in 1937, an office he now holds. Mr. Hall is vice-president of the St. Marys Sewer Pipe Company, vice-president of St. Marys Clay Products Company, vice-president of the Russell Car & Snow Plow Company, president of Molded Materials, Inc., treasurer of Hall, Kaul & Hyde Company, and a director of Trojan Powder Company. Banking connections include the presidency of the St. Marys Trust Company. In public groups he is president of the Ridgway Young Men's Christian Association, and a member of the board of directors of the Pennsylvania State Young Men's Christian Association, being exceptionally active in the work of this old and valued organization. At one time he was president of the Bucktail Council of the Boy Scouts of America and is also a member of the executive committee, Region No. 3, of the Boy Scouts. Since 1926 he has been an associate judge of the Elk County Court. Mr. Hall is influential in the councils of the Democratic party, and exemplary in his contributions to civic progress and movements undertaken for community welfare. During the First World War times he enlisted in the United States military force and, with the rank of second lieutenant, was assigned to the Ordnance Department of the Army, serving for the most of that period in Canada. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and his numerous club memberships include such a widespread variety as the Bath Club, Indian Creek Golf Club and the Everglades Club of Miami and Miami Beach, Florida; the Carlouel Yacht Club, of Clearwater, Florida; the Elk County Country Club, of Ridgway, and the St. Marys Country Club, of St. Marys, the two latter in Pennsylvania. He is a member and senior warden of Grace Episcopal Church of Ridgway and a generous supporter of religious and humanitarian works.

James Lyle Gillis Hall married (first), in 1917, Helen Merris, daughter of J. E. Merris, of DuBois, Pennsylvania, who died in 1926, leaving two daughters: 1. Eugenia, a graduate of Miss Porter's School at Farmington, now attending National Park College, Washington, District of Columbia. 2. Helen, attending Ashley Hall, at Charleston, South Carolina. Mr. Hall married (second), in 1928, Jane Grube, daughter of Dr. John E. Grube, of Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, and they are the parents of a son: 3. James Lyle Gillis, Jr., attending Fessenden School, West Newton, Massachusetts.

CARL W. ANDREWS—A public-spirited citizen of the highest type and a successful man in banking and industry, the career of Carl W. Andrews has been associated with New Bethlehem and St. Marys, Pennsylvania, since his return to civilian life after the First World War, during which period he saw exceptionally long service, most of it overseas.

He was born in New Bethlehem, October 17, 1893, son of William M. and Melda E. (Truit) Andrews, both also natives of New Bethlehem. His father, now deceased, is well remembered as a prominent banker, lumber dealer and merchant, one of the most influential citizens of New Bethlehem. After attending the schools of his birthplace and Kiski Preparatory School, Carl W. Andrews entered the University of Pennsylvania, and was graduated with the class of 1918, with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Economics. In the meantime, the United States had become involved in the previous World War, and he served for two years and two months with American troops, a first lieutenant of the 315th Infantry Regiment, 79th Division, with the American Expeditionary Forces, and was wounded in action. Later he founded, and was the first commander of, the American Legion Post, at New Bethlehem, of which he is still a member.

The first business connection of note made by Mr. Andrews was as a clerk in the First National Bank of New Bethlehem, an institution organized by his grandfather, Charles E. Andrews, in 1872. He rose to the post of assistant cashier and also became vice-president and a director prior to 1935. In this year he accepted the post of assistant to the Secretary of Banking of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. About a year later he went with the Stackpole Carbon Company, at St. Marys, as comptroller and treasurer, offices he has since filled most capably. He also is general manager and treasurer of Molded Materials, Inc., of Ridgway, Pennsylvania, and he is a director of the Elk County National Bank.

Mr. Andrews is a member of St. Marys Country Club, of St. Marys, the Elk County Country Club, of Ridgway, and fraternally is affiliated with New Bethlehem Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Syria Temple, Pittsburgh, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He attends the Baptist Church.

On October 11, 1919, Carl W. Andrews married Helen L. Smith, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, daughter of Charles Lathrop and Belle (Herman) Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Andrews are the parents of a son, Carl W. Andrews, Jr., born March 5, 1921, an undergraduate at Amherst College.

GEORGE S. RUPPRECHT—Banking, finance and insurance constitute George S. Rupprecht's major activity in the business world, and he is recognized as one of St.

Marys' leading citizens and as a mainstay in local commercial and institutional life. He serves a number of organizations in official capacities, being president of the Industrial Finance Company, the St. Marys Finance Company and the St. Marys Mutual Fire Insurance Company; and, though he is also a practicing lawyer, he has turned over most of the work of his law firm, Rupprecht and Houston, to his partner.

Mr. Rupprecht was born March 3, 1898, in Costello, Potter County, Pennsylvania, son of George and Rose (Rumpelein) Rupprecht, both natives of Germany. His father, who came to the United States in 1887, is now retired from his active endeavors.

It was in 1905 that the Rupprecht family removed from Costello to St. Marys. George S. Rupprecht, then seven years of age, attended school in both places, and after completing his studies at St. Marys Catholic High School he read law under the direction of F. A. Hauber, W. S. Hamblen and L. A. Hamblen, in Ridgway. Admitted to the bar March 20, 1922, he became associated with F. A. Hauber, of St. Marys, in the law firm of Hauber and Rupprecht. Later C. I. Houston also was admitted as a member of this firm. Mr. Rupprecht had been interested in financing operations from an early period in his career, recognizing their vast importance in social and economic life as now organized. And, utilizing his ability and interest along these lines, he became associated with numerous financial and insurance groups and gradually gave more and more time to this phase of his work.

Mr. Houston takes charge of most of the work of the law firm at the time of writing, Mr. Hauber having died; and Mr. Rupprecht gives almost his whole energy to the development of the different companies with which he has become associated. Not only is he president of the Industrial Finance Company, the St. Marys Finance Company and the St. Marys Mutual Fire Insurance Company, as indicated above, but he is also vice-president of the Farmers' & Merchants' Bank, as well as a director of the St. Marys Insurance Agency, the Builders' & Manufacturers' Supply Company and the St. Marys Savings & Investment Company.

In his political views Mr. Rupprecht is a staunch Democrat, and he is a member of the Democratic County committee. He belongs to the Kiwanis Club, the Catholic Men's Federation, the Catholic Young Men's Association, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Columbus, the Protective Fraternal League, the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Loyal Order of Moose. He is a member of St. Marys Roman Catholic Church.

George S. Rupprecht married, September 6, 1928, Veronica E. Zitzler, of St. Marys, Pennsylvania, daughter

of Mathias and Margaret Zitzler. The children of this marriage were: Margaret Mary, David George, and Eleanor Frances Rupprecht.

JOHN W. CARLSON—For years active in the business life of McKean County, John W. Carlson quit the tailoring trade in 1933 to go into farming, his present work, in which he is engaged near Port Allegany.

Mr. Carlson was born September 28, 1883, in Liberty Township, McKean County, Pennsylvania, son of Andrew and Helga (Hedborg) Carlson, both of Swedish birth and both now deceased. His father was a custom tailor. He came to Port Allegany in 1870.

Common schools provided John W. Carlson's early formal education, and he learned the custom tailoring business under his father's direction and guidance. The elder Mr. Carlson carried on his business along those lines all his life with moderate success. In 1933 John W. Carlson retired entirely from custom tailoring to take up dairy farming, the work that has occupied his major attention down to the time of writing. His fine farm is situated just across the river from Port Allegany, and here he raises roughage to feed his herd of twenty purebred and graded Jerseys.

Taking an active rôle in the affairs of Liberty Township, Mr. Carlson is a Republican and a party committeeman in his district. He is also township auditor. He is a member of Star Hose Company, and active in the Grange, where he has held all the offices in the order. He attends the Presbyterian Church. In spare time Mr. Carlson enjoys hunting and the out-of-doors, and is particularly interested in collecting Indian relics.

John W. Carlson married, September 29, 1915, Ethel M. Harges, of Port Allegany. They have a son, Vance A. Carlson, who was graduated from Port Allegany schools and from Houghton College as a Bachelor of Arts, and is at the time of writing a student of veterinary science at the University of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia.

HERBERT P. SORG—Combining professional and business activity with public service of a high order, Herbert P. Sorg is one of the leading lawyers of St. Marys, and since 1939 has been representing his district in the Pennsylvania State Legislature.

Mr. Sorg was born December 19, 1911, in St. Marys, Pennsylvania, son of Jacob P. and Margaret (Wehler) Sorg, of this place. His father has long been distinguished as a brewmaster.

Herbert P. Sorg attended parochial schools in St. Marys, was graduated from the Central Catholic High School here, and then studied at St. Vincent's College, in Latrobe. For his professional education he became a student at Duquesne University, where he was graduated



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from the Law School as a Bachelor of Laws in 1935. Admitted in that year to the Elk County bar, Mr. Sorg shortly afterward was admitted to practice in the Superior and Supreme courts of Pennsylvania and the United States Federal District Court of Western Pennsylvania, as well as in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals. After a six months' clerkship with James H. Thompson, Herbert P. Sorg began a general law practice in 1936. He was independently engaged in his professional work for a short time at Johnsonburg, in Elk County. Then he came to St. Marys and joined the law firm of Straub and Blatt. The name was changed thereupon to Straub, Blatt and Sorg, under which style the firm has operated down to the time of writing.

From an early period in his career Mr. Sorg was interested in business, civic, social and public affairs of a varied sort, and he took the office of personnel manager of the Keystone Carbon Company, of St. Marys, in which capacity he still serves. A Republican in politics, Mr. Sorg has held different positions of importance in the life of his home community and in the State. In 1939, after being duly elected to the Pennsylvania State Legislature, he began serving in the lower house; and he has so continued down to the time of writing. He is president of St. Marys, Benzinger Township, Citizens Council, representing all professional, fraternal and civic interests devoted to the advancement of the community. He has been intensely interested in Catholic affairs, being active in the Catholic Young Men's Association, the Catholic Men's Fraternal Club and the Knights of Columbus. He also is active in the Protective Fraternal League, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Loyal Order of Moose, of which he is Past Governor of St. Marys Lodge, and the Tau Delta Phi fraternity. He is a past president of the Elk-Cameron Motor Club. His religious faith is that of the Roman Catholic Church, his parish being St. Marys. He was president of St. Marys conference of St. Vincent De Paul's Society for two years last past. In spare time Mr. Sorg enjoys healthful outdoor sports and recreations, giving of himself as enthusiastically to play in such times as to work in life's more serious moments.

Herbert P. Sorg married, December 31, 1940, June Storer, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. One child, Suzanne Mary, was born to them October 22, 1941.

ANDREW KAUL, III—Actively connected with several leading Pennsylvania industries, Andrew Kaul, III, of St. Marys, is assistant sales manager of the International Graphite & Electrode Corporation. He holds directorships in other local enterprises and is one of his community's civic-minded and public-spirited leaders.

Mr. Kaul was born July 4, 1907, in St. Marys, Pennsylvania, son of Frank A. Kaul and Jane Mallison Kaul. He attended the Hill School, at Pottstown, Pennsylvania,

and after graduation in 1925 entered the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale University, at New Haven, Connecticut, graduating with a degree of Bachelor of Science in 1929. He had a year of postgraduate study at the School of Business Administration of Harvard University, following which he undertook the active labors of his busy career. For a time he was connected with the Speer Carbon Company in various capacities, but in 1935 formed his present association with the International Graphite & Electrode Corporation. He is the treasurer and a director of the St. Marys Sewer Pipe Company. Mr. Kaul is also a director of the St. Marys Clay Products Company, the Speer Resistor Company, the Boys Club of St. Marys, the St. Marys National Bank and the St. Marys Trust Company.

A Democrat in politics, Mr. Kaul belongs to a number of local organizations, among them the St. Marys Country Club, of which he is a director. He belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in St. Marys, the Yale-Harvard-Princeton Club of Pittsburgh, the St. Elmo Club of New Haven and the Aurelian Honor Society of Yale University. He is affiliated with the Sacred Heart Parish of the Roman Catholic Church.

Andrew Kaul, III, married Libby Morrow, of Birmingham, Alabama, on June 18, 1930. They became the parents of two children: 1. Andrew Kaul, IV, born November 10, 1933, a student at the time of writing. 2. Jane Kaul, born April 25, 1940.

ARTHUR A. WERNER—For years active in the business life of St. Marys, Arthur A. Werner is cashier of the Farmers' & Merchants' Bank and secretary of the St. Marys Savings & Investment Company. His contribution to the community has included also considerable civic and social work and has been of many-sided value and distinction.

Mr. Werner was born January 25, 1888, in St. Marys, Pennsylvania, son of George S. and Techla (Keller) Werner. His father, who was born May 10, 1864, in St. Marys, studied in the public schools here and went early into the lumber business. So continuing until 1901, he then came to St. Marys proper and helped organize the Farmers' & Merchants' Bank and the St. Marys Savings & Investment Association, of both of which he is president at the time of writing. His father, Joseph Werner, Arthur A. Werner's grandfather, was one of the pioneer settlers in this region of Pennsylvania, coming here in the early forties of the last century. George S. Werner married, February 18, 1886, Techla Keller, of St. Marys, and they became the parents of the following children: 1. Arthur A. Werner, of further mention. 2. Francis J. Werner. 3. Narbert G. Werner. 4. Mayme Werner. 5. Esther Werner. 6. Isabel Werner. 7. Techla Werner.

Arthur A. Werner, the first-named of these children, attended parochial schools in St. Marys, and spent two years in study at Bucknell University. From college he came directly to the Farmers' & Merchants' Bank, in St. Marys, which his father had helped to organize in 1903. It was in 1908 that he began his work as assistant cashier of this institution. The president, Mr. Hauber, died in 1932, whereupon Mr. Werner's father, George S. Werner, became president, and Arthur A. Werner became cashier. Father and son have continued down to the time of writing in these positions. Arthur A. Werner is also secretary of the St. Marys Savings & Investment Company, of which his father has been president since 1903.

In addition to his services with these financial institutions, Arthur A. Werner is interested in politics and public affairs. A Republican in politics, he is active in a number of local organizations, including the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Men's Federation, as well as the Catholic Young Men's Association. His father belongs to the Patriotic Fraternal League. Both father and son are members of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

Arthur A. Werner married, February 22, 1914, Edith M. Kaul, of St. Marys, daughter of Frank P. and Regina (Kreckle) Kaul. Her father came to this country from Germany when he was only nineteen years of age and settled then in this region of Pennsylvania. Her mother was a native of St. Marys. Mr. and Mrs. Werner became the parents of the following children: 1. Helen Werner, graduated from St. Marys schools, became the wife of Donald Fritz. 2. Rita Werner, died in 1923. 3. Edith Werner, graduated from Central Catholic High School, became a nurse at St. Vincent's Hospital, Erie. 4. Virginia Werner, graduated from Central Catholic High School, became associated with the Farmers' & Merchants' Bank, in St. Marys. 5. Marjorie Werner, attends Central Catholic High School. 6. Techla Werner, also a high school student. 7. Arthur George Werner, graduated from this high school, attended also St. Vincent's School, at Latrobe, then became connected with the Farmers' & Merchants' Bank.

HOWARD BLAINE EYNON—As president of the Pure Carbon Company, of St. Marys, Howard Blaine Eynon has made a notable contribution to one of Pennsylvania's leading industries. Widely known in the trade, he heads the carbon section of the National Manufacturers' Association, and at the same time he takes a lively and constructive interest in the civic and social life of his community.

Mr. Eynon was born November 21, 1885, in Scranton, Pennsylvania, son of A. B. and Anna B. (Hughes) Eynon, both of that city and both now deceased. His father was a banker.

Public schools of Scranton provided Howard Blaine Eynon's early formal education, and he spent two years at Colgate University, then was graduated in 1910 from the University of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia, as a Chemical Engineer. From college he went immediately into the research department of the National Carbon Company, where he continued for three years. He spent five years thereafter with the American Carbon & Battery Company, in St. Louis, Missouri. During the World War period of 1917-18 Mr. Eynon was once more associated with the National Carbon Company, this time at Cleveland, Ohio, where he was engaged in the production of wartime materials. After the conclusion of hostilities, he took over management of the Pure Carbon Company, at Wellsville, New York, in 1919, there remaining until 1932. In that year an arrangement was effected whereby the Stackpole Carbon Company, of St. Marys, was to house Mr. Eynon's laboratory and his financial and sales organization in its office building here. The agreement provided that the Stackpole company was to manufacture Mr. Eynon's products under his direct supervision. Since that time he has remained in St. Marys, continuing as head of the Pure Carbon Company, whose headquarters are now in this city.

In addition to his work along these lines and as head of the carbon section of the National Electrical Manufacturers' Association, Mr. Eynon is a member of other professional bodies, among them the American Chemical Society and the American Electro Chemical Society. Local groups, such as the Kiwanis Club, St. Marys Country Club and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, have found him a most contributive member, and in Wellsville, New York, when living there, Mr. Eynon was president of the Chamber of Commerce of that city and a member of its Rotary Club. In St. Marys, he has served in a number of public capacities, notably on the State Advisory Committee of the National Youth Administration, head of the local Defense Council, and an active worker for the local Community Chest and for child welfare. He is a man of social understanding and broad outlook, and in his political alignment is a staunch Republican. He belongs to the Congregational Church. He enjoys the out-of-doors and the beautiful Pennsylvania country in the midst of which he lives, and is fond of such pastimes as golf, hunting and fishing. He does considerable work in photography as a hobby.

Howard Blaine Eynon married, March 17, 1909, Maude Eames. They became the parents of a son, Blaine Eames Eynon, born July 20, 1910, educated in various public schools and at Hebron Academy, in Hebron, Maine, and afterward a student at the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce of the University of Pennsylvania, where he was graduated in 1932. Blaine Eames Eynon now

conducts his own business as a manufacturers' representative in Detroit, Michigan. In school and university days he was active in football and track work, and was captain of the swimming and diving team at the University of Pennsylvania.

CAPTAIN HENRY HARRISON CUMINGS—

Warren County numbers among its most distinguished citizens of past years Captain Henry Harrison Cumings, Civil War officer, pioneer oil producer, banker, State Senator and a conspicuous figure in the life of northwest Pennsylvania for almost half a century.

He was born in Monmouth, Illinois, on December 1, 1840, son of Charles and Emily (Amsden) Cumings and a descendant of Isaac Cumings, who came from England to Ipswich, Massachusetts, in 1627. From Isaac Cumings, the line is traced through John, his son; John, in the third American generation; Samuel; Samuel, in the fifth generation; and Benjamin Cumings, sixth in his line in America, whose name appears on the muster roll of Captain Reuben Dow's company of minute-men at the Lexington alarm and Bunker Hill, who marched from Hollis, New Hampshire, April 19, 1775. He was one of fifty-three men who remained at Cambridge and who volunteered for eight months in a new company under Captain Reuben Dow, and he saw subsequent service for one year in the New Hampshire Continental Line, attaining the rank of lieutenant. He was the great-grandfather of Captain Henry Harrison Cumings. Benjamin Cumings, Jr., the grandfather, born in Hollis, New Hampshire, August 24, 1781, died in Unionville, Ohio, September 11, 1852; he served in the War of 1812 and attained the rank of major. Charles Cumings, father of Captain Cumings, was born in Brookline, New Hampshire, September 5, 1814, and died in Madison, Ohio, on October 4, 1900. Removing to Unionville, Ohio, with his parents in 1825, he became a Methodist minister, was for several years a circuit rider in Illinois and afterward returned to Ohio, where he settled on a farm in North Madison. He married (first), on March 29, 1838, Emily Amsden, who was born in Stowe, Vermont, June 17, 1816, and died at Monmouth, Illinois, August 14, 1851, a daughter of Abraham and Mehitabel (Currier) Amsden and a descendant of Isaac Amsden, born in England, who was at Cambridge, Massachusetts, in or before 1654.

Henry Harrison Cumings was the elder child and only son of this marriage. His early boyhood was spent in Illinois, but when he was about twelve years old, following his mother's death, he returned to Ohio with his father's younger sister, attended the schools of Madison and Grand River Academy at Austinburg, Ohio, and subsequently entered Oberlin College, where he was graduated with the class of 1862, taking the degree of Master of Arts. Shortly before his graduation he enlisted in the 105th

Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, for Civil War service, and on Commencement Day stood in line of battle near Lexington, Kentucky. Nevertheless, he was graduated with his class. Three months after his enlistment he was detached from his regiment and was assigned to duty as first lieutenant of Parson's Battery, which was practically annihilated at the battle of Perrysville, when fifty per cent. of its members were killed or wounded on the field. Lieutenant Cumings was then assigned to the staff of Colonel A. S. Hall, a brigade commander, and subsequently to the staff of Brigadier-General E. H. Hobson. On March 1, 1863, he rejoined his regiment and thereafter participated in every engagement in which these troops took part—Louisville, Perrysville, Milton, Hoover's Gap, Tullahoma, Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, Tunnel Hill, Buzzard's Roost, Resaca, Burnt Hickory, Lost Mountain, Kenesaw Mountain, Peach Tree Creek, near Atlanta; Jonesboro; and the entire campaign of Sherman in his famous March to the Sea. After the battle of Missionary Ridge he was promoted to a captaincy and was assigned to Company K of the 105th Ohio Volunteers, with which he remained until it was mustered out in Washington, District of Columbia, June 3, 1865. About the time of Lincoln's assassination, he was breveted major, but as he had no active service in that rank he refused to acknowledge it.

Immediately after the war, Captain Cumings settled in Tidioute, Pennsylvania, with whose life his name was long closely associated. Although he had taught school before the war in order to defray the expenses of his higher education, he now turned to business pursuits. Attracted by the possibilities of the Pennsylvania oil industry, then in its pioneer stages, he became an oil producer in the local fields and retained this interest until the close of his career. Until 1871 he also operated a small refinery in Tidioute. In latter years his holdings were extended to many other sections. He became interested in oil development in Oklahoma, in gas production in Orebec; became president of the Missouri Lumber & Mining Company; had large interests in Grandin, Missouri, and Clarks, Louisiana; and investments in many smaller concerns. At Tidioute, where he always made his home, he became president of the Tidioute Savings Bank, which was under his sound and able management for a period of years. At Warren, he was a director of the Warren Trust Company.

Meanwhile, he entered frequently upon the sphere of public service. As a leading citizen of Tidioute, he held several town offices, served as Burgess during the great smallpox epidemic in the early seventies and was director and president of the school board from 1880 until his death in 1913. Captain Cumings also held a number of county offices and from 1899 to 1906, inclusive, served two terms as a member of the Pennsylvania State Senate

during the administrations of Governors Stone and Pennypacker, enhancing his reputation through the character of his service. He was long prominent in the Republican party and in 1888 was a delegate from Pennsylvania to the Republican National Convention. Captain Cumings was also active in veterans' affairs. He assisted in the organization of the Grand Army of the Republic in its early days; served several times as Commander of Colonel George A. Cobham Post; served on the staff of State officers in the Grand Army of the Republic and in the Northern Association of the Department of Pennsylvania; was commander of the Department of Pennsylvania in 1895-96; and was an officer on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief of the national organization of the Grand Army of the Republic at various times. In addition, he served as a director of the Scotland School for Soldiers' Orphans and as a member of the board of the Soldiers' Home at Erie, Pennsylvania; and was appointed to the Gettysburg Battlefield Memorial Commission while he was a member of the State Senate. Captain Cumings was affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he was a member of various higher bodies, including Olivet Commandery of the Knights Templar at Erie.

On April 17, 1867, at Brooklyn, New York, he married Charlotte Jane Sink, who was born in Rome, New York, April 25, 1846, and died on June 22, 1913, while a resident of Tidioute. She was a daughter of Andrew Jackson and Sarah Catharine (Rue) Sink and a descendant of several noble British families, as well as many old and distinguished American lines. Mrs. Cumings organized the Tidioute Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, of which she was regent for eleven years, and was afterwards regent of the Pennsylvania State Society, Daughters of the American Revolution from 1911 until her death in 1913. She was very active in the Women's Relief Corps of Pennsylvania, served as president of the State Department of Pennsylvania for this organization and held the office of national aide and other offices in the national organization. In this connection she was also a member of the Andersonville Prison Board, when it was restored and presented to the Government of the United States.

Captain and Mrs. Cumings became the parents of nine children: 1. Harriet Emily, born January 9, 1868, died October 9, 1912; married Theodore Horatio Ellis, large stockholder in and manager of the United States Asphalt & Refining Company of Baltimore. 2. Charles Andrew, born December 12, 1869, died July 4, 1940; married Helen Ada Crowther. 3. Henry Harrison, Jr., born August 24, 1871, died December 27, 1889; married Bertha Garetta Pierce; his son, Henry H. III, was one of the first students from the United States to enter the World War. He was wounded in ambulance service and sent home, when on the voyage back the ship was torpedoed and he was lost October 17, 1917. 4. Sarah Charlotte, born

April 15, 1875, died September 10, 1875. 5. Ralph Hunter, born December 11, 1876, married Elizabeth Harriet Benjamin, who died in 1921; married (second) Helen Barrett. 6. Laura Frances, born August 27, 1879, married Arthur Burr White. 7. A daughter, born February 2, 1883, died February 16, 1883. 8. Benjamin Rue, born October 4, 1887, died December 13, 1890. 9. Abigail Lynch, born November 17, 1893, married Harold R. Hawkey (*q. v.*).

Captain Henry Harrison Cumings died at Tidioute on May 14, 1913, after a long and notable career which brought him honor as well as success and a secure place in the affection of his associates and in the regard of his community and State.

HAROLD R. HAWKEY—The Pennsylvania oil industry has occupied the efforts and attention of Harold R. Hawkey throughout his active career. He is an independent producer of wide interests and has official and financial connections with important refining and distributing organizations.

Mr. Hawkey, a resident of Tidioute, was born in Barnes, Pennsylvania, on July 21, 1892, son of Thomas Charles and Lizzie (McKalip) Hawkey and a grandson in the paternal line of William Hawkey, a pioneer lumberman, born in Honesdale, died in Warren, and of Rebecca Jane (Roe) Hawkey. William Hawkey, H. R. Hawkey's paternal grandfather, was a son of Robert Hawkey, born in England in 1809, and his wife, Fanny, also born in England in 1811, coming to America prior to 1832 (as all their children were born in Wayne County, Pennsylvania). The grandmother, Rebecca Roe Hawkey, was a daughter of Thomas Roe, born in 1814, and wife, Tamazine, born in 1819. Both were born in England, coming to this country and settling in Wayne County, Pennsylvania, prior to 1843, since all of their children were born there.

Lizzie McKalip Hawkey (mother of H. R. Hawkey) is a descendant of Captain James Hunter, Sr., who served through the Revolutionary War under Colonels De Hass, John Shee, Anthony Wayne, and William Butler, 1775-1779.

James Hunter, Sr., was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, in 1743; following the war he settled in Jacksonville, Indiana County, Pennsylvania, where he died in 1824. His daughter, Margaret, married James McKalip, born in 1794; died in 1864. Their son, James, born in 1816, died in 1860; married, about 1837, Eliza Clark, daughter of Moses Clark. Captain James Hunter's second wife was Martha (Barclay) McAfee, a widow, born in 1745, died in 1843; married, about 1780. His first wife died in Ireland.

Thomas Charles Hawkey, born at Honesdale on June 4, 1867, and now living at Tidioute, was an oil producer until his retirement and for some years managed the Tidioute Refinery. He is a former member and secretary



A. P. Hawkey





Abigail Cummings Hawkey

of the Tidioute School Board and a prominent Mason, in which order he is affiliated with North Star Lodge, No. 241, Free and Accepted Masons. In 1941 he received the fifty-year gold-medal in recognition of half a century of service to Free Masonry. Mr. Hawkey is also affiliated with Eden Lodge, No. 666, Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Tidioute. He is a Republican in politics and a member and steward of Tidioute Methodist Church. Lizzie (McKalip) Hawkey, the mother, who was born in Butler on September 6, 1871, and is now living in Tidioute, is a daughter of Samuel K. and Amanda E. (Huff) McKalip and a granddaughter of James McKalip, of Westmoreland County, a cabinetmaker, who died at Delmont, Pennsylvania, in 1860, and of Eliza (Clark) McKalip, his wife, a daughter of Moses Clark. Mrs. Hawkey's father was born in Westmoreland County and later moved, successively to Clarion County and to Warren County, where he was associated with the National Transit Company in Warren. He died at Tiona, as did his wife, a native of St. Petersburg, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Lizzie (McKalip) Hawkey has long been conspicuous in the civic life of Tidioute and Warren County. A member and president of the Borough School Board for many years and a member of the County Board of School Directors, she held these offices until illness forced her resignation in 1940. During Governor Pinchot's administration, she served very ably as president of the Warren County Mothers' Assistance Board and in her own community has always been active in every movement designed to promote the welfare of its people and the cause of civic progress. A leading figure in the Methodist Church, she was president of the Ladies Aid Society of the church for a quarter of a century. She has also been an active club woman, an early member of the Century Club and after its merger with the Women's Club, a prominent member of the latter. Although Mrs. Hawkey has given up her outside activities since her recent illness and lives quietly at Tidioute, she retains her keen interest in all community affairs.

Harold R. Hawkey, son of distinguished parents, spent the greater part of his boyhood in Tidioute, where he was graduated from high school in 1910. After attending Huff's Business College in Warren and spending two years at the University of Pennsylvania, he became associated with the Natural Gasoline Company and continued the connection until the company was sold to the Tidioute Refining Company. At this time he enlisted for World War service in the Aviation Corps of the United States Army and was stationed at Richfield Flying Field in Texas, where he spent eighteen months as oil chemist. After the Armistice he was honorably discharged from the service with the rank of second lieutenant and was then commissioned first lieutenant in the Aviation Reserve Corps, in which he held a commission for five years.

Following the war, Mr. Hawkey became an independent oil producer in the Pennsylvania fields and has since continued these interests on an expanding scale. In addition to his activities as a producer, he is manager of the Wolverine Service Station in Tidioute, a stock holder in the Wolf's Head Refining Company of Oil City and a director of the East Brady Gas Fuel Company, at East Brady, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Hawkey is prominent in the Masonic Order, in which he is affiliated with Temple Lodge, No. 412, Free and Accepted Masons, at Tidioute, and with various higher bodies, including Occidental Chapter, No. 235, Royal Arch Masons; Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and Zem Zem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Erie. He is at present Potentate Representative of his Temple in Tidioute. Mr. Hawkey is also affiliated with the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity at the University of Pennsylvania and is a member of Elzie Lynch Post, American Legion, in Tidioute. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the Methodist Church in this city.

On July 28, 1915, Mr. Hawkey married Abigail Lynch Cumings, born in Tidioute on November 17, 1893, daughter of the late Henry Harrison Cumings (*q. v.*) and of Charlotte (Sink) Cumings. Mrs. Hawkey was educated in the grade and high schools of Tidioute and in 1912 was graduated from Miss Marshall's School in Philadelphia, later studying voice with Philadelphia teachers. She has been choir director of the Tidioute Methodist Church over a period of years and also a Sunday school teacher and officer in the Women's Society and an active figure in conference missionary work of the church. As a club woman and civic leader, her other interests are numerous. Mrs. Hawkey is now Regent of Tidioute Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. In this order she served three years as State Historian of the Pennsylvania Society, Daughters of the American Revolution; is past chairman of the Caroline Scott Harrison Memorial Committee; served three years on the State Credentials Committee; and established the State Filing and Lending Bureau for historical papers in the possession of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She is now serving on the National Credentials Committee of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Mrs. Hawkey is also a member of the Daughters of American Colonists, in which she is Vice-Regent of Kanoagoa Chapter and in which she has served for six years as State chairman of the Filing and Lending Bureau for historical papers of the Daughters of American Colonists. She was one of the organizers of the Parent-Teachers Association in Tidioute, served as its first president from 1929 to 1934, became county president in the latter year and in 1938 was elected vice-president and in 1941 president of the Northwestern District, Parent-

Teachers Association. One of the organizers of the Fortnightly Club of Tidioute, she served as its president for eight years and was subsequently elected Warren County president of the Pennsylvania Federation of Women's Clubs. Mrs. Hawkey was secretary of the Young People's Conference for several years and dean of the Queen Esther Summer Camp. In 1933 she was elected president of the board of the Ruth M. Smith Children's Home, a missionary home whose affairs now occupy a great deal of her time. Through the wide range of her interests and devoted service in the organizations with which she is associated, she has exercised a constructive influence that is widely felt and has established her reputation as an organizer and administrator of fine gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Hawkey are the parents of two children: 1. Harold R., Jr., born April 13, 1920. He was graduated from Tidioute High School, attended Washington and Jefferson College and was associated with the research department of Talon, Inc., at Meadville, the country's largest manufacturers of slide fasteners, and also served as assistant ground instructor in the Civil Aeronautics Training School at Meadville. In 1941 he entered Ohio State University to take his Master's degree in Engineering. 2. Rebecca Jane, born February 25, 1924, a graduate of Tidioute High School in the class of 1941 and is now attending Allegheny College.

JOHN A. EDWARDS—The first vulcanizing service for motorists between the cities of Pittsburgh and Erie was established at Brookville more than a quarter of a century ago by John A. Edwards. Since that time he has steadily expanded his interests. He is today holder of the agency for Chrysler and Plymouth motor cars in this area, owner of an extensive business in accessories and in electrical appliances, in addition to the original business which he still continues. He is also well known throughout this region for his active support of civic and welfare organizations.

Born at Brookville on March 14, 1892, Mr. Edwards is a son of Leander S. and Sue (Spanginberg) Edwards. His father, who was originally a lumberman, is now retired. After a public school education, terminated at the age of fourteen, he began his active career in the employ of the Brookville Glass & Tile Company, with whom he remained for eight years. A period of travel in various parts of the country closed when he returned to Brookville in 1914 and at this time he established his vulcanizing business for the repair of automobile tires, the first in this section of the State. During the World War, Mr. Edwards spent two years in the American Expeditionary Forces, being stationed overseas at Evacuation Hospital, No. 26, mostly with the Rainbow Division. After he received his honorable discharge from the service, he resumed his career at Brookville, and acquired a new busi-

ness in vulcanizing and automobile accessories. In 1927, thirteen years after he first began to serve the motorists of the Brookville district, he was granted the sales and service agency for Chrysler and Plymouth automobiles at Brookville. Later he added an electrical appliance department to his business, which now employs eighteen people. All branches are under his direct supervision and have gone ahead to high levels. As an automobile dealer he annually disposes of many cars in this area, while conducting the other departments of his business in accordance with the high standards of service associated with his name.

In the general life of the Brookville community, Mr. Edwards is equally active. He has been a consistent worker in and generous friend of such organizations as the Young Men's Christian Association and the American Red Cross. He has also been deeply interested in the Boy Scout movement, serving as chairman of the organizing committee of the local council and later as chairman of the executive committee. He is a charter member and past president of the Brookville Kiwanis Club; a member of the Jefferson County Sportsman's Association, and is prominent fraternally in the Free and Accepted Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America. In the Masonic Order he is affiliated with all higher bodies of the Scottish Rite, including Coudersport Consistory, thirty-second degree, and with Altoona Temple, Mystic Shrine. Mr. Edwards is also a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and of Brookville Post, No. 102, American Legion. A lover of music since boyhood, he traveled with an orchestra as a young man and was director of the Brookville band for several years. Mr. Edwards was also instrumental in organizing the American Legion Drum Corps in Brookville and directed it for a few years. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the Brookville Methodist Church, on whose official board he serves. In addition to music, his principal hobby is hunting.

On April 16, 1918, at Brookville, Mr. Edwards married Claire Bullers, daughter of the late Thomas and Emma (Long) Bullers of this community. She has been very active in Brookville civic affairs and is a Past Worthy Matron of Brookville Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star; and a member and past president of the Martha V. Conrad Study Club. She is also active in Girl Scouts and holds an executive position in this organization. Mr. and Mrs. Edwards became the parents of two children: John A., Jr., born September 22, 1920, died in 1937 from injuries sustained in a traffic accident; and Carolyn Ann, born June 15, 1928, now attending the Brookville public schools.

SAINT BENEDICT'S ACADEMY, the day school on East Ninth Street is recognized as an important fac-



St. Benedict's Academy, Erie, Pennsylvania

tor in the making of Erie's history; for it sends annually into colleges, hospitals and offices young women who, because of the excellent preparation characteristic of the school, are welcomed into the mature life of the city.

The school has an enviable biography. In 1856, five Benedictine Sisters, bringing with them the culture inherited from the earliest ages of Western Monasticism, established the first convent in the city and applied themselves to parochial school work. These religious were members of the Bavarian branch of the order founded at Subiaco in 530 by Saint Benedict, Patriarch of Western Monks, and Saint Scholastica, his twin sister. Thus, the force directly responsible for the preservation of learning during the fitful periods of early European history was borne across the broad Atlantic and has continued to project its salutary influence even into twentieth century education.

Saint Benedict's Academy had its inception in 1864, in a small frame building. Later the classes were transferred to part of a larger building which had replaced the tiny first convent; and in 1890, when further expansion became imperative, the present structure was erected. This building reflects credit upon the earlier members of the community; for—*notwithstanding the fact that this is the fifty-second year of its existence—it is still adequate, beautiful, and impressive.*

In addition to the administration offices, the first floor houses the library, the music department, and the mechanical office appliance laboratories; while the second floor is given to classrooms, and the physics, chemistry and biology laboratories. The art studio, the gymnasium and the clothing laboratories are located on the third and fourth floors.

Several courses of study are offered: for those who wish to prepare for college there are the academic and science courses; for the girl who intends to enter hospital service there is the broadened course which will fit her for the five-year training terminating with a bachelor's degree or for immediate probationship if preferred. Home economics; art, both specialized and classroom work; and music, instrumental and vocal offer diversified electives. Sports and social graces are given due emphasis. The greatest attraction to the school seems to come from the fact that a particularly comprehensive commercial course is offered. Students are grounded in the fundamentals and also have practice in actual business situations, for each commercial senior spends a planned portion of her time in the school office. The training in mechanical calculating provides an opportunity for specialization not common to high school education.

That Saint Benedict's has sought the best and kept pace with current trends is evident in the fact that in 1922 the school was accorded first-class accreditation by the De-

partment of Public Instruction at Harrisburg, and in 1928 was invited to membership in the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

VILLA MARIA—The cornerstone of Villa Maria, Erie, Pennsylvania, was laid on May 24, 1891. In the following May, it was dedicated by the late Rt. Rev. Tobias Mullen, then bishop of Erie. According to the local papers at the time, the impressive ceremonies were featured by a procession which "was notable for the number of American flags carried with other magnificent banners."

On September 8, 1892, Villa Maria was opened under the superiorship of Sister Theresa Toomey and under the directorship of Sister Jerome Cronin, both of whom are now deceased. Sister Jerome was succeeded in September, 1893, by Sister Helena, now Mother Superior of the Sisters of St. Joseph. The building, which was erected along 8th Street, permitted the remainder of the block to be used as a campus.

The grounds where Villa Maria is now located were part of the old Casey farm and were the gift of the late Very Rev. Thomas Casey, then vicar general of the Erie Catholic Diocese. Father Casey also gave generously toward the furnishings of the school.

For five years after it was opened, Villa Maria was used solely as a high class boarding school for young girls. However, the success of the graduates and the fame of the school grew so rapidly that it was necessary to add a large wing to the original building. The addition, called the Belle Arts Building, was formally opened June 21, 1904, and used by the students when the school was opened the following September. But the expansion of Villa Maria was not to stop there, although in 1904 the building was thought to be large enough to withstand growth for a half a century.

Crowded class rooms and requests for additional tutoring led to the erection of Gannon Hall and Our Lady's Chapel, which were made possible largely through the initiative of Mother Helena, who became Mother Superior of the order in 1917, and is still the active head.

Gannon Hall, which houses the modern college for women, was named in honor of the Most Rev. John Mark Gannon, bishop of Erie, whose interest in Villa Maria has been in a large part responsible for its success. It was Bishop Gannon who suggested to the Sisters of St. Joseph that they extend their teaching to the college field.

Ground was broken for both Gannon Hall and Our Lady's Chapel on July 2, 1925. On July 27, 1927, the two buildings were dedicated by Bishop Gannon. The new buildings were connected with the extreme wing of the original building. Gannon Hall, the college building, is a five-story structure and a fully equipped college.

Maryvale, located on the West Lake Road, is the most recent expansion of Villa Maria, and is used largely as a music academy.

A total of 324 students have received degrees from the college, and many graduates are now employed in high positions in various fields of work. Villa Maria has the honor of being the first Catholic College in the Erie diocese to be empowered by the State Council of Education to confer degrees.

This distinction was due largely to the efforts of the Very Rev. Msgr. Joseph J. Wehrle, then president of the college. The power to grant degrees was conferred on June 1, 1928, and placed Villa Maria on the list of recognized colleges in Pennsylvania. Today the college is chartered by the State Legislature and accredited by the State Council of Education of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by the Middle States Association of Colleges and the National Catholic Educational Association.

The college also holds membership in the Association of Liberal Arts Colleges of Pennsylvania, the Catholic Education Association of Pennsylvania, Association of American Colleges, the American Association of Collegiate Registrars, the Middle States Association of Collegiate Registrars, the national honorary fraternity of Kappa Gamma Pi, the Pennsylvania Institutional Teacher Placement Association, the American Medical Association, and the Association of College Presidents of Pennsylvania.

Courses are offered which lead to the degrees of Bachelor of Arts in both the classical and literary fields, and Bachelor of Science in biology, chemistry, commercial education, home economics, vocational and general, and music.

During the years from 1892 to 1942, the Villa Maria has grown from a small boarding school for thirty girls to an impressive grade school, high school and college, with a total enrollment of 715 students and separate faculties totaling sixty-three accredited teachers. Today the Villa Maria, which covers a city block from Eighth to Ninth streets and between Liberty and Plum, is considered one of the foremost educational institutions in the State.

EDWARD JOHN DURBIN—For many years active in the business, civic and social life of Brockway, Edward John Durbin was publisher of the "Brockway Record," a weekly newspaper, until his death in 1937, when his son, Ralph Edward Durbin took over active management. The elder Mr. Durbin was for a long period prominent in the life of his community and of northwestern Pennsylvania, where his fellow-citizens were, indeed, fortunate in numbering him among local residents and public-spirited leaders. He was always at the forefront in civic-minded activities in his community's behalf, as were also his wife and family.

Mr. Durbin was born February 9, 1868, at Wiconisco, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, son of John and Catherine A. (Voorhees) Durbin. His father was the pioneer of his family in America. Born in England in 1819, John Durbin came to New York in 1858 and was employed in the coal fields of Dauphin and Schuylkill counties. He continued the active labors of his career until his death in 1893.

Edward John Durbin was apprenticed, when only eleven years old, to J. H. Stroup to learn the tailor's trade. The plan was that he was to remain with Mr. Stroup for five years, and it was stipulated that he was not to marry during that period. After completing his five years, he stayed on for four additional years and nine months, learning all branches of tailoring practice and theory. Still unsatisfied with his preparation, he took a year's course at the cutting school conducted by John J. Mitchell in New York City. Soon afterward he entered the employ of D. L. Byres, at Du Bois, Pennsylvania, working on "the board" until Mr. Byres sent him to Brockwayville, a few months later, to open a branch establishment. In November, 1889, Mr. Durbin opened a shop of his own in the old Dailey Building, in Main Street, Brockwayville, as Brockway was then known.

In 1892 he removed to Depew, New York, where he continued a good business for ten years. Then, returning to Brockwayville, he had a fine tailoring establishment of his own. In 1922 he entirely changed his work, buying the "Record," Brockway's weekly newspaper, which he ran thereafter for the rest of his life. His wife and their son, Ralph Edward Durbin, both assisted him to a notable degree with the work of the "Record," and together took over the weight of responsibility at Mr. Durbin's death. Mr. Durbin, in addition to his other activities, was also chief of the Brockway Fire Department from its inception in 1904 until he resigned from that post in 1926. He belonged to Depew Lodge No. 823, Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he was affiliated with Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 293, Royal Arch Masons, of Buffalo, and Knapp Commandery, No. 40, Knights Templar, of Ridgway, as well as with Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He belonged, too, to the Knights of Pythias.

Edward John Durbin married, October 22, 1890, Rose Chillcott, who attended public schools in Snyder Township and Brockway, and was for a time employed on the "New Bethlehem Vindicator" before her marriage. She became closely associated with her husband in business, political, religious, social and fraternal affairs, and played an important part in Jefferson County life from an early period in her career. Governor Pinchot, at the beginning of his first term, appointed her a Jefferson County trustee for mother's assistance in the State of Pennsylvania, and she was reappointed by Governor John S.





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Fisher and once more by Governor Pinchot, serving in that capacity for fourteen years. In the last two years of this period she had charge of old age assistance, pensions for the blind and similar matters. The territory over which she presided, in this connection, comprised northern Jefferson County. Mrs. Durbin was also appointed by Governor Pinchot as a member of the board of seven people, in Jefferson County, to administer relief when a relief system was inaugurated, and she served on the board through the initial year until this and the other similar boards were absorbed by the Jefferson County Board of Welfare. Throughout the World War period of 1917-18, Mrs. Durbin was active in Red Cross and welfare work. At her husband's death she took over the "Record" as its owner and editor, while her only remaining son, Ralph E. Durbin, became business manager. During her husband's lifetime the "Record" was strongly Republican in politics, but it is now independent in this regard. Financially it has made considerable headway, and it is meeting with growing popularity at the time of writing.

Edward John and Rose (Chillcott) Durbin became the parents of the following children: 1. William V. Durbin, born July 30, 1891. 2. James Wesley Durbin, who is now deceased. 3. Ralph Edward Durbin, born August 6, 1904, in Maple Avenue, Brockway, attended public schools here, graduated from high school in 1924, became associated then with the "Brockway Record," learned the business from the ground up, attended the Mergenthaler Linotype School in Brooklyn, New York, in 1926, then returned to the "Record." Ralph E. Durbin took over more and more weighty responsibilities in connection with the paper until, at his father's death, he took over active management of the "Record," though technical ownership and editorship rested in his mother's hands. He is today assistant editor, business manager and advertising manager of the paper, and an official of the Brockwayville Publishing Company, Inc. He has performed a variety of community service. He became a member of the local Fire Department in 1921, thereafter holding the posts of financial secretary, treasurer, trustee and foreman, and serving his sixth term as secretary at the time of writing. He was nominated for Brockway City Council in 1941. He is a charter member of the Brockway Acacia Club, a social group connected with Masonry, of which he was president for two years. In the Free and Accepted Masons he is a member of Ridgway Lodge and holds the thirty-second degree of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in Coudersport Consistory. He is a twenty-five-year member and scoutmaster for the same period, of the Boy Scouts of America, and since 1925 has been master of Troop No. 40, of Brockway. He is active in the Methodist Church, where he has taught Sunday school classes since 1918. Ralph Edward Durbin married,

September 29, 1926, in Wellsville, New York, Mary Emma Van Horn, of Falls Creek, Pennsylvania, daughter of Edward and Edna (McMinn) Van Horn, former Brockway residents. They became the parents of one son, Keith Edward Durbin, who was born May 15, 1929, in Brockway.

The death of Edward John Durbin, May 5, 1937, removed from Brockway one of its esteemed residents and newspaper men, an individual who had notably contributed to the life of the community and who had well earned the distinction that was his. His life-example was a constructive power in Brockway and this district of Pennsylvania, throughout which his good influence was widely felt.

P. T. DAVIS—As president of the Clearfield Trust Company, P. T. Davis heads one of the substantial financial institutions of this county. He has devoted virtually his entire career to banking, although not to the exclusion of other important business interests, and has risen to his present position on the basis of his record and experience.

Mr. Davis was born in Bigler Township, Clearfield County, on August 16, 1874, son of William C. and Catherine (Hegarty) Davis, both of this county, and a grandson of Thomas Davis, who was the first of the family to settle here. His father, who died in 1910, was a merchant and farmer. His mother died in 1915.

P. T. Davis spent his boyhood on his father's farm, receiving his education in the local public schools. On January 1, 1897, he was appointed chief clerk of the Clearfield County Board of County Commissioners and served in this capacity until January 15, 1902, when he resigned to enter the service of the Clearfield Trust Company. He has since remained active in the organization. Beginning as clerk and messenger, he was steadily advanced to positions of larger responsibility and within a few years became secretary-treasurer of the bank. Afterward he served as vice-president and treasurer until 1932, when he assumed the presidency of the institution. Taking the chief executive office at the low point of the depression, he has been at the helm during the steady climb which has featured the past decade of the bank's history and has directed its affairs with energy and success.

Mr. Davis, who is well known in banking circles of this section, is also president of the Clearfield Clay Products Company of Clearfield, Pennsylvania, and president of the Lee Clay Products Company of Clearfield, Kentucky. He is treasurer and director of the Shaw Public Library; treasurer of the P. B. Zentmeier Fund, an endowment used for the support of crippled children; past president of the Clearfield Rotary Club; a member of the board of governors of the Clearfield Chamber of Commerce; and

otherwise active and influential in the civic life of his community. By appointment to fill an unexpired term, he served for some months as county treasurer of Clearfield County and during the administration of Governor Fisher was a member of the State Sanitary Water Board. In addition to these connections, Mr. Davis is prominent fraternally in the Masonic Order, and he is affiliated with Clearfield Lodge, No. 314, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is Past Master and has served as treasurer since 1903; Phillipsburg Chapter, No. 228, Royal Arch Masons; the various higher bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including Williamsport Consistory; and Jaffa Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Altoona. Mr. Davis is also a member of the Clearfield-Curwensville Country Club. He is a Republican in politics and for many years has served as a trustee of the Clearfield Presbyterian Church. Fond of the outdoors, he finds his principal recreation in hunting, fishing and wild life.

On April 19, 1900, Mr. Davis married Minnie Smith, of Clearfield County. They are the parents of two children: Julia D., a graduate of local schools and Wellesley College, who married T. Vaughn Joplin; and William T., who was educated in local schools, the Kiskiminetas Springs School, Pennsylvania State College and Carlisle Law School, from the latter of which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. A practicing attorney, and a member of the law firm of Newling and Davis, he is now a lieutenant in the United States Naval Reserve.

MAJOR ISRAEL MCCREIGHT—The Deposit National Bank of DuBois, a \$4,000,000 institution, owes its development and present position largely to Major Israel McCreight, its president and cashier for many years and later chairman of the board of directors. In addition to his banking connections, his varied and active career has embraced important mining and railroad developments, an early period in the Indian and buffalo country of the West, extended civic service and a prominent rôle in the conservation movement and other causes. He is one of the distinguished citizens of DuBois.

Mr. McCreight was born in Jefferson County, Pennsylvania, on April 22, 1865, son of John and Eliza (Uncapher) McCreight. His father was a farmer and lumberman in this State.

Major Israel McCreight was educated at the McCreight country school in Jefferson County and at Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, New York, from which he was graduated in August, 1882, being the youngest member of his class. In the same year he began his active career as clerk in a general store and in 1883 became clerk in a private bank. From that time until his retirement in 1940 the greater part of his attention was

devoted to banking. In 1885 he moved to the Dakota Territory, where he served as cashier of the Moore & Dodd live stock store, supplying local Indian tribes, schools and the garrison at Fort Totten and shipping buffalo bones and live stock. In the East he was adopted as chief of the Sioux Indian tribes, sponsored by Buffalo Bill at a ceremony conducted by Iron Tail and four other chiefs and witnessed by 150 warriors and settled an Indian outbreak in 1885. In 1886 he returned to Pennsylvania and became assistant cashier of the First National Bank of DuBois. In 1888 he purchased the DuBois Deposit Bank, reorganized it as the Deposit National Bank of DuBois, and served as cashier, vice-president and president until 1926, when he resigned to become chairman of the board of directors. Mr. McCreight's far-sighted guidance and sound banking methods were largely responsible for the development of this institution to its present status as a \$4,000,000 bank. Since 1940 he has had no official connection with the bank, but continues as a stockholder.

Meanwhile, from 1892 to 1910, Mr. McCreight was active in planning the extension of the Buffalo & Susquehanna Railroad into the Clearfield bituminous coal region and the purchase of large coal fields here. He established six very large coal operations at DuBois, Sykesville, Eriton, Cramer, Onondaga and Sagamore for the Buffalo & Susquehanna Railroad and the Erie Railroad, two of the largest of which are still operating, namely at Cramer and Sagamore. Mr. McCreight was also treasurer of the James J. Hill Fat Stock Show when they were planning the extension of the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Milwaukee Railroad to the West. For years he has been conspicuous in the conservation movement. He attended two conservation congresses, organized the Cook Forest State Park, now the largest in Pennsylvania, to establish which he fought through eleven years, and has written extensively on conservation matters, including among his publications "Theodore Roosevelt and Conservation." In 1906 he wrote "Theodore Roosevelt's Conservation Policy."

Mr. McCreight has also attended one peace conference and has been a delegate to other congresses. At DuBois he has served for twenty-five years as a member of the City Board of Education and for twelve years as its president and has taken an active part in many other community causes. During the First World War he was one of the first to be drafted in forming the local board for administering the Selective Service Act and donated his services as secretary throughout the war, receiving a letter from the War Department in praise of his work. Mr. McCreight is a Republican in politics and has long been influential in his party, serving one term as a member of the State Republican Committee. He is past president of the Central Pennsylvania Bankers Association

and the County Bankers Association, holding office for three terms, and is a member of the "Old Guard" of the Pennsylvania Bankers Association, which awarded him a medal for one of the longest terms of service in the organization; three others were awarded at the same time. For his contributions to the development of the DuBois public school system and for war service, he received a loving cup, presented to him by the schools. He is past president of the County Supervisors Association; past president of the County Bankers' Live Stock Association; was twice president of the DuBois Kiwanis Club; twice president of the Acorn Club of DuBois; and is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he holds the fifty-year gold button as member and Past Master of his Blue Lodge. In this order he is also a member of all higher bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including Williamsport Consistory, and a member of Zem Zem Temple, Mystic Shrine, in Erie. He is affiliated, in addition, with DuBois Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and with DuBois Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which he was twice Exalted Ruler. He has contributed numerous financial articles to newspapers and magazines and is the author of "Chief Flying Hawk's Tales," 1936; "Cook Forest History," 1936; "History of DuBois," 1938; "History of Local Draft Board," 1918, and others, apart from conservation publications earlier mentioned. He is a recognized authority on local history. Mr. McCreight is a Presbyterian in religious faith.

He married, on July 20, 1887, at Reynoldsville, Pennsylvania, Alice B. Humphrey, daughter of Richard and Mary (Slack) Humphrey. They became the parents of the following children: Donald, born in 1888; Catherine, born in 1892, married the Rev. R. N. Stumpf; (twins, born in 1896), Jim, married Austral Adams, and Jack, married Marion Billman; Martha, born in 1900, married Floyd Swisher; Major Israel, Jr., born in 1902, married Lucile Mathews, and Rembrandt Peale, who died in 1937.

ARTHUR CLIFTON MCKINLEY, M. D.—The medical profession of Jefferson County numbers among its most distinguished members Dr. Arthur Clifton McKinley, whose long career as a practitioner began in the days of the horse and buggy and has continued without interruption down to the present time. During this period, Dr. McKinley has grown steadily in stature. Practicing originally at Corsica and since 1926 at Brookville, he has kept abreast of all developments in medical science and is recognized today as one of the leading physicians of the Jefferson County area.

He was born near Brookville on April 17, 1878, son of Joseph D. and Jane (Haugh) McKinley and received his early education in the county public schools and at Corsica Academy. In 1900 he was graduated from

Clarion State Normal School and subsequently studied for two years at Grove City College. Meanwhile, he taught school for several terms and worked during vacation periods on the farm, on local railroad lines and in the steel mills. In 1904 he enrolled at the University of Pittsburgh to prepare for the profession of medicine and in 1908, upon the completion of his course, was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He has since had postgraduate work in Philadelphia and Chicago. Dr. McKinley began the general practice of medicine and surgery at Corsica. He remained there for seventeen years. At the outset the only practicable method by which a doctor could make his rounds was in the old horse and buggy. In his slow-moving rig, the doctor in those days had to travel many miles at all times of day and night, performing operations frequently by the light of coal oil lamps, without many of the adjuncts now considered indispensable to modern surgery. He had to be adept in all branches of medicine and surgery, hardy, self-reliant and largely indifferent to his personal comfort. Dr. McKinley met the difficult test and with passing years his reputation as well as his practice grew to large proportions. By research, experiment and constant study he was able to bring to his patients every new technique of medical science as soon as its value had been proved. Today he is justly proud of the fact that he has one of the finest private laboratories in northwest Pennsylvania.

Since 1926, Dr. McKinley's activities have centered at Brookville, where he has repeated his earlier professional successes. His practice is drawn from a large area and continues to embrace all branches of medicine and surgery. No physician of the county is better known or held in higher esteem, whether by his professional colleagues or by the public at large.

Dr. McKinley is a member of the American Medical Association, the Pennsylvania State Medical Association and the Jefferson County Medical Society. Although he has never entered public life, he takes a keen interest in the affairs of his native county and has lent his influence and support consistently to advance the cause of civic progress and the useful institutions of his community. Dr. McKinley attends the Presbyterian Church. His leisure is devoted largely to his home and family.

On June 27, 1908, he married Mary Cowan, daughter of William and Rebecca (Craft) Cowan. They are the parents of seven children: 1. Arthur Randon, born in 1910, now completing a pre-medical course; he married Lucille Richards, and has a son, Eugene Randon. 2. Elizabeth, who married L. G. Fawcett; they have two children: Meredith and Stephen Quentin. 3. Barbara I., born in 1913, a missionary under the Presbyterian Board of Missions, formerly stationed in Thailand; she was ordered home in April, 1942, on account of war condi-

tions. 4. Dr. Oscar Vincent, born in 1915, who holds a commission as first lieutenant in the United States Army, Officers' Reserve Corps; he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine from Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, in 1941. He married Marjorie Morton. 5. Eleanor Ruth, a former student at Pennsylvania College for Women, who was born in 1917; now the wife of Gordon Wright, of Pittsburgh and they have two children, Payton and Pamela. 6. Wayne Snyder, born in 1919; he married Helen Haag, and they have a son, Oscar Barry. 7. William Mark, born in 1924.

SEVERN PARKER KER—Since his retirement from most business activities in 1933, Severn Parker Ker, formerly of Sharon, Pennsylvania, has possessed ample opportunity to look back over his many years in the steel industry and realize that despite the long, hard work involved, they were thoroughly worth-while years. Born when his native State was engaged in a bitter struggle to survive in the Confederacy, starting early to be a bread-winner because of the destruction of family property by the ill fortunes of war, his life from boyhood became a fight for financial success and industrial leadership. By a strange series of circumstances this Virginian in his young manhood became identified with the steel industry in western Pennsylvania, near the beginning of the greatest period of "poverty and riches" in steel, of consolidations and mergers, of the organization of the then greatest corporation in the world and subsequent monopolies, competitions and growth. He played a part in all this, and retired only when his work had been well done.

Mr. Ker was born at Richmond, Virginia, February 17, 1864, son of Heber and Mary (Kinney) Ker and a descendant from John Ker, of Scotland who settled in Virginia in Colonial times. Both parents were natives of Virginia, where their families had been long established. Heber Ker and his twin brother, James, were educated in the Virginia Military Institute at Lexington, Virginia. Heber was captain of Class A, and his brother, captain of Class B, high honors to be thus divided between two brothers. Heber Ker, a man of means and the owner of a large plantation near Richmond, went off to war when Virginia joined the Confederacy, serving as an officer throughout the War Between the States. When the conflict was over and he was able to return to his landed estates, it was to find every building destroyed by fire and the fields in terrible condition. He moved to Staunton in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, where he spent the remaining years of his life.

Severn Parker Ker inherited only an ambitious mind and a sound body that enabled him to live and learn and labor intensively over some seventy years. His ambition, courage, firmness of purpose manifested themselves at a

very early age for as a boy of thirteen he began earning his own livelihood, clerking in a general store at a wage of \$2.00 per week. What little the war had left the family means, the "reconstruction period" had taken. It was no disgrace to be poor in the South of that day, indeed it was almost a stigma to possess wealth. To relate all the things that Severn Ker did during the following seven years would make too long a story, and probably serve no worthy purpose. He developed understanding, stamina, thrift and self discipline that became the basis of his noteworthy career.

When he arrived at his majority, Severn Ker entered the employ of Smith Brothers & Company, at Allegheny, Pennsylvania. This was in 1885, and the title of the concern was changed to the LaBelle Steel Company two years later, with Mr. Ker as secretary in charge of sales, a post he filled capably to 1898 when it merged with the Crucible Steel Company. He was elected vice-president of the American Steel Hoop Company, in 1899, was with the Carnegie Steel Company, 1901-02 (at the time of the retirement of Andrew Carnegie); with the Crucible Steel Company of America, 1903-04; vice-president in charge of sales, Republic Iron & Steel Company, 1905-09. He became general manager of the Sharon Steel Hoop Company in 1909; served as president from 1910 to 1931; and was chairman of the board from 1931 to his retirement in 1933. A whole history of steel might be written about his connections with this enormous industry from 1885 to 1933, some forty-eight years, during which the United States twice engaged in foreign wars, withstood successive booms and depressions, and made most extraordinary advances in a thousand ways. Mr. Ker numbered among his friends many of the outstanding steel men of the early days, and himself built some of the most advanced mills at the time of their construction. He had "borne the burden in the heat of the day" and when he chose to take his place among the spectators it was only after having contributed his full share to the development of a major industry.

Mr. Ker remains a director of the Sharon Steel Corporation and of the First National Bank. He was the first president and one of the founders of the Sharon Chamber of Commerce, remaining at its head for three years, and was a president of the Buhl Club, and an officer in a number of civic, social and humanitarian organizations. For some years he has made his home in Youngstown, Ohio, where he is a member of the Youngstown Club and Youngstown Country Club; of the Duquesne Club of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and the Union Club of Cleveland, Ohio. He long has been a staunch Republican in his political faith. His religious affiliations are with the Protestant Episcopal Church.

At Nashville, Tennessee, on September 10, 1891, Severn Parker Ker married Annie Williams Gray, of that city,





J. Wallace Fraser.

and they are the parents of three children: 1. Mary Ruth Ker, married Parker H. Cunningham, of Pasadena, California, and they have one daughter: i. Mary Ruth Cunningham. 2. Annie Gray Ker, married Edward H. Boyd, and they are the parents of one son: i. Edward H. Boyd, Jr. 3. Severn Parker Ker, Jr., of Youngstown, who married Margaret Thomas, and they have two children: Peggy Ker and Severn Parker Ker, III.

RALPH ROBERT DOWN—Different types of business activity have filled the career of Ralph Robert Down, who is vice-president and general manager of the Fruit-Ohl Company, of Sharon, wholesale and retail hardware and lumber dealers.

Mr. Down was born in Stratford, Ontario, Canada, son of William and Elizabeth (Larkworthy) Down. His father is a merchant and a city commissioner of Sharon.

Public schools at Stratford, his Ontario birthplace, provided Ralph Robert Down's early formal education, and he later was a student at the Stratford Collegiate Institute. He also studied at the Toronto School of Pharmacy and the Northwestern School of Pharmacy. Upon completing his formal studies, he entered the drug business in Stratford, then settled in Cleveland, Ohio. After learning the practical side of pharmacy, he opened his own store in Sandy Lake, Pennsylvania, and built up a lucrative drug business. Later he added a hardware and lumber business to his other activities, and owned some independent oil wells in the region. The hardware and lumber enterprise prospered from the outset, and in 1914 Mr. Down came to Sharon to continue his work along these lines with the Fruit-Ohl Company, one of Sharon's oldest and most substantial businesses. As vice-president and general manager of this firm, Mr. Down has substantially aided this firm's position in both the wholesale and retail branches.

He has taken an active part in Sharon affairs, as in the life of the other communities where he has lived. He is vice-president of the First National Bank here. He also is a director of the Bank of Sandy Lake and a past vice-president of the Reznor Manufacturing Company, of Mercer. He is active in the Sharon Chamber of Commerce and the Sharon Rotary Club, and is a past president of both the Chamber of Commerce and the Sharon Country Club. In politics he is a Republican, and for two years he served his party and his constituents in the Pennsylvania State Legislature. In the Free and Accepted Masons, Mr. Down is affiliated with lodge, Royal Arch Chapter, Knights Templar Commandery, Scottish Rite Consistory and the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He belongs to the Presbyterian Church.

Ralph Robert Down married, in 1893, in Sandy Lake, Pennsylvania, Cora Yanney, daughter of James and El-

mira (Ecker) Yanney. Mr. and Mrs. Down became the parents of the following children: 1. James Y. Down, engaged in the hardware business in Sandy Lake; he married Grace Brakeman, and they became the parents of three children: Elizabeth Down, Ralph J. Down, and William A. Down. 2. Hazel E. Down, wife of Ralph C. Wilson, member of the Interstate Commerce Division of the government, in Washington, District of Columbia; they have two children, Louis William and Virginia W. Wilson.

THE REV. JAMES WALLACE FRASER, D. D.

—During the course of his career in the ministry of the Presbyterian Church, which now covers almost thirty years, the Rev. James Wallace Fraser, D. D., has served in several charges in Pennsylvania and adjoining states and has played an active part in various denominational and inter-denominational movements. Since 1926 he has been pastor of the New Bethlehem Presbyterian Church.

Born at Las Vegas, New Mexico, on March 26, 1889, Dr. Fraser is a son of the Rev. James Fraser, Ph. D., LL. D., and Ella (MacFarlan) Fraser. He was educated at New Windsor, Maryland, where he attended Blue Ridge College, taking the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts at this institution, and later the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. Subsequently he received from Princeton Theological Seminary and from Western Theological Seminary at Pittsburgh the degrees of Bachelor of Sacred Theology. Licensed to preach by the presbytery of Baltimore on April 12, 1912, and ordained to the ministry by the presbytery of Kittanning, May 28, 1914, he served as pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Plumville, Pennsylvania, from 1914 to 1919, the Presbyterian Church at Ellicott City, Maryland, in 1919-1920, and the churches at Clarksburg and Ebenezer, Pennsylvania, from 1920 to 1924. During the following two years he was pastor of the Girard (Pennsylvania) Presbyterian Church and at the end of that time was called to his present charge at New Bethlehem.

His record of Christian service, however, is not limited to his several pastorates. In 1910 he was a missionary of his church in the Province of Alberta, Canada. He was a delegate to the Seventh World's Sabbath School Convention, held at Zurich, Switzerland, in 1913; was one of twenty-nine to represent the Presbyterian Church in the United Christian Adult Movement at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, in 1936-37 and 1939; and was commissioner to the general assembly of the Presbyterian Church at Syracuse, New York, in 1936. Dr. Fraser also serves as dean of the New Bethlehem School of Leadership Training; vice-president of The Lord's Day Alliance of Pennsylvania; and as a member of the International Council of Religious Education of Chicago, to which he was first elected in 1936. He is the author of the "History of Old Ebenezer

(Pennsylvania)," 1921; the "History of the Greenville (Pennsylvania) Church," 1933; and was editor of the recent "Centennial History of Clarion Presbytery," published in 1939. This last volume, prepared in connection with the centennial celebration of the Clarion presbytery, presents an array of interesting facts and incidents dealing with the history of the presbytery, which was erected out of the presbytery of Allegheny by the synod of Pittsburgh, on October 22, 1841, the territory which it embraces and the people whose collective lives have created the history which he recorded. Clarion presbytery includes the counties of Clarion and Jefferson and the borders of Clearfield, Elk, Forest and Venango counties, all in western Pennsylvania, an area of approximately two thousand square miles. In this territory (Clarion County) the first oil well in the world was drilled in 1810, antedating by forty-nine years the first commercial oil well, the famous Drake Well at Titusville. It boasts the largest coal mine in the world, the longest string of coke ovens in the world and for many years had the greatest production of iron ore in America. Clarion presbytery was also the heart of the window glass manufacturing industry of America.

From this presbytery, 153 have gone into the full-time work of the church as ministers, or missionaries, and of this number, thirty-six have gone to foreign mission fields, giving, collectively, nearly eight hundred years of service. Two famous colleges in India—the Farman Christian College at Lahore and the Ewing Christian College at Alahabad, were named for families associated with Clarion presbytery. Robert Orr, one of the first men to go from the Presbyterian Church to the foreign field, after the Board of Foreign Missions was organized in 1831, was from the area of the Clarion presbytery. As far as can be learned, the first mission work among the Seneca Indians was by a Presbyterian within the bounds of Clarion presbytery. The famous hymn writer, Philip Paul Bliss, was born here and a host of other devoted Christians whose service has advanced the labors of the church. These and other interesting details have been gathered together by Dr. Fraser and his collaborators and incorporated in the permanent record of the "Centennial History of Clarion Presbytery" to celebrate one hundred fruitful years of Christian effort.

On August 23, 1917, Dr. James Wallace Fraser married Mary D. Stuchul, a daughter of James and Alice (Morrow) Stuchul, of Plumville, Pennsylvania. They are the parents of two children: 1. Betsy Jean, born May 23, 1918. 2. James Wallace Fraser, III, born February 13, 1921.

MARTIN R. DENNIS—A member of one of Conneaut Lake's oldest families, Martin R. Dennis in his own career has continued the tradition of community promi-

nence long associated here with the family name. He is head of the large lumber business now carried on under the name of M. R. Dennis & Sons, and has been influential for many years in civic and public life.

Mr. Dennis was born in Conneaut Lake on April 2, 1868, son of Robert J. and Matilda (McKay) Dennis. The family came originally from New Jersey. In early life Robert J. Dennis left that State and headed for Ohio, but when he reached Conneaut Lake the horses drawing the covered wagons, in which he had packed his possessions, played out, so he decided to settle on the spot and homesteaded a farm about a mile from town. He was engaged in the mercantile business in Conneaut Lake over a long period, had farming interests, served as justice of the peace and was postmaster of Conneaut Lake for many, many years.

Martin R. Dennis grew up in the pioneer days of Crawford County, receiving his education in the local public schools. In early youth he learned the carpenter's trade, worked as a journeyman for a time and then entered the contracting business in a small way. This development led him into the lumber business, which he began with virtually no more than a wheelbarrow full of lumber. Expanding gradually, he purchased a sawmill in 1915, together with the necessary machinery and continued to build up the business by sound and energetic management. Today his lumber yard covers sixty-five acres, two of which are under roof. The firm has eight sheds, four trucks and employs twelve people. They have installed the finest of modern equipment and besides the lumber that is sold, the firm carries a complete line of building supplies, hardware and paints, in fact everything that goes into a house. Three of Mr. Dennis' sons early joined him in the business and in 1939 the name of the firm was officially changed to M. R. Dennis & Sons. The sale of lumber and building constitutes by far the largest part of the business, although a little contracting is still done in the residential building field.

In spite of the pressure of his business, he has always found time for community service and for many years was both a member of the Conneaut Lake Borough Council and a school director. He has interested himself in all civic movements; and his leadership and generous support have been important factors in their success. Mr. Dennis is also influential in local councils of the Republican party, of which he has been a member since he attained his majority. He is affiliated fraternally with the Knights of Labor and is a member of the Methodist Church.

On September 9, 1896, at Pittsburgh, Mr. Dennis married Elizabeth Ulrich, daughter of Jacob Ulrich, a Pittsburgh merchant, and Phoebe (Brown) Ulrich. Mrs. Dennis, before her marriage, taught school in Pittsburgh. Eight children have been born of this marriage: 1. Rob-

ert, born April 19, 1898, now associated with the American Viscose Company in Meadville. He married Marie Moore. 2. Karl, born February 9, 1900, now associated with his father in the lumber business at Conneaut Lake. He married Helen Luper and has five children: Martin, Lois, Sylva, Donald, and Lee. 3. Alfred L., born on August 25, 1901, also associated with his father in business; married Alice Bowes and has a daughter, Elizabeth. 4. Lewis J., twin of Alfred L., born August 25, 1901, now in business with his father. He married Pearl Williams, and has a daughter, Doris Jean. 5. Florence, born July 2, 1903, a graduate of Edinboro State Teachers College, now a teacher in Meadville. 6. William, born March 3, 1907, a graduate of Pennsylvania State College, engaged in forestry conservation work in Maryland. He married Helen Lee and has two children: William L., Jr., and Elizabeth. 7. Evelyn, born November 15, 1911. A registered nurse, she was graduated from Meadville City Hospital, served as superintendent of obstetrics there, took postgraduate work in a New York City hospital and was graduated from Western Reserve University. She is now in the obstetrical department at McKeesport Hospital. 8. Eleanor, twin of Evelyn, born November 15, 1911, a graduate of Edinboro State Teachers College, now associated with her father's business as bookkeeper and secretary.

WALTER GRIESBACH—The First National Bank of Conneaut Lake is now under the executive direction of Walter Griesbach, who discontinued his other active business interests to give his entire time to the management of the institution. He has been a resident of Conneaut Lake since 1912 and president of the First National Bank since 1939.

Mr. Griesbach was born in Evans City, Butler County, on February 1, 1882, son of Gustavius and Katherine Griesbach. His father, after earlier business connections, became an oil producer in Butler County and acquired extensive coal interests in Texas.

Walter Griesbach received his general education in the public schools of Evans City and subsequently completed a private commercial course there. He began his career in the retail meat business with his father in Evans City, continuing until he reached his twenty-first year, when he became associated with the Dambach Planing Mill Company in the same community. Three years later he went to the Westinghouse Electric Manufacturing Company of Pittsburgh and rounded out a term of employment of seven years with them, working as a hand wood-turner. Resigning in 1912, he moved to Conneaut Lake, where his activities have since centered. Following his arrival in Conneaut Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Griesbach established an inn, of which he was sole owner and manager until 1918. At the end of that time he retired from that business and

entered the greenhouse and gardening business, specializing in small plants and gladioli.

Meanwhile, during his residence at Conneaut Lake, Mr. Griesbach has become identified with various civic movements and other institutions of the community, including the First National Bank of Conneaut Lake, of which he first served as a director and afterward as director and vice-president. In 1939 he was elected president of the bank and relinquished his other business interests in order to devote his full time to the bank. Mr. Griesbach is thoroughly familiar with the business of the bank and the needs of the community which it serves. He has maintained the finest traditions of the institution as reflected in the following declaration of policy: "(1) To give you everything that is newest and best in the way of service facilities; (2) To hold fast to old, safe methods to assure protection." The First National Bank of Conneaut Lake as of December 31, 1940, had a capital stock of \$50,000; surplus, undivided profits and reserve amounting to some \$40,000; deposits of \$513,608.92 and total resources of \$604,273.04. It is one of the strong smaller banks of Pennsylvania and as president Mr. Griesbach has guided its affairs with sure hand. Associated with him in the management of the institution are N. H. Harned, vice-president; S. W. Gehr, cashier; and W. Bruce Fye, assistant cashier. Directors include Mr. Griesbach, Dr. S. F. Hazen, R. S. Moss and S. W. Gehr.

Mr. Griesbach is a Republican in politics and for a period of nine years was township constable in Crawford County. He is affiliated fraternally with the Masonic Order, in which he is a member and Past Master of the Blue Lodge at Meadville and a member of the various higher bodies of the Scottish Rite, including Coudersport Consistory. Mr. Griesbach was also a member and deacon of the Reformed Church of Meadville. Fond of outdoor life and sports, he was formerly an active performer on the baseball diamond and basketball court. His present favorite recreations are camping and raising gladioli, which he continues as a hobby.

On December 24, 1903, at Knox, Pennsylvania, Mr. Griesbach married Claire A. Moyer, daughter of Peter Moyer, a Pennsylvania oil producer, and Sophia (Hantz) Moyer. Mrs. Griesbach is a member of the local Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star and a member of the White Shrine.

FRAME SHONTZ—One of the first white settlers in the section about Conneaut Lake was Jacob Shontz, who arrived here to make his home in 1800, homesteading a four hundred-acre farm which he purchased from the State of Pennsylvania for \$1.25 per acre. One-half of this original Shontz homestead is still in possession of the family and has always been lived on and worked by some of its members. At the time that Jacob Shontz arrived, there were still Indians in a village near where Conneaut

Lake Borough now is. Jacob made his peace with them and allowed them hunting privileges on his land, a provision still in effect.

Frame Shontz, now postmaster of Conneaut Lake, is a great-grandson of the original Jacob Shontz and represents the fourth generation of his family to be active in the life of this section. He was born here on March 6, 1880, son of Perry Shontz, who inherited and operated part of the old Jacob Shontz farm. After a public school education at Conneaut Lake, which included the high school course, Mr. Shontz became a buyer and seller of cattle, which has been his principal business down to the present time. In addition, in 1915, he established the Shontz & Company meat business, which he actively managed until 1935, when he was succeeded by his son, Perry J. Shontz. Mr. Shontz gave up the management of his mercantile interests in order to accept an appointment as postmaster of Conneaut Lake at the hands of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. He was reappointed in 1936 and was again reappointed in 1940 under the Civil Service Act. At present he is serving an indefinite term. The Conneaut Lake post office employs three rural carriers and three clerks. It has been efficiently administered by Mr. Shontz during his entire tenure as postmaster.

Mr. Shontz is a member of the National Postmasters Association, in which he serves as regional director for Crawford County, and a member of the Pennsylvania State and Crawford County Postmasters Association. A Democrat in politics, he is influential in his party and in religious faith is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

On June 25, 1907, at Pittsburgh, Frame Shontz married Margaret MacClintock, who was born in Scotland, daughter of William and Margaret (MacClarren) MacClintock. They are the parents of one son, Perry James, born in Conneaut Lake on March 19, 1908, now associated with his father in business. He married Eleanor Agnew, of Harmonsburg, Pennsylvania, and has three children: Ruth Margaret, born December 22, 1935; David Perry, born September 24, 1937; and John Paul, born October 11, 1940.

ROBERT LAWRENCE DAVISON—Since becoming a licensed funeral director, in 1925, Robert Lawrence Davison has been a resident of Corry, Erie County, Pennsylvania. He has risen to prominence in local life, rendering constructive service in civic affairs, generous in his support of religious and humanitarian endeavors, and a popular club man and member of the Masonic Order.

Mr. Davison was born July 28, 1902, in Woodcock Township, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, son of Robert G. and Agnes (Wilson) Davison. His father died in 1917, and his mother ten years later. There were the following children in the family: Frank W., living in

Ripley, New York; James H., at Saegerstown, Pennsylvania; Ethel (Davison) Palmer, of Saegerstown; and Marion (Davison) Rumbaugh, of Corry, Pennsylvania, who is a widow and the mother of a son, Robert Andrew Rumbaugh. Robert Lawrence Davison acquired his academic education in the grammar and high schools of Woodcock Township, Crawford County, after which he entered the employ of the Mohawk Milk Company at Saegerstown, Pennsylvania. After about a year, however, he quit to take business courses in the Meadville (Pennsylvania) Business College, and with a certificate in hand returned to the Mohawk Milk Company and a better job. Three years later he started to learn the undertaking business under the tutelage of F. A. Hunter, leading funeral director of this section. While serving what might be called his "apprenticeship," Mr. Davison pursued studies in the Eccles School of Embalming, Philadelphia, and became a licensed funeral director late in 1924.

As already indicated, Mr. Davison has been a mortician in Corry since 1925 when he established his own funeral home and acquired the best equipment then purchasable. All this has been kept abreast of the times, his home being noteworthy for excellence, his equipment of motor cars and ambulance service being ample and most modern, and he is assisted by one licensed funeral director. Mr. Davison is an Erie deputy coroner, an active Republican in politics, and much to the fore in other phases of local life. He is a past president of the Golden Rule Club, vice-president of the Kiwanis Club, and chairman of the board of the Salvation Army, a humanitarian organization in which he is greatly interested and which he supports liberally. Fraternally Mr. Davison is affiliated with the Blue Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Commandery, Knights Templar; Erie Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, in which he has been Past High Priest and Past Commander. Along professional lines he is a member of the National, State, Northwestern Pennsylvania and Erie County Funeral Directors associations, and has served as vice-president and president of the latter-named association. Fond of sports and the out-of-doors, he once played excellent tennis, was a former member of a local bowling club, and is popular in the Corry Rod and Gun Club. He is a Presbyterian in his religious faith, a trustee of a local church, and active in religious and humanitarian works.

On June 20, 1934, at Corry, Pennsylvania, Robert Lawrence Davison married Helen Dahlstrand, daughter of J. B. and Tina (Marson) Dahlstrand, the latter of whom died in 1938. Mr. and Mrs. Davison are the parents of a son, Jon Robert Davison, born June 20, 1936.

HARRY BENNETT MITCHELL—Business and civic affairs in Emlenton have for years interested Harry Bennett Mitchell, who is a member of the firm of



A. B. Mitchell



Mitchell & Graham, dealers in hardware and oil well supplies here. He has taken a deep interest in community affairs, and is widely known in northwestern Pennsylvania.

Mr. Mitchell was born January 27, 1875, in Emlenton, Pennsylvania, son of John Martin and Cecilia (McKisick) Mitchell, of this place. His father was a merchant, also engaged in the hardware business.

Public schools of Emlenton provided Harry Bennett Mitchell's early formal education. While still young, he became associated with his father's business, which he took over by purchase on January 1, 1896. This business is an old and notable one in the life of Emlenton, dating back to 1872 and having a most interesting history through the years since that time. On September 1, 1872, John Martin Mitchell, his father, became engaged in the hardware trade in Emlenton in association with a partner, James Bennett. The two men continued operations together until July 16, 1878, when Mr. Mitchell became engaged in business for himself on Water Street near the end of the bridge. In 1879 the store was removed to more permanent quarters, and was enlarged ten years later, in 1889. Until August 12, 1891, John Martin Mitchell conducted the store. Then it was sold to E. B. Borland & Company, who operated it until January 1, 1896. Harry Bennett Mitchell at that time bought the business, and his name became enduringly associated with it. He has been active in the organization in one or another capacity since that time, and has been responsible in an important degree for establishing the organization on the sound footing that it now enjoys. On January 1, 1902, H. C. Graham purchased a share in the enterprise, whereupon the name was changed to H. B. Mitchell & Company. In 1927 Mr. Graham bought an additional interest in the firm, which then became Mitchell & Graham. Mr. Graham and Mr. Mitchell today conduct the establishment together, handling a high grade of general hardware and oil well supplies and doing everything possible to maintain wise and considerate policies.

In addition to his work with Mitchell & Graham, which is now one of the oldest business enterprises in this region of Pennsylvania, Mr. Mitchell is active in banking circles as vice-president of the First National Bank of Emlenton, president of the People's National Bank of Clintonville and a director of the People's National Bank of East Brady. In politics he is a Democrat and, in addition to all his other undertakings, he is a trustee of the State School at Polk and was for four years president of the board of trustees there. Mr. Mitchell is a member of the Wenango Country Club and the Foxborough Country Club. In the Free and Accepted Masons he belongs to Allegheny Lodge, No. 552; Commandery, No. 44, of Knights Templar; Pittsburgh Consistory of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and Syria Temple

of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (in Pittsburgh). He is a member of the board of trustees of the Presbyterian Church of Emlenton, president of Emlenton Water Company, a member of the board of trustees of Grove City College, Grove City, Pennsylvania, and president of Emlenton Cemetery Company.

On October 20, 1904, in Emlenton, Pennsylvania, Harry Bennett Mitchell married Dell Barnard, daughter of Samuel P. and Minnie C. (Lawall) Barnard. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell became the parents of the following children: 1. John Barnard Mitchell, born in 1906, now engaged in the oil well supply business in Bradford; he married Mary Chase, of Oil City, in 1929, and they became the parents of three children: i. Mary A. Mitchell, born in 1930. ii. Harry C. Mitchell, born in 1933. iii. John Michael Mitchell, born in 1937. 2. James Oliver Mitchell, born in 1917, taking a course of graduate study at the University of Pennsylvania. 3. Elizabeth Lawall Mitchell, born in 1918, a student at Smith College.

B. C. KIEHL—Member of a long established Clarion County family, B. C. Kiehl has remained in northwestern Pennsylvania where he is the well-known undertaker of Edinboro, Erie County. He was born in Clarion County, June 20, 1907, son of Bert and Clara (Weaver) Kiehl and the grandson of one of the county's leaders, Jess Kiehl, sheriff of Clarion County over a long period.

Spending his boyhood on his father's farm, B. C. Kiehl completed his academic education at a Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, high school, and was variously employed for a time. Later he studied at the Chicago Worsham School of Embalming, in 1929 receiving his license to practice. Prior to this time he had been an apprentice with the W. H. Wood Company, funeral directors of Pittsburgh. He later was with S. P. Scutti, of Pittsburgh, morticians, for four years. In 1932 Mr. Kiehl came to Edinboro and until 1936 was associated with A. W. Herrick. He then established his own funeral home and is now the only funeral director in this town. He has a beautiful establishment, comparable to many in the larger cities. In 1940 he planned, designed and built his present new home with an exceptional show room and a complete line of equipment, including ambulance service.

Keenly and helpfully interested in community life, Mr. Kiehl is a member of the School Board of Edinboro, is a Republican in political activities, and serves as president of the Edinboro Community Club. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Blue Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, and is a member of the Erie County Morticians Society. He attends the Methodist Episcopal Church, where he acts as a member of its official board. As a recreation he greatly enjoys landscaping and as a hobby hunts and fishes. He also enjoys music and is a member of the Edinboro band, playing the clarinette.

At Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, February 4, 1927, B. C. Kiehl married Hazel Scott, of Linesville, this State, daughter of Merrill Scott and Eulah (McConnell) Scott. Mrs. Kiehl is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Mr. and Mrs. Kiehl are the parents of two daughters: 1. Betty Ann, born July 20, 1929. 2. Kay, born July 28, 1936.

IRVEN FRANK DEMPSEY—As a partner in the insurance firm of Dempsey & Andrews, handling life and general lines of insurance, I. F. Dempsey has notably contributed to the life of New Bethlehem and to northwestern Pennsylvania.

Mr. Dempsey was born September 7, 1872, in Emerickville, Jefferson County, Pennsylvania, son of Henry Jefferson and Elizabeth (Zetler) Dempsey. His father, a lumberman of Jefferson County, as well as a veteran of the Civil War, in which he served with the Union forces, died December 2, 1920.

Mr. Dempsey received his formal education in Jefferson County's public schools, and the Soldiers' Orphan School at Dayton, Pennsylvania, and began his career with farm work. From July 16, 1888, to 1890, he was employed on a farm at \$15 per month. On October 1, 1890, he became connected with the Allegheny Valley Railroad, remaining so affiliated until July 1, 1900, when this company was absorbed by the Pennsylvania Railroad. He spent one and one-half years with the Pennsylvania Railroad, resigning December 19, 1901. Then, becoming associated with Frank Williams & Company, of Buffalo, New York, he was employed at their Oak Ridge mine from May 12, 1902, until March 20, 1914. On that date he became an employee of the Pennsy Coal Company, at Summerville. He was with that coal company until August 31, 1914. It was on September 1 of that year that Mr. Dempsey bought and became sole owner of an insurance business that had been left as a part interest of the W. S. Corbett estate. In 1916 he formed a partnership with T. T. Andrews (*q. v.*), bringing about formation of the insurance firm of Dempsey & Andrews, in New Bethlehem.

This firm has ministered to the insurance needs of New Bethlehem and its people, and Mr. Dempsey has well earned the respect and confidence that have come to him for his part in the creation of this business. At the same time he has concerned himself with civic affairs. A Republican, he was secretary of the Town Council of Hawthorn and has served two terms as councilman. He has devoted his time mostly to business affairs and to his family, and enjoys as his major hobby the assistance of others who may be in need. He finds an outlet for his impulses in this direction in his work with the Boy Scouts of America, which he has aided since 1915. In that year he organized the First Troop of Scouts in New Bethlehem, and down to the time of writing he has concerned

himself with Scout affairs. He belongs to the Golden Rule Society, and is a member of the official board of the Methodist Church.

I. F. Dempsey married, April 23, 1901, at Oak Ridge, Pennsylvania, Elizabeth Williams, daughter of Henry and Margaret (Davis) Williams. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Henry Jefferson Dempsey, born April 14, 1904, graduated from New Bethlehem High School and State College where he majored in chemistry, is now chemical engineer with the Standard Oil Company. 2. Margaret E. Dempsey, born August 22, 1905, wife of Leslie R. Kroh and the mother of their son, Leslie R. Kroh, Jr. 3. Gwendolyn L. Dempsey, born March 13, 1908, became the wife of Bruce B. Young, an electrical engineer of Staten Island, New York; their children are: Elizabeth Josephine and Victoria C. Young.

LESLIE R. HIMES—One of New Bethlehem's noted professional leaders and public servants, Leslie Roberts Himes is a practitioner of law and a participant in many worth while projects in his community and State. Formerly a member of the lower house of the Pennsylvania General Assembly, he has concerned himself with every effort for the advancement of New Bethlehem's interests and the welfare of its people.

A native of Pennsylvania, Mr. Himes was born in Armstrong County on June 7, 1892, son of John Rutherford and Mary Alverta (Roberts) Himes and a descendant of an old and honorable family. He is of the fifth generation in direct line of descent from Christian Himes, who was born in New Bethlehem. From Christian Himes the line proceeds through John Himes, his son, also born in New Bethlehem, who married Sylvina Space, daughter of Zephaniah and Katie (Armstrong) Space and a granddaughter of John and Abigail (Mott) Space; their son, Joseph C. Himes, born in 1846, died in 1907, was born in Porter Township, Clarion County, the southern part of which township was one huge farm owned by his father and uncle, John and Joseph Himes, and who married Margaret Rutherford, born in 1848, died in 1915; and their son, John Rutherford Himes, Leslie R. Himes' father. John Rutherford Himes, who was born in 1868, has been foreman for the C. E. Andrews Lumber Company, of New Bethlehem, for more than a half century. Active in Democratic politics, he was a delegate to the national convention of his party in Madison Square Garden, New York, in 1924. He married, in 1887, Mary Alverta Roberts, who was born in 1870 and died in 1896. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Walter Payne Himes, of Narberth, Pennsylvania. 2. Eva Clare Himes, living with her father. 3. Leslie Roberts Himes, of further mention. 4. Mary Helena Himes, of Pottstown, Pennsylvania. 5. George Null Himes, of New Bethlehem.



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Of these children, Leslie R. Himes, the third-named, attended public schools and was from 1910 to 1912 a student at Grove City College, Grove City. He then took up the study of law at the Law School of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1915. Admitted to the Michigan bar, he practiced his profession in Detroit, that State, for one year. At about that time the United States entered the World War, in April, 1917, whereupon Mr. Himes enlisted in the 45th Coast Artillery and served for four months overseas with the rank of ordnance sergeant. Upon his return to civilian life he came once more to Pennsylvania, where he was admitted to practice in 1922 and established himself at New Bethlehem. Here he has remained actively engaged in his profession down to the time of writing, representing some of his community's leading citizens and corporate interests with respect to their legal problems.

At the same time he has interested himself extensively in public affairs, taking part in numerous civic and social activities and earning thereby the warm admiration of his contemporaries in all departments of life. A Democrat in politics, he was elected to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, at Harrisburg, in 1932, serving in the Assembly through 1933 and 1934. At the time of writing he is chairman of the national defense organization in New Bethlehem. He is president of the Lions Club, a past commander of the New Bethlehem Post of the American Legion, founder of the local branch of the "40 and 8," and a past secretary-treasurer of the New Bethlehem Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans and member of the Sons of the American Revolution. He is a trustee of the State Teachers' College, at Clarion, and through this affiliation participates extensively in educational advancement. He and his family belong to the Presbyterian Church. Fraternally Mr. Himes is active in the Free and Accepted Masons and the Maccabees. His Masonic connections are with New Bethlehem Lodge, Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Syria Temple (Pittsburgh), Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. In the Maccabees, Mr. Himes is affiliated with Tent No. 170, of New Bethlehem, and serves as tent record keeper; and is also a record keeper of Tent No. 32, of Clarion, and Tents Nos. 127 and 227, of DuBois and Punxsutawney, respectively.

Leslie Roberts Himes married, June 27, 1923, Helen Lytle, of Vandergrift, Pennsylvania, daughter of Clark Cook and Margaret Ann (Kinter) Lytle. Mr. and Mrs. Himes became the parents of one daughter, Margery Lytle Himes, who was born June 14, 1924.

JOHN THOMAS CUNNINGHAM—The Cunningham Natural Gas Corporation of Rixford is owned and operated by John Thomas Cunningham, who began

in the Pennsylvania oil fields at the age of thirteen and has since been active in the oil and gas industry. He is a widely known drilling contractor and producer.

Mr. Cunningham was born at Rixford on February 9, 1884, son of Samuel and Margaret (Foster) Cunningham. His father, who was one of the true pioneers of the Pennsylvania industry, was born in Ireland, came to the United States at the age of eight, helped to make the tools on the original Drake Well and later was a driller on the second well brought in at Rixford. He was active in the industry until his death in 1914. Margaret (Foster) Cunningham, the mother, was born in Scotland, and is also now deceased.

John Thomas Cunningham was educated in the Pennsylvania public schools. Following his initial experience in the oil fields at the age of thirteen, he entered the employ of the Tidewater Oil Company in 1898 and after a short time became associated with J. C. Looker. In 1902 he joined the Test Oil Company as a tool dresser and in the fall of the same year returned to the Tidewater Oil Company, with whom he spent two years in the Allegany field as instruction foreman. At the end of this time he became an independent drilling contractor and gradually built up a large business which he still continues. At present he runs eight strings of tools, operating all over the Bradford and Allegany fields, as well as in Potter County and in Steuben and Allegany counties, New York, and Stark and Harrison counties, Ohio. Mr. Cunningham has brought in some of the largest producing gas wells in this region, ranging from one million cubic feet to thirty-five million cubic feet. Besides his business as a drilling contractor, he operates extensively as an independent producer in both oil and gas under the name of his company, the Cunningham Natural Gas Corporation, of which he is president and general manager. He employs about forty men.

Mr. Cunningham is a recognized authority in the industry and has lectured on various phases of drilling and production and on petroleum geology at some of the leading colleges of the country. If the oil and gas industry has been his vocation, farming is his hobby. In the Conewango Valley of Cattaraugus County, New York, he owns about four hundred acres of fine farm land, on which he maintains a dairy herd of one hundred and sixteen pure-bred Holsteins. Despite his business interests, Mr. Cunningham also finds time to take an active part in local affairs at Rixford and in the civic life of McKean County. He has been especially interested in education, is both a director of the Otto Township Board of Education and a member of the McKean County Board of Education, and was instrumental in building the beautiful Otto High School. In addition to these connections, Mr. Cunningham is a member of the Bradford Young Men's

Christian Association. He is an independent Republican in politics and finds his principal recreation in baseball.

On May 5, 1909, Mr. Cunningham married Mary Alice Gorman, of Smethport, daughter of John and Katherine Gorman. They are the parents of six children: 1. Kathryn, a graduate of the Rixford public schools, Smethport High School and Indiana State Teachers College, who taught school for several years before her marriage. She is now the wife of William Broslett. 2. Marie, a graduate of the Rixford schools, Bradford High School and of Beaver College. She was also a teacher for several years and is now the wife of Wardloe Wilcox. 3. Pauline, a graduate of Bradford High School and Westbrook Business College. 4. Helen, a graduate of Otto High School, a student for two years at Beaver College, and a graduate, 1941, of the Strayer College at Washington, District of Columbia. She is now employed in the Housing Department, Washington, District of Columbia. 5. Jack, a graduate of Otto High School, now associated with his father in business. 6. Jean, a graduate of Otto High School and now a student of Linden Hall.

JACOB C. CAFLISCH, 2d—Active in the Union City district, Jacob C. Caflich, 2d, is president of the Union City Chair Company and a leader in local business and civic affairs.

Mr. Caflich was born February 14, 1901, in Union City, Pennsylvania, son of Jacob C. and Margaret Ellen (Goodrich) Caflich. His father, of whose life and achievement Mr. Caflich is very proud, and justly so, was born November 13, 1858, at Cherry Creek, New York. Entering the lumber industry early in his career, he continued practically all his life in work along those same lines, becoming president of the Union City Chair Company. He likewise became president of the National Bank of Union City, now called simply the National Bank. He was active in a variety of civic and social affairs, and was for years one of his community's foremost citizens. He was fond of hunting, fishing and other similar recreations.

Jacob C. Caflich, 2d, attended the Kiskiminetas Preparatory School, and later became a student at Syracuse University, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1926. He immediately went into business with his father, who was then president of the Union City Chair Company. Holding various positions in the organization over a period of about a year, he was suddenly thrust into the presidency at his father's death in 1927. He is also vice-president and a director of the National Bank of Union City.

A Republican in politics, Mr. Caflich none the less casts his vote independently. He is a member of the Lions Club and an associate member of the Golden Rule Club, and belongs to the official board of the Methodist

Church in Union City. In the Free and Accepted Masons he is affiliated with Erie Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, in which he holds the thirty-second degree, and is an initiate in the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Jacob C. Caflich, 2d, married, November 23, 1925, in Union City, Pennsylvania, Frances H. Rice. They became the parents of two children: 1. Jacob C. Caflich, 3d, born December 7, 1938. 2. William Caflich, born February 2, 1940. Mrs. Caflich is active in the social life of Union City and is a member of the Wimodasis Club.

ROBERT HARVEY GLENN—The Glenn Funeral Home is one of Union City's leading business institutions, and Robert Harvey Glenn has come to be recognized as an outstanding contributor to business and civic life in this area of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Glenn was born September 4, 1884, in Portersville, Butler County, Pennsylvania, son of Mark C. Glenn, who was also a funeral director and furniture dealer, and Hannah (Cooper) Glenn. Mark C. Glenn carries on his business in Prospect, where he is a member of the City School Board and the City Council and takes a lively interest in civic affairs.

Robert Harvey Glenn attended public schools in Portersville, his birthplace, and upon completing his high school studies there began learning the details of the mortuary business under his father's direction. When he finished his high school work, he became associated with the family business, first in Portersville, later in Prospect. In 1911 he established his own funeral home and furniture establishment in Prospect, there remaining until 1922, when he came to Union City to begin operation of his present home. He no longer conducts the furniture business, but has expanded the funeral home until he now has spacious quarters providing every comfort and convenience, together with the last word in equipment. In 1937 he made a large addition to the building, to be used as a stock room, and in 1940 he completed a remodeling and enlargement of the entire home. The Glenn Funeral Home now has four hearses and ambulances, and three generations of the family are represented in the business since Mr. Glenn's son, Mark C. Glenn, has joined hands with his father and grandfather.

Robert Harvey Glenn is a member of the Erie County Funeral Directors' Association, the Northwestern Pennsylvania Funeral Directors' Association, the Pennsylvania State Funeral Directors' Association and the National Funeral Directors' Association. He is active also in fraternal circles as a member of Union City Lodge, No. 366, Free and Accepted Masons and as a Past Noble Grand of his lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and a member of Nineveh Encampment of Odd Fellows. Mr. Glenn belongs also to the Golden Rule Club of

Union City, is a Republican in his political alignment, and in the Presbyterian Church is an elder, an official board member and a former superintendent of the Sunday school.

Robert Harvey Glenn married, July 2, 1913, in Butler County, Pennsylvania, Mary Croll, daughter of Martin Luther and Charlotte (Hahn) Croll. Mrs. Glenn is active, as is her husband, in civic, social and church work in Union City, and is, in fact, one of the first women elders appointed in the Presbyterian Church. She is president of the South Street Twentieth Century Club, a Past Matron of the Order of Eastern Star, and a past president of both the Business and Professional Women's Club and the Missionary Society of her church. She was a member of the committee named to attend the Presbyterian General Assembly in St. Louis some years ago. She is a former teacher, having taught for seven years in Union City schools, and is a graduate of Slippery Rock College. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn became the parents of three children: 1. Arthur L. Glenn, born April 2, 1914, a commercial teacher at Oakmont High School and a graduate of Grove City College; he married Wilmer Rogers, of Mars, Pennsylvania. 2. Margaret L. Glenn, born July 14, 1915, graduated from the State Teachers' College at Edinboro, wife of Donald Miller, an employee of the State Game Commission, residing in Titusville, Pennsylvania. 3. Mark C. Glenn, born December 22, 1917, graduated in 1938 from the Cleveland School of Embalming, now a partner in his father's business. On January 1, 1942, he married Dorothy Congdon, of Union City.

MRS. WILLIAM PORTER AUER—Since 1934, Ada Marjorie Auer (Mrs. William Porter Auer) has served as librarian of the Corry Public Library. A trained librarian and effective administrator, she has devoted her entire career to this institution.

Mrs. Auer was born in Corry on September 22, 1910, daughter of F. B. Sullivan and Blanche (O'Neil) Sullivan. Her family were early settlers in this section, and her father has been associated for many years with the Ajax Manufacturing Company of Corry.

After the completion of her preliminary education in the Corry public schools, Mrs. Auer studied at Muskingum College, in New Concord, Ohio, and at Pennsylvania State College. Upon her return to Corry, she was appointed assistant in the Corry Public Library and after a brief interval was appointed chief librarian, taking office in 1934. Since that time she has been administrative head of one of Corry's most valuable public institutions, taking as her objective the broadening of its service to the community. In this aim she has been measurably successful.

She married William Porter Auer, born in Corry in 1908, a son of C. L. Auer and Ellen (Dunn) Auer.

Mr. Auer was educated at Grove City College and Beckley College in Harrisburg. Until recently he was associated with the Auer Leather Cup Manufacturing Company, of which his father is owner and operator. At the present time he is employed at the General Electric Company of Erie, Pennsylvania.

HARRY GILMAN OSWALT, Jr.—Several years ago a group of business men of Corry, Pennsylvania, built a very fine hotel, one abreast of modern requirements and in keeping with the best traditions of hospitality. A very good job was done architecturally, and in physical conditions "Hotel Corry" was complete, attractive and represented a great deal of money. But a hostelry is dependent for its success upon the host—management is equally as important as equipment, and it was in 1936 that this problem was solved when the services of Harry Gilman Oswald, Jr., were secured, a man of varied education and experience, but primarily a sound hotel man of reputation in small and large cities.

Mr. Oswald was born at Danville, Illinois, on September 25, 1902, son of Harry Gilman and Alma (Swisher) Oswald. His father was at one time connected with the Indiana (Pennsylvania) State Teachers College. He encouraged his son to acquire a good education which Harry Gilman Oswald, Jr., secured in the grade and high schools of Danville, and the Indiana State Teachers College. His first employment of note was with his father at the Indiana institution, in the foods department. In 1922 he branched out for himself as manager of the Woodbury Forest School for Boys, in West Virginia. Later he went to the Fort Bedford Hotel, at Bedford, Pennsylvania, as room clerk. Then he was called to the William Penn, at Pittsburgh, as steward, winning the position of chief steward after two years. In 1933 he accepted the post of manager of food and beverages in the Castleton Hotel, at New Castle, Pennsylvania. In 1935 he returned to Pittsburgh, this time with the Roosevelt Hotel, as purchasing agent.

It was, therefore, with an exceptional experience, that Harry Gilman Oswald, Jr., in 1936, took over the management of Hotel Corry. It was an advancement, to be sure, and a deserved recognition of his abilities and experience, but no easy prospect as regards the future. The story of after years is interestingly told by the columnist, Arch Bristow, who wrote:

Oswald immediately liked the town, and the town liked him. And everyone watched to see how the new manager would go about giving Hotel Corry its well deserved place in popularity's sun. How he did it, is too long and complicated a story to attempt here. But in the past six years we have watched the name and fame of Hotel Corry spreading wider and wider. We hear about it 'way down State, and over in Ohio, and New York. On these

occasions we always claim we're from Corry, even giving a street address.

If everyone had as much faith in Corry as H. G. Oswalt, Jr., well, goodness knows how far the town might go. He thinks ahead, and isn't afraid to bet he's right. Recently he played an ace card. At an expense of goodness-knows-how-much he remodeled the entire first floor of Hotel Corry. The Café La Zonga is named for the well known lady who gives the dance lessons, and the picture motif is a reproduction of the cover design on March "Esquire," the little pop-eyed gentleman interviewing Madam La Zonga, thinking about dance lessons. And, imagine this—Mr. Oswalt conceived and designed the whole elaborate lounge, laid out the color scheme, lighting effects, even especially designed the heavily upholstered chairs, which were made in Jamestown, and became at once so popular the factory put them in its regular line. Now these chairs are known as "Genuine Oswalts, period 1941."

In private life, of which he has very little, Mr. Oswalt is active and popular in several Corry circles. He is president of the Corry Rod and Gun Club, a member of the Rotary Club, and is affiliated with the Masonic Order. He keeps in close touch with colleagues by memberships in the Pittsburgh Hotel Men's Association, and is a member of the Hotel Greeters Chapter 41. His college fraternity is Phi Alpha Zeta, and he lends his generous support to organizations and movements that make for the best interests of the city and its people.

On November 17, 1928, at Indiana, Pennsylvania, Harry Gilman Oswalt, Jr., married Mary E. King, daughter of Daniel and Mary E. (Woodward) King, and they are the parents of a daughter, Joada (Jolly) Ann, born in 1931.

Mr. Oswalt is now first lieutenant in the United States Army Air Forces, having enlisted April 17, 1942. He reported to Miami Beach, Florida, on May twenty-eighth and will finish his officers' training on July tenth.

ERNST ELLSWORTH SLICKER—The history of the Slicker Pipe & Tool Company of Knox dates back to the early days of the Pennsylvania oil and gas industry, whose needs it has served for more than sixty years. During the past quarter of a century it has operated substantially under its present ownership and is now managed by Ernst E. and Claude Slicker, who have developed the business progressively and give the organization its name.

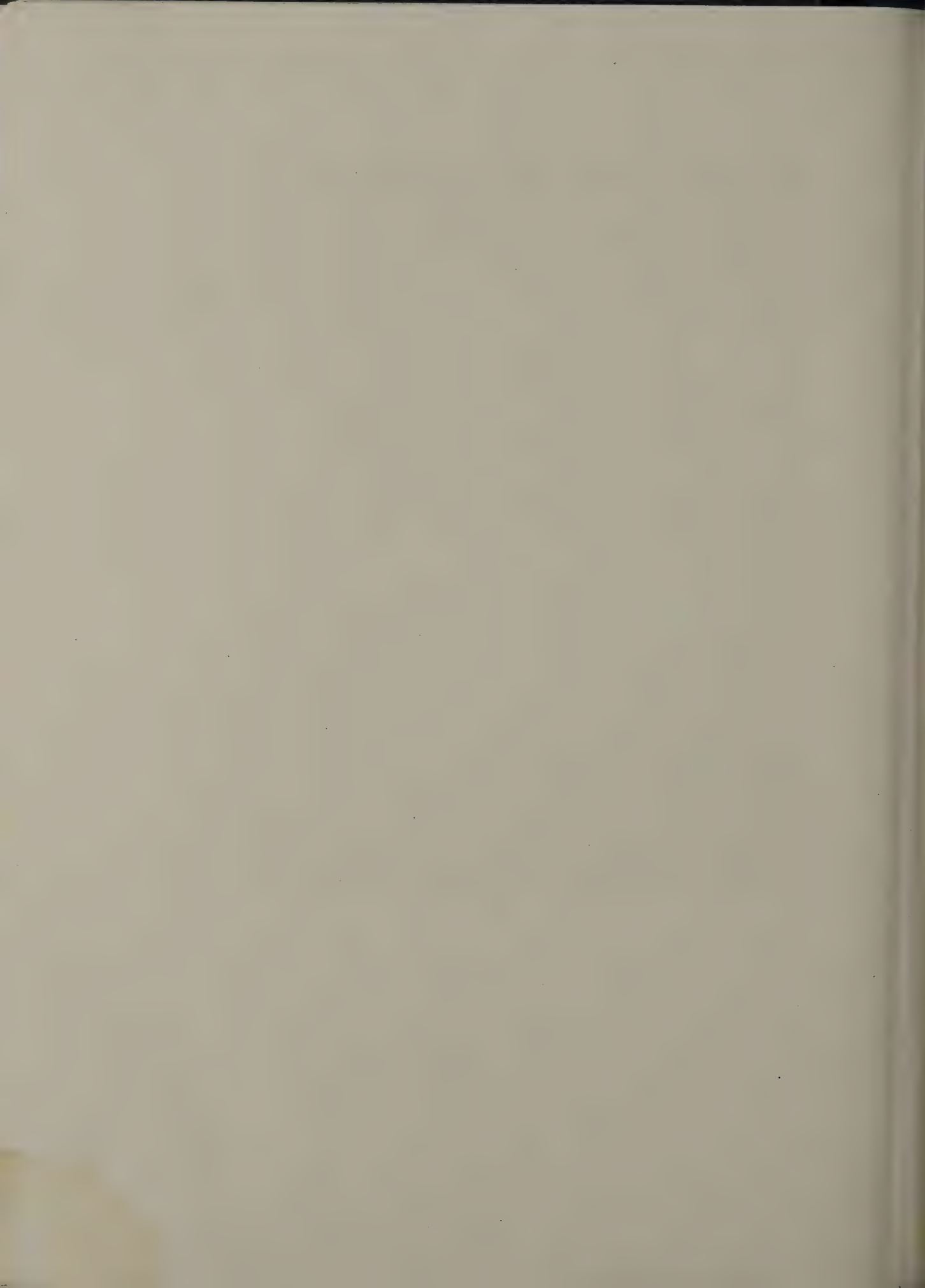
Ernst Ellsworth Slicker was born in Richland Township on January 4, 1891, son of Henry J. and Alice (Knight) Slicker. He was educated at Saint Petersburg High School in Clarion County, Ohio Military Institute and the University of Cincinnati, from the latter of which he was graduated in 1911, and afterward was a garage owner at Knox for some two years. In 1916 he joined with his father, a veteran oil and gas producer, in purchasing the business now conducted

under the name of the Slicker Pipe & Tool Company. This venture was first launched in the boom days of 1877 by Andrew J. Smith, Thomas Smith and John J. Corlett, who came to Knox from Rouseville to provide the pipe and tools necessary for the exploitation of Clarion County's newly discovered riches in oil and gas. The name Novelty Iron Works was adopted for the new organization, whose original plant was situated on the west side of the triangle on North Main Street, Knox. This site was abandoned in 1880, when the rapidly growing business made larger quarters necessary. At this time new machinery and equipment were installed in the plant formerly occupied by Feely Brothers' iron foundry at the corner of Ohio and Railroad streets, Knox, present location of the Slicker Pipe & Tool Company. In 1895 the original company was sold to John J. Corlett, William W. Corlett, W. I. McDowell and E. G. Crawford, who continued the business for many years under the name of Corlett & Company. W. I. McDowell became sole owner in 1914 through purchase of his partner's interests and at once undertook the construction of a new shop building, together with various additions to the plant's equipment. At this time the name Clarion County Machine Company was adopted. It was retained until 1918 by Henry J. and Ernst E. Slicker after they took over the business in 1916. Since then the organization has been known as Slicker Pipe & Tool Company. Henry J. Slicker was active in the business until his death in 1927, after which his interest was purchased by another son, Claude Slicker. The two brothers, Ernst E. and Claude Slicker, continue the successful operation of one of Clarion County's oldest industrial concerns, an organization well known throughout the northwest Pennsylvania oil and gas fields, whose needs it has supplied for some sixty-five years.

Ernst E. Slicker is also vice-president of the Knox Glass Bottle Company and a director of the Oil City Glass Bottle Company and the Pennsylvania Bottle Company. His successful record as a business executive and builder has brought him a wide reputation in the Clarion County area and this, in turn, has been increased by his frequent civic service. In the general life of Knox he has long been active and from 1933 to 1935, inclusive, served as administrator of the Civil Works Administration in Clarion County. Mr. Slicker is a Democrat in politics and is affiliated with the Beta Theta Pi and Alpha Chi Sigma fraternities and the Free and Accepted Masons. In the latter order he is a member of all higher bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including New Castle Consistory, thirty-second degree. Mr. Slicker is also a member of the Wanango Country Club and the Foxburg Golf Club. He is a Lutheran in religious faith and finds his principal recreation in golf and boating.



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In April, 1917, Mr. Slicker married (first) Lillian Berlin, who died in March, 1935, a daughter of T. M. and Alice (Miller) Berlin. They became the parents of two sons: Henry J., born February 9, 1918, who attended Knox High School, Ohio Military Institute, and is now a member of the senior class at the University of Cincinnati; and Thomas N., born October 24, 1920, who also attended Knox High School and Ohio Military Institute, and is now a student at Pennsylvania State College. On May 13, 1937, Mr. Slicker married (second) Margaret Wilson, daughter of R. T. and Jessie (Kifer) Wilson.

CLAUDE LLEWELLYN SLICKER was born January 24, 1883, of German parentage, on the Slicker homestead farm, near Turkey City, Richmond Township, Clarion County, Pennsylvania, the oldest of a family of four children of Henry J. and Alice (Knight) Slicker. He attended local public schools, St. Petersburg High School and Clarion State Teachers College. On January 24, 1917, he married Annie Kinkead, daughter of Robert and Margaret Kinkead, of East Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. His present vocation is that of oil and gas producer. He resides (April 1, 1942) at 53 Moran Street, Oil City, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Slicker's employment relations through the years 1900 to 1930 has been in the following order and capacity: with Neely Brothers, Alum Rock, Pennsylvania (general store clerk); Jennings Brothers & Mosier, Woodsfield, Ohio (oil field worker); McFadden & Twitchell, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (oil field worker); Dan & William Nolan, Carnegie, Pennsylvania (tool dresser); Cox, Hart & Aiken, Parkersburg, West Virginia (oil field worker); Farmers National Bank, Emlenton, Pennsylvania (cashier); Allegheny National Bank, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (receivers' clerk); First National Bank, Friendly, West Virginia (receivers' clerk); Ashland Drilling Company, Fern, Pennsylvania (tool dresser); Gypsy Oil Company, Tulsa, Oklahoma (oil field worker); Gulf Pipe Line Company, Tulsa, Oklahoma, (warehouseman); Union National Bank, Summerville, Pennsylvania (cashier); Second National Bank, Clarion, Pennsylvania (receivers' clerk); Alum Rock Gas Company, Oil City, Pennsylvania (secretary-treasurer); Oil City Trust Company, Oil City, Pennsylvania (teller); Edenburg Oil & Gas Company, Knox, Pennsylvania (secretary-treasurer).

His active business enterprise connections as of this time in Clarion, Jefferson and Venango counties, Pennsylvania, are with: Slicker Pipe & Tool Company, Knox, Pennsylvania (machine shop); H. J. Slicker's Sons, Knox, Pennsylvania (oil producers); Shamburg Explorations, Oil City, Pennsylvania (oil producers);

Sandy Development, Knox, Pennsylvania (oil-gas producers); Winlack Producers, Inc., Knox, Pennsylvania (oil-gas producers); Edenburg Oil & Gas Company, Knox, Pennsylvania (oil-gas producers).

His church, fraternal, club and party affiliations are with: Second Presbyterian Church, Oil City, Pennsylvania; Free and Accepted Masons, Lodge No. 710, Oil City, Pennsylvania; Oil City Royal Arch Chapter, No. 236, Oil City, Pennsylvania; Venango Lodge of Perfection, Oil City, Pennsylvania; Pennsylvania Consistory, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Wanango Country Club, Reno, Pennsylvania; Donovan Hunting and Fishing Club, Tionesta, Pennsylvania; Merkle Outing Club, Trunkerville, Pennsylvania; Lifelong registry as member of Democratic party.

F. M. MARSHALL—Since 1927, F. M. Marshall has been a resident of Brockway, Pennsylvania, and active in its industrial and civic circles. He came to the city well fortified with experience and knowledge to become associated with the Brockway Glass Company, and has won reputation as an industrial executive.

Mr. Marshall was born at Reynoldsville, Pennsylvania, October 15, 1898, son of W. F. and Narcissis (London) Marshall. His father, now retired, was an independent coal producer of Clarion, and active in fraternal and political affairs of his community. He served two terms in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, and was a thirty-second degree Mason.

After completing his education in the public grade and high schools of Clarion, F. M. Marshall became associated with his father in the coal production business at Clarion, under the firm name of W. F. Marshall & Son. After five years' connection with the older man, he became treasurer with the Clarion Refractories Company, also at Clarion, with whom he remained three years. After that, until 1927, Mr. Marshall was with the Chicago, Illinois, branch of the Knox Glass Bottle Company. He then came to Brockway, Pennsylvania, as credit manager and secretary of the Brockway Glass Company. He is now treasurer, secretary and credit manager of this company.

Interested in civic affairs of Brockway, Mr. Marshall has been school director of Brockway for the past four years. He is a Democrat in his political allegiance, and his fraternal affiliations are with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of the DuBois Country Club and attends the Presbyterian Church.

In Chicago, Illinois, May 31, 1926, F. M. Marshall married Eleanor A. Orr, daughter of J. H. and Cora (Weiser) Orr.

WALTER C. WINN—During the past quarter of a century Walter C. Winn has been active in the glass manufacturing industry. Long recognized as a technical

and production expert, he has served in responsible positions with several organizations and is now general superintendent of the Brockway Glass Company at Brockway.

Mr. Winn was born at Greenfield, Indiana, on October 16, 1892, son of Isaac and Lucinda (Mills) Winn. Although his father was a farmer, his own interests turned in other directions and after completing his education in the grammar and high schools of Greenfield, he served an apprenticeship in the machinist's trade. For three years he was so employed at Anderson, Indiana. Following this training he entered the employ of the Lynch Glass Company, Inc., of Anderson, beginning in 1918, and was put through a special period of training by the company, which fitted him for the post of expert road mechanic. He was then sent to Europe to represent the company as engineering and development expert. Mr. Winn also held the same post in the United States for several years. Then he returned to the laboratory, participating in the research program of the company for a number of years. During his career in the glass industry he has watched the gradual evolution of the machinery used in the manufacture of glass products as the old hand-turned machines were gradually replaced by machinery which is now entirely automatic. Throughout the years he has always kept abreast of the latest technical developments in the industry.

Mr. Winn spent four years with the Woodbury Glass Company as production manager. Then, in 1930, he returned to the Lynch Glass Company, working in the experimental department until 1934. In the latter year he began his present connection with the Brockway Glass Company, initially as machinery supervisor, in which capacity he was in charge of the development of new machines. In 1940, on the basis of his record and experience, he was appointed superintendent of the Brockway Glass Company plants and has since been in charge of their operation.

As a resident of Brockway, Mr. Winn has supported the civic enterprises of the community, although his business duties have prevented him from playing any very active civic rôle. He is a member of the Community Club and the DuBois Country Club, is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons and is a member of the Methodist Church. In politics he is a Democrat. Golf is his principal recreation and his only hobby, aside from the history and technical development of the glass industry, in which he has been active for so many years.

Mr. Winn married, at Greenfield, Indiana, Esther Johns, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Corbin) Johns. They are the parents of two children: 1. William Carl, born in 1920, who was a senior student at Pennsylvania State College, where he was taking the pre-medical

course at the time of his death in an automobile accident. 2. Beverly Rose, born in 1927, now attending the Brockway public schools.

TOM T. ANDREWS—Active in many phases of New Bethlehem financial and industrial life, Tom T. Andrews is a partner in the insurance firm of Dempsey & Andrews, handling all kinds of insurance, in which he is associated with I. F. Dempsey (*q. v.*). Banking and the lumber industry have constituted further interests of Mr. Andrews, who has ministered to the economic and civic needs of his community from varied points of view.

Mr. Andrews was born January 30, 1887, in New Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, son of William M. and Melda E. (Truitt) Andrews and a descendant in the fourth generation from William Andrews. That William Andrews was born in New Jersey, as was his wife, Ann (Fithen) Andrews. He was a merchant in Philadelphia and a member of the Society of Friends, and died when only twenty-eight years old. His widow then was married a second time, and settled on a farm in Clarion County, where she died in New Bethlehem at an advanced age. Her son of her first marriage, Charles Edgar Andrews, born October 9, 1828, in Philadelphia, died November 26, 1897, in New Bethlehem, was the grandfather of Tom T. Andrews. He was eight years old when he came to Clarion County, remained on the farm until he was eighteen, then clerked with a New Bethlehem merchant, Thomas McKelvey, at a salary of \$40 per year. He remained with the same store for seven years, the last three as a partner, then withdrew and started his own store—the beginning of his successful career. Afterward he engaged in the sawmill and lumber trade, founding the C. E. Andrews Lumber Company, the forerunner of the present firm, and was also a manufacturer of river boats to carry coal between Pittsburgh and New Orleans during the Civil War. He championed New Bethlehem's water works and fire department, was postmaster for thirty years, and held other public positions. Charles E. Andrews married, in 1854, Catharine Duff, daughter of Samuel Duff, once a Clarion County iron manufacturer, and Catharine (Ecebarger) Duff. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Firman L. Andrews, more details of whose life appear under the record of Charles E. Andrews, Jr., in this work. 2. Emma Andrews, born January 26, 1857, at New Bethlehem, died April 26, 1874. 3. William Marion Andrews, of further mention. 4. Kate Duff Andrews, born December 1, 1863, died February 5, 1872. 5. Margaret Carrie Andrews, who became the wife of Michael Jerome McEnteer, of DuBois; their children were Frank D., Kate Irene and Benjamin McEnteer.

William Marion Andrews, third of the children of

Charles E. and Catharine (Duff) Andrews, was born November 28, 1858, in New Bethlehem, and attended school here. Graduated in 1876 from the Iron City Business College, he immediately became a clerk with the New Bethlehem Savings Bank, which afterward became the First National Bank of New Bethlehem. After three years there, he purchased, in 1880, the partnership interests of Andrews & Marsh, taking over Mr. Marsh's interests and acquiring equal holdings with his father. They handled dry goods in a three-story store, each floor measuring forty by one hundred feet, and ran their own electric plant. The store was destroyed by fire in 1903, and William M. Andrews later entered the lumber industry with his father and his older brother, Firman L. Andrews, becoming a partner in the C. E. Andrews Lumber Company. He was a trustee of the Baptist Church. William M. Andrews married, November 25, 1880, Melda E. Truitt, born October 7, 1860, daughter of William and Hannah (Kelly) Truitt, of Porter Township, Clarion County. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Emma Alma Andrews, born September 7, 1881, became the wife of Dr. E. K. Shumaker, of New Bethlehem, and the mother of their one son, Philip Shumaker. 2. Harry Edgar Andrews, born November 1, 1882, in New Bethlehem, attended local schools, Cheltenham Military Academy, the Kiskiminetas Springs Preparatory School at Saltsburg, and Princeton University, where he was graduated in 1905; became a partner in business with his father; married, June 25, 1905, Pearl P. Putney. 3. Percy Chester Andrews (*q. v.*). 4. Thomas Truitt, of further mention. 5. Carl Willis Andrews, born October 17, 1893, became a student at the Kiskiminetas Springs Preparatory School.

Thomas Truitt Andrews, or Tom T. Andrews, as he is familiarly known among his host of friends, the fourth-named of the above five children of William M. and Melda E. (Truitt) Andrews, received his preparatory education at the Kiskiminetas Springs Preparatory School. Later he became a student at Amherst College, in Amherst, Massachusetts, which he attended until 1911. In that year he became associated with the C. E. Andrews Sons Company, in New Bethlehem, his birthplace. More details concerning this company will be found under the separate heading of Percy Chester Andrews, brother of Tom T. Andrews. Although Tom T. Andrews retains an interest in this lumber business, he has devoted most of his attention in recent years to the insurance business. The firm of Dempsey & Andrews, in which he is a partner, and which handles life insurance and all other forms of underwriting, was founded in New Bethlehem in 1916. Mr. Andrews' partner, I. F. Dempsey, who was its founder, purchased, on September first, that year, an old insurance business that had been left as a part of the W. S. Corbett estate. In 1916 Tom T. Andrews bought

the D. W. Gruver agency and combined it with Mr. Dempsey's agency, forming the present Dempsey and Andrews business.

In addition to his work with this firm and with the Andrews lumber interests, Tom T. Andrews is today active along a number of other business lines. He is a director of the First National Bank of New Bethlehem, of which his cousin, Charles E. Andrews, Jr. (*q. v.*), is president, as well as a fellow-director. This bank is one of New Bethlehem's historic and picturesque institutions, as well as a center of a complete and courteous banking service. Further details concerning this bank are to be found under the separate heading of Charles E. Andrews, Jr. Tom T. Andrews is a Republican in politics, a director of the Jefferson-Clarion County Automobile Association and a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon and Gamma Delta Psi college fraternities. In the Free and Accepted Masons he is affiliated with Coudersport Consistory of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, in which he holds the thirty-second degree, and is an initiate in Syria Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (Pittsburgh). Mr. Andrews is affiliated with the First Baptist Church. In spare time he enjoys such hobbies as baseball, football, hunting and fishing.

Tom T. Andrews married, in November, 1918, at New Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, Violet B. Polkinghorn. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Tom Truitt Andrews, Jr., born November 21, 1920, attended Kiskiminetas Springs School, majored in printing at the Rochester Mechanics' Institute, now sole owner of a printing business in New Bethlehem. 2. Ruth Marian Andrews, born May 7, 1923, a student at Denison University, Granville, Ohio.

GEORGE WARD YOHE—The comparatively rapid rise of the network of modern business, industry and finance has brought with it many untold blessings for humanity, as well as certain distortions that have threatened in specific instances to endanger all the advances made. It is to correct some of these distortions that George Ward Yohe has set himself a task as an official of the New Bethlehem Bank. He has sought to acquaint the people of the community, the patrons of the bank, with its situation and problems, and has, in some sense, succeeded in restoring the needed directness of relationship between banker and bank customer, a relationship that has been progressively menaced in recent times, without, however, sacrificing any gains in efficiency and banking science that have been achieved by modern methods.

Mr. Yohe was born January 16, 1902, in Thornburg, Pennsylvania, son of George H. and Margaret (Pickett) Yohe. His father was formerly head of the Bureau of

Real Estate and Land, a division of the H. C. Frick Coal Company, established to serve the United States Steel Company. The elder Mr. Yohe is now retired from his active duties in that connection.

Public schools of Ingram provided George Ward Yohe's early formal education, and he was graduated from Pennsylvania State College in 1925 as a Bachelor of Arts. When he first went to Pennsylvania State College, early in the twenties, Mr. Yohe planned to become an agriculturist. In order to finance his college studies, however, it was necessary for him to accept employment on a part-time basis in several Pittsburgh banking houses. Banking interested him, as much because of what remained to be achieved in the profession as for any other reason, and so it was that, although he completed the prescribed agricultural course in 1925, he now began devoting his attention more and more to banking, commerce and finance. Later he returned to take further work along these lines at Pennsylvania State College. Mr. Yohe was associated with the Colonial Trust Company, in Pittsburgh, occupying different positions there and so gaining a complete and sound knowledge of banking practice in all phases and branches, prior to coming to New Bethlehem.

It was in 1935 that he came to New Bethlehem, here to become cashier of the New Bethlehem Bank. In 1938 he was appointed vice-president and a director, shouldering these responsibilities in addition to the cashiership. He is now executive vice-president of the bank. His interest in general banking affairs and developments has won recognition from the Pennsylvania Bankers' Association, which has named him to its public education committee. Mr. Yohe is a Republican in politics and a member of several New Bethlehem organizations, including the Bostonia Country Club, the Lions' Club, the Golden Rule Society, the Knox Rod and Gun Club, the Clarion County Chamber of Commerce and other groups. He also belongs to the Free and Accepted Masons, the Phi Kappa Tau college fraternity and the Alumni Council of Pennsylvania State College. Formerly he was a member of the official board of the First Presbyterian Church, and he continues his deep interest in church affairs. It is mainly through banking, however, that he hopes to achieve the goals toward which he strives—goals that place the banker in his old-time position of friend and advisor as well as money-holder and money-lender, and that are both socially minded in their origins and economically advantageous in their results. In spare time Mr. Yohe's favorite diversion is home-produced moving pictures.

George Ward Yohe married, January 26, 1935, in Butler, Pennsylvania, Evelyn Ruff, daughter of Philip W. and Emma (Cronn) Ruff. Her father was a wholesale shoe merchant in Butler. Mr. and Mrs. Yohe became the parents of a daughter, Jane Ward Yohe, who was born July 25, 1939.

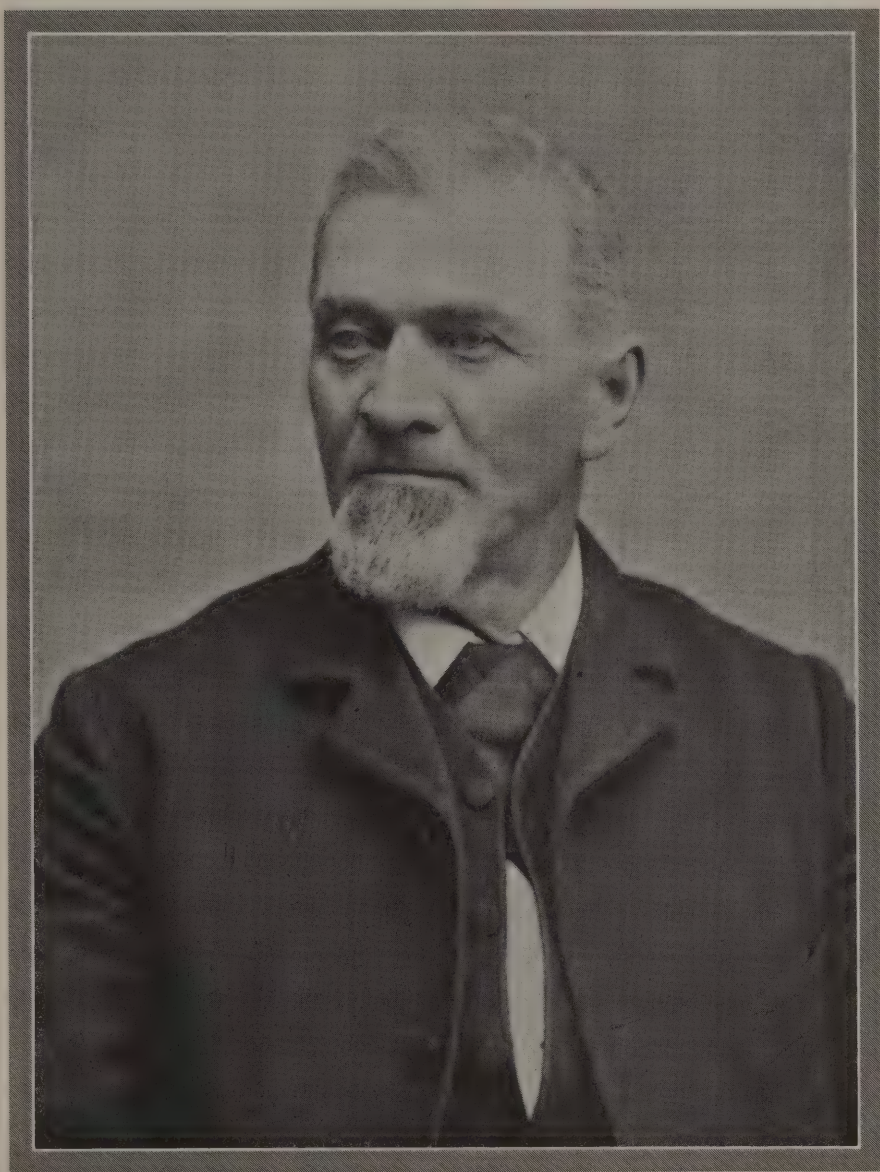
ALBERT FURMAN BROWN—Since he entered the oil industry in Kinzua in 1911, the late Albert Furman Brown enjoyed magnificent success, and at the time of his death he owned and operated his own lease, in partnership with his wife.

Mr. Brown was born at North Spencer, New York, June 4, 1881, son of William Theodore and Eleanor (Furman) Brown. William Theodore Brown, also a native of North Spencer, worked there for many years as a carpenter and also followed farming. He was an active member of the Baptist Church, and a prominent Republican, at different times holding various township offices. His wife was the daughter of Horace and Jane Furman. Horace Furman, a native of North Spencer, operated his own farm in the township, for many years prior to his death.

Albert Furman Brown was educated in the public schools of North Spencer, and then became an apprentice carpenter under his father until he was twenty-one years of age. He then moved to Bradford, Pennsylvania, and was employed on an oil lease for five years. During the next two years he worked as a machinist for the Blairsdell Machine Shop at South Bradford, and then in 1911 he came to Kinzua and entered the employ of the Associated Producers Company and was engaged in lease work, also operating a gasoline plant and doing lease repairs. He continued here until 1929, and then in partnership with his wife he purchased the lease which he operated until his death.

At one time Mr. Brown was a member of the Methodist Church. He was a supporter of the Republican party and for a time held the office of justice of the peace. Fraternally, he was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He was very fond of hunting and fishing, and his chief hobby was carpentry work, as he was very handy with tools, and enjoyed working with them, whenever the time would permit.

He married, June 23, 1908, Clara Leonore Beckwith, a native of Bradford, born June 30, 1880, the daughter of Timothy and Mary (Rumsey) Beckwith, both deceased. Timothy Beckwith was born February 27, 1826, at Elmira, New York, and died at his home near Bradford, March 23, 1902. He was a carpenter by trade, a Baptist and a member of the Republican party, holding several township offices. During the Civil War he was employed for nine months, working in the Quartermasters Department at Alexandria, Virginia. Previous to this when he was twenty-four years of age, he went to California with the Forty-Niners, and served as a member of the Vigilance Committee in Sacramento for six years. He was the son of Richard and Sarah (Hulburt) Beckwith, both of English descent, natives of New Lyme, Connecticut. Mary (Rumsey) Beckwith was born at Chemung, New



Timothy Beckwith



York, August 8, 1841, and died at her home near Bradford, May 12, 1926. She was the daughter of Leonard and Susan (Drake) Rumsey. Leonard Rumsey, a native of Orange County, New York, was engaged in farming at Erin, New York, at the time of his death. His wife, born at Chemung, New York, died at Erin, New York.

Clara Leonore (Beckwith) Brown was educated in the public schools near Bradford. She is an active member and supporter of the Methodist Church, a Republican, and a member of the Ladies Aid Society. At one time she served as a member of the school board. From 1929 until the death of Mr. Brown, she assisted him in the management of their oil lease, and since his death she has continued to own and operate the lease herself.

The untimely death of Mr. Brown on September 10, 1936, was a distinct shock to his many friends in this locality and a great loss to the community itself, whose welfare was always a matter of paramount importance to him.

LYMAN STEARNS FANNIN, M. D.—The Bradford medical profession numbers among its active members Dr. Lyman Stearns Fannin, who has rapidly developed his practice here in recent years. He is a specialist in pediatrics, a field to which he brings acknowledged qualifications.

Dr. Fannin was born in Bradford on September 1, 1909, a son of Thomas Sheldon Fannin, a manufacturer, born at Emlenton, Venango County, now deceased, and Eva (Stearns) Fannin, of Bradford. He received his early education in the Bradford public schools, spent three years as a student at Allegheny College and then entered Temple University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1936. After serving one year as interne at Pittsburgh Medical Center, he began a year of special work in pediatrics at the New York Foundling Hospital, New York City, and followed it by six months as resident at Willard Parker Hospital for Contagious Diseases, also in New York City. The following year he spent at the Buffalo Children's Hospital in further preparation for work in the field in which he planned to specialize. In July, 1940, he returned to Bradford and began practice as a pediatrician. He has since firmly established his reputation as a specialist in children's diseases and child health and receives many calls upon his services.

Dr. Fannin is a member of the American Medical Association, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the McKean County Medical Society. At Bradford, he is a member of the staff of Bradford Hospital. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Fannin married Catherine McQuone, of Brockway, and they are the parents of one daughter, Patricia Ann, born October 19, 1939.

JOHN LEWIS LLEWELYN—A merchant at Eldred throughout his active career, John Lewis Llewelyn represented the second generation of his family to serve this community as a leading grocer. The Llewelyn store, now operated by his widow and sons, remains as one of Eldred's principal business establishments.

Mr. Llewelyn was born in Plymouth, Luzerne County, on July 26, 1874, son of William Nathaniel and Miriam (Jones) Llewelyn. A member of an ancient Welsh family, he was a grandson of John Llewelyn, of Llandibea, Wales, a farmer there throughout his life and an agent of the Chambers estate. William Nathaniel Llewelyn, the father, was born at Llandibea, Wales, on January 5, 1844, and came to the United States in April, 1869, settling in Pennsylvania at Plymouth, Luzerne County. Here he established a grocery and dry goods business, which he moved, in 1877, to Eldred, in McKean County. He became one of the leading merchants of the latter town and a deacon of the local Baptist Church. William Nathaniel Llewelyn married Miriam Jones, born in Merthyr, Tidvil, South Wales, July 13, 1848, daughter of Lewis and Aubrey Jones, who emigrated to the United States with their children. William Nathaniel and Miriam (Jones) Llewelyn became the parents of seven children.

John Lewis Llewelyn, second son and child of this marriage, accompanied his parents to Eldred as a small boy and grew up in this community. He received his education in the local public schools and in 1890 launched his business career as a clerk in his father's grocery. In 1903, with his brother, Aubrey Llewelyn, he purchased his father's interest in the enterprise, which was conducted jointly by the two brothers as a partnership until 1910, when Aubrey Llewelyn retired. John Lewis Llewelyn then became sole owner of the business and operated it until his death. A successful merchant, he was long one of the business leaders of the community, respected for his ability and reliable judgment and admired for his qualities of character and citizenship.

Mr. Llewelyn served during the Spanish-American War in Company E, 202d New York Volunteer Infantry. Enlisting as a musician in September, 1898, he saw service in Cuba and remained in the army until April, 1899, when he received his honorable discharge. He was a Republican in politics and was influential in local councils of his party, serving for three years as a member of the Republican County Committee. Mr. Llewelyn was also active fraternally as a member of Eldred Lodge, No. 164, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and Eldred

Lodge, No. 278, Knights of Pythias, in which he long held office. In religious faith he was a Methodist.

John Lewis Llewelyn married Christine Lemmler, born in Eldred, August 3, 1886, daughter of Jacob and Mary A. (Schovener) Lemmler and granddaughter of George M. Lemmler, a tailor, born in Germany in 1822, died in Boston, New York, in 1889. Her father, who was born in Boston, New York, on October 20, 1849, and moved to Eldred, Pennsylvania, in the fall of 1884, was a tinsmith. Her mother, born in Delevan, New York, on January 31, 1857, was a daughter of Jacob Schovener, a Hollander by birth. Since her husband's death, Mrs. Llewelyn has been proprietor of the Llewelyn grocery which continues to enjoy a large local trade as one of the leading mercantile establishments of Eldred. She now operates this enterprise with the assistance of her two sons. Mrs. Llewelyn has also been prominent in civic and public affairs of her community and is now Republican committee woman of this district. She is past chairman of the local Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Mr. and Mrs. Llewelyn became the parents of five children: 1. Jane, born March 17, 1907. She was educated in the Eldred public schools, Mansfield State Teachers College and Miami University and taught school for several years prior to her marriage. She is now the wife of Daniel Bernard and the mother of one son, David L., who is two years old. 2. David Ellsworth, born June 8, 1908. He is a graduate of Eldred High School and after the completion of his education, entered the Llewelyn store, which he has since managed for his mother. He married Reta Baldwin. In addition to his business responsibilities he is active in local community affairs. 3. John Robert, born July 17, 1911. He was educated at Greenbrier and West Virginia Military academies and is now associated with his brother in the operation of the Llewelyn grocery. 4. William Jacob, born November 4, 1913. 5. Barbara Hope, a student at Mansfield State Teachers College, class of 1942.

JAMES D. BRAKEMAN—A native and present resident of Union City, James D. Brakeman has contributed to both business and public affairs here, acting as postmaster since 1936. His participation in civic affairs has been a contributive one from many points of view, and he is respected, honored and trusted in an ever-widening circle of acquaintance.

Mr. Brakeman was born March 17, 1871, in Union City, Pennsylvania, son of George W. and Elmira (McCutcheon) Brakeman. His father, a native of Mercer County, Pennsylvania, died in Union City. James D. Brakeman was one of two brothers, the other being William Brakeman, who died in Erie in 1937. The two

brothers had always been very near to each other and were closely associated in many ways.

Public schools of Union City provided James Dow Brakeman's early formal education, and after completing his high school studies he was first employed by the Novelty Wood Works, of this place. For two years he remained with that organization, then became associated with his father in a general mercantile store in Union City and stayed there for three years. Next he and his father owned and operated a restaurant for two years in Union City. Still later Mr. Brakeman and a partner, Mr. Brown, bought and ran the Riverside Laundry. After four years Mr. Brown acquired the entire business, whereupon Mr. Brakeman spent six years in other business pursuits. Next he went to Elgin, Pennsylvania, where, with his brother, he formed a partnership in a general store known as Brakeman Brothers. In 1908 he returned to Union City and became a partner in the Loomis Table Company, remaining with this organization until, in 1916, he sold out his interest in that enterprise and formed a partnership with his father and brother in a clothing and shoe store known as Brake-man & Sons. That enterprise continued as such until the father's death in 1936.

In July of that year James D. Brakeman was appointed postmaster of Union City, in which office he has served down to the time of writing. He is under civil service jurisdiction, and is known for his many-sided labors on behalf of Union City. He has been a member of the City Council and a school director in Elgin, and both in Elgin and in Union City has been affiliated with the Democratic party. Formerly he was president of the Golden Rule Club, in Union City. In fraternal circles he is widely known and honored, being a member of both the Free and Accepted Masons and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In the Masonic fraternity he is a Past Master of Lodge No. 366, having been Master for two terms, and is affiliated with Erie Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and with the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the official board of the Methodist Church.

On July 4, 1897, James Dow Brakeman married Fern L. Forbes. They became the parents of the following children, of whom Mr. Brakeman is justly proud: 1. Mildred Brakeman, born December 4, 1900, married to Sydney Michaels, who is connected with the Erie County Milk Association. 2. Kathryn Brakeman, born in 1901, wife of Captain J. Mameryer, United States Army. 3. Arlene Brakeman, twin of Mrs. Mameryer, born in 1901, died in that year. 4. Lula Brakeman, born in 1903, became the wife of Lyod Meerdink, assistant superintendent of the Corry Water Works; they have two children: Nancy and Elmira Meerdink. 5. Harriet Brakeman, born

March 5, 1915, graduated in 1936 from Pennsylvania State College, a teacher in Union City High School at the time of writing, living at home with her parents and family.

MARCUS FRANCIS CUBBISON—A career of advertising and newspaper work has brought distinction to Marcus Francis Cubbison in the Shenango and Mahoning Valley area of western Pennsylvania and eastern Ohio. He has his business headquarters in Sharpsville, Pennsylvania, where he publishes the "Sharpsville Advertiser" and is engaged in the advertising business as head of the Associated Advertising Agency, the work of which is national in scope. He makes his home in Youngstown, Ohio.

Mr. Cubbison was born in 1895 in Emlenton, Pennsylvania, son of Erastus Hueing and Mary Alice (Pendlebury) Cubbison. His father, an oil producer, organized the "Emlenton News" in 1885 and was its owner and publisher until his death in 1917.

Marcus Francis Cubbison attended Emlenton schools, and after completing his high school studies there took a course at the New Castle Business College. In 1914 he went into publishing and printing with his father in Emlenton. In 1917, at his father's death, the younger Mr. Cubbison became inspector of shells with the National Tube Company, in Emlenton, remaining with them throughout the World War period of 1917-18. He then accepted the post of advertising manager with the old "New Castle News," at New Castle, Pennsylvania, where he continued his work until late in 1919. At about the same time he started an advertising agency with a partner, but the firm was dissolved after a time because of the partner's untimely death. Then, between 1922 and 1927, Mr. Cubbison was advertising manager of the "Youngstown Vindicator."

Embarking upon a new work in 1927, he devoted his attention for two years to the installation of industrial advertising courses in the Youngstown school system. He instituted, during that same period, a plan for getting high school students part-time work in the advertising departments of different manufacturing houses, with the idea of giving these young people an opportunity to gain first-hand knowledge of these industries and at the same time enabling the manufacturers to look them over with a thought to offering them employment at their graduation. The system that Mr. Cubbison established through persistent hard work is still in force in the Youngstown schools, and its operation is a credit to its founder.

In 1930 Mr. Cubbison bought the "Sharpsville Advertiser," which he has published down to the time of writing. The proximity of Sharpsville to industrial Sharon, together with the competition from Sharon newspapers, made it desirable for him to specialize in some branch

of his profession. So it was that he selected advertising as this branch, organizing and developing the Associated Advertising Agency, referred to above. Not only does Mr. Cubbison operate a three-press plant in Sharpsville, but he also has a large plant in Youngstown, Ohio, where he lives.

Justly proud of his career in advertising and his accomplishments on behalf of education along these lines, Mr. Cubbison looks back with especial satisfaction upon his editorship, in 1911 and 1912, of an amateur newspaper, "The Wheel-barrow," whose slogan was "We Carry Everything." Politically Mr. Cubbison is a Republican. He was an organizer, and is a present member, of the Sharpsville Board of Trade, and belongs to the Master Printers' Association and the Youngstown Advertisers' Club. He is active in the Free and Accepted Masons, belonging to Royal Arch Chapter, Council of Royal and Select Masters, the Grotto and the Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He is a Methodist and his wife a Catholic.

In 1916, in New Castle, Pennsylvania, Marcus Francis Cubbison married Vernice Schorndorfer, daughter of John and Anna (Weisbaker) Schorndorfer.

OLIN W. BRACKEN—Active in the business and civic life of Corry during the past quarter of a century, Olin W. Bracken is now partner in the firm of Bracken & Keating, funeral directors, oldest undertaking establishment in this section. He is past mayor of Corry and one of its most influential citizens.

Mr. Bracken was born in Corry on November 18, 1892, son of Charles H. and Florence (Williams) Bracken. His father, who died in 1919, was engaged in the wholesale produce business in Corry. His mother died in 1920.

After his preliminary education in the Corry public schools, Olin W. Bracken attended the University of Pennsylvania and subsequently, for sixteen years, was associated with Bracken Brothers Wholesale Produce Company, established by his father and uncle. On July 1, 1932, however, he entered his present business, becoming partner in the firm of Bracken & Keating. This undertaking establishment traces its history back to 1882, when it was founded by A. R. Morgan. In 1902 it was taken over by C. L. and Dan Alexander, and when the latter retired in 1920 Charles P. Keating joined C. L. Alexander in the business. Mr. Alexander died in 1931 and his place was taken in the following year by Mr. Bracken. As funeral directors, the firm of Bracken & Keating ranks in the forefront of the profession. They have a beautiful funeral home, which includes a lovely chapel, complete equipment of the most modern type and operate a fleet of seven cars, furnishing ambulance service as well as funeral service.

With the progress of his business career, Mr. Bracken also became active in public life. He has long been prominent in the Democratic party, continuing his influence in party councils today, and in 1926, as the Democratic candidate, he was elected mayor of Corry, serving in this office from 1926 to 1929. The character of his administration, which was marked by a progressive outlook combined with sound business judgment, enhanced his standing in the community. Mr. Bracken now serves as a member of the Erie County Board of Public Assistance and retains his conspicuous rôle in the civic enterprises of his own community. He is a member and past president of the Corry Rotary and Kiwanis clubs; a member of the Golden Rule Club and the Order of the Golden Rule; the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and the Masonic Order. In the latter, he is Past Master of his Blue Lodge, a member and Past High Priest of the Royal Arch Chapter and a member of the Commandery, Knights Templar. Mr. Bracken is also a member of the National Funeral Directors' Association, the Erie County Morticians' Association and the Stanford Hose Company of Corry. During the World War, he served in the Naval Reserve. In religious faith he is a Presbyterian.

On November 27, 1917, Mr. Bracken married Vellah Morgan, daughter of A. R. and Stella (Dean) Morgan. They are the parents of three sons: 1. Robert M., born November 1, 1919, now a student at the University of Pennsylvania. 2. Charles H., born June 5, 1921, a teller in the Citizens National Bank of Corry. 3. Olin W., Jr., born November 9, 1923, a student in Corry High School.

F. H. WELLS—Since 1925, F. H. Wells has served as general freight and passenger agent of the Pittsburgh, Shawmut & Northern Railroad, making his headquarters at St. Marys. He has devoted his entire career to the railroad industry and has risen to his present position on the basis of his record and experience.

Mr. Wells was born in Tioga County on December 10, 1887, son of F. H. and Catherine (McCann) Wells, both of Tioga County and both now deceased. His father was a mine superintendent.

After a public school education in Tioga County, Mr. Wells entered the railroad industry while he was still a boy, beginning as a station clerk. He continued as station clerk and agent until 1921, when he became connected with the traffic department of the Pittsburgh, Shawmut & Northern Railroad at St. Marys. After a brief period of service, he was appointed chief of the Traffic Bureau of the line and on January 1, 1925, became general freight and passenger agent. This office he has since filled, bringing to his duties an extensive experience in railroad operations and the executive qualifications apparent in his record.

Mr. Wells is a Republican in politics and is affiliated fraternally with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Columbus. A Roman Catholic in religious faith, he is a member of Sacred Heart parish at St. Marys. Although his responsibilities as a railroad man occupy virtually all his time, he is interested in his community and its progress and has met the obligations of good citizenship throughout his career.

On June 19, 1910, Mr. Wells married Regina Weis, of St. Marys. They are the parents of four children: 1. Dorothy, who married R. L. Bauer and has one daughter, Elizabeth Ann. 2. Ruth, who married R. P. Rogan and also has one child, Mary Catherine. 3. Mary Elizabeth. 4. Patricia.

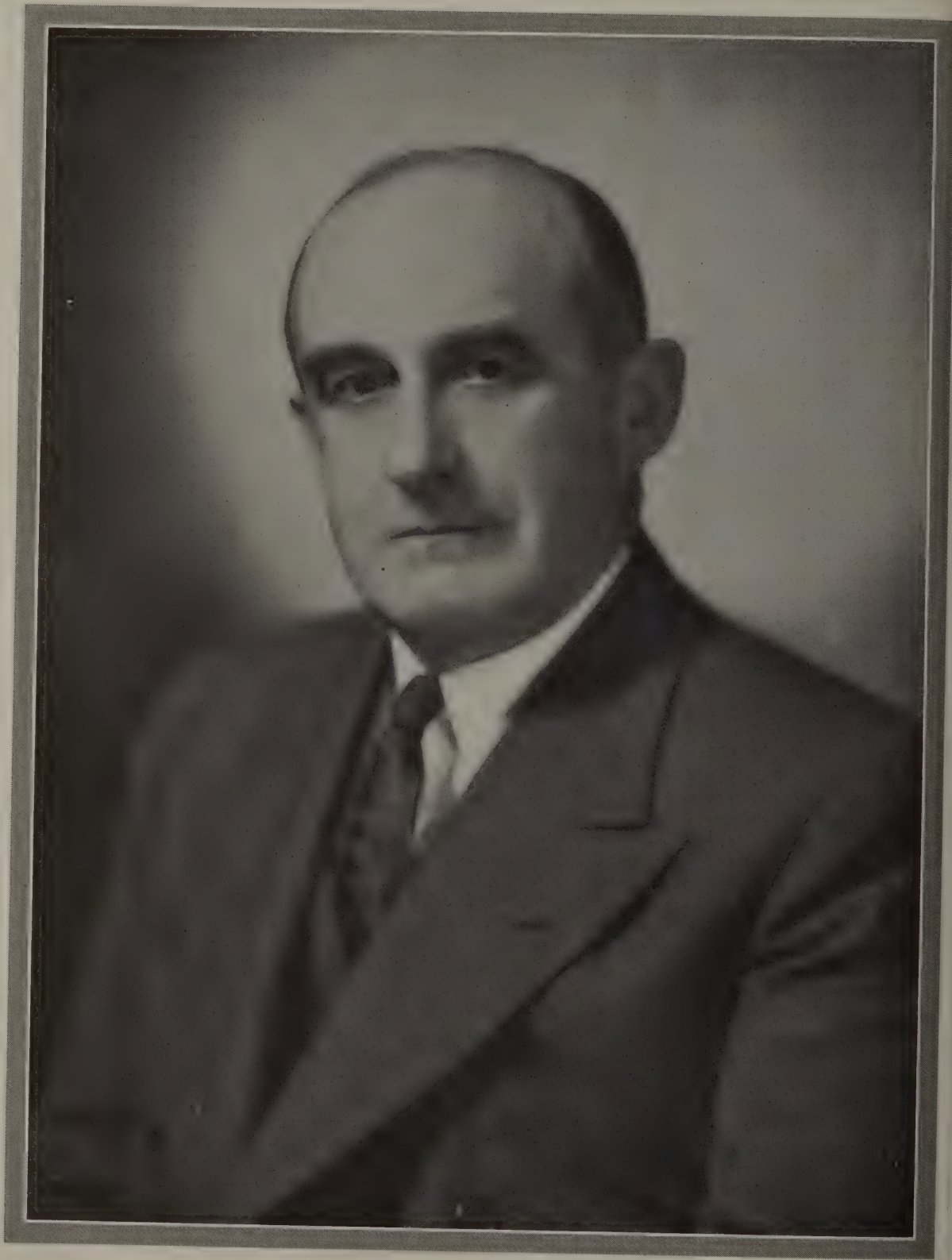
GEORGE LA BAR RISHELL—The field of radio and electrical engineering has occupied the efforts of George La Bar Rishell throughout his career. During a quarter century of service with the Novelty Incandescent Lamp Works and its successors at Emporium, he has made important technical contributions to the development and manufacture of its products and now occupies the post of technical adviser to the manufacturing manager of the present Hygrade Sylvania Corporation. He is a leading figure in the life of this community.

Born at Emporium on December 6, 1893, Mr. Rishell is a son of Charles W. and Stella Vivian (La Bar) Rishell. His father, a merchant, has been active locally for many years.

After his preliminary education in the Emporium public schools, George La Bar Rishell entered Pennsylvania State College, from which he was graduated in 1916 with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering. From August 1, 1916, to February, 1917, he was enrolled in the test course of the General Electric Company at Schenectady, New York, after which he returned to Emporium and entered the service of the Novelty Incandescent Lamp Works. Except for one year spent in the army, he has remained with this organization through all its corporate changes up to the present time.

Following the entry of the United States into the World War, Mr. Rishell enlisted in the Coast Artillery Corps of the United States Army, and was assigned to duty as a private in the 9th Company Regulars of the Coast Defenses of the Chesapeake Bay. Here he soon passed the examinations for second class gunner and shortly afterward for first class gunner. Three months of service saw him dispatched to the Officers' Training Camp and in June, 1918, he was commissioned second lieutenant in the Coast Artillery Corps. Mr. Rishell was on active duty until December, 1918, when he received his honorable discharge from the service and returned to his post with the Novelty Incandescent Lamp Works at





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Emporium. He was the first commander of the local post of the American Legion, although no longer a member of that organization.

Upon the resumption of his duties with the Novelty Incandescent Lamp Works, Mr. Rishell served as chief engineer of the company until 1924. When the Sylvania Products Company was started in the latter year, he was assigned to develop a radio tube which would meet all the necessary and exacting requirements. Working at first in a private laboratory, he succeeded in his task and when the firm began production he became chief engineer. Sylvania Products and Hygrade were subsequently merged to form the present Hygrade Sylvania Corporation. With this development, Mr. Rishell was appointed chief factory engineer of the company and has served as such during the intervening years.

Mr. Rishell, who enjoys an established professional reputation, is a member of the Institute of Radio Engineers. Aside from his business and professional connections, he has been active in the general life of Emporium and has served on the Borough Council, heading the finance committee as chairman. He is at present a member of the Emporium Board of Education. He is a Republican in politics and is affiliated fraternally with the Masonic Order, in which he is a member of Emporium Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; the Royal Arch Chapter; the Council of Royal and Select Masters and the Commandery of the Knights Templar at Ridgway; and Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. Mr. Rishell is also affiliated with the Phi Kappa Phi fraternity, and Eta Kappa Nu, honorary professional electrical engineering fraternity. A Presbyterian in religious faith, he is president of the board of trustees of Emporium Presbyterian Church and a member of the session. Hunting and fishing are his favorite recreations and, with motion picture photography, his principal hobbies.

On March 14, 1925, Mr. Rishell married Katharine Haig, of Philadelphia. They are the parents of two children: Katharine Ruth and George Theodore, both attending the Emporium public schools.

HARRY ALLISON LOGAN—Harry Allison Logan widely known Pennsylvania oil trade leader, was born November 20, 1881, in Summit City, McKean County, Pennsylvania, during the period of early development of the crude oil fields of that district. Member of an old family dating back several generations, he is a son of Ryland M. Logan, a pioneer Pennsylvania oil producer, and Eugenia (Allison) Logan. The family removed from McKean County to Warren County in 1885.

It was in Warren County that Harry Allison Logan received his early public school education. Later he attended Erie Business College, in Erie, and, after completing the course there in 1899, he obtained his first employ-

ment in Warren as clerk and bookkeeper in a veneer factory. Remaining in that factory until 1902, he made the acquaintance, during that period, of a group of men planning to build a new oil refinery in Warren. Late in 1902 he joined with them to help form the United Refining Company, starting as an accountant and gradually mastering all the details of both the executive and the manufacturing branches of the business. In 1907 he was assigned to the duties that are still his as vice-president, treasurer, general manager and a director of the company.

In addition to his work with this one company, Mr. Logan is president of the Elk Refining Company, in Charleston, West Virginia, which he helped to organize in 1914. He administers that company from his office in Warren. At the same time he is president of the Emblem Oil Company, in Warren; the Red Star Lubrication Service, Inc., of Jamestown, New York; and the Tiona Petroleum Company, of Philadelphia. He is also vice-president of J. L. Yerdon & Company, of Bradford, and vice-president and a director of the Warren Bank & Trust Company, of Warren, and of the National Petroleum Association. He is also a director and executive committeeman of the Pennsylvania Grade Crude Oil Association and a director of the American Petroleum Institute. During the administration of the Code of Fair Competition for the petroleum industry, under the National Recovery Act, he served as a member of the refinery sub-committee of the planning and coordination committee of the industry, and also as a member of the regional refinery committee for Regional District No. 1 of the larger committee. During the World War, Mr. Logan was a member of different committees of the National Petroleum War Service Committee, organized in connection with the oil division of the United States Fuel Administration, and he devoted a large portion of his time to the work of these committees.

Along with his other activities, Mr. Logan is a member of the Conewango Club and the Conewango Valley Country Club, both of Warren; the Bradford Club, of Bradford; and Saddle Club, of Jamestown, New York; the Cloud Club and the Pennsylvania Society, of New York City. Politically he is a Republican. He enjoys, in spare time, such recreations as farming, golf and horseback riding, and takes special satisfaction in the surroundings of his country home, about five miles from Warren, which he maintains in addition to his town residence. He is a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Harry Allison Logan married, January 8, 1922, Helen Temple, of London, England. They became the parents of Harry A. Logan, Jr., and Helen Marian Logan.

ANTHONY A. HABERBERGER—For many years Anthony A. Haberberger, of St. Marys, has been connected with the Stackpole Carbon Company, where he is factory manager at the time of writing. His contribu-

tion to the life of his community has been a significant one, earning for him wide admiration and confidence.

Mr. Haberberger was born March 23, 1897, in St. Marys, Pennsylvania, son of George and Madeline (Funk) Haberberger. His father, a native of Germany, was early a resident of the United States, but is now retired from his active business endeavors. The mother, who is now deceased, was also born in Germany.

Parochial schools of St. Marys provided Anthony A. Haberberger's early formal education, and at the age of fourteen years he went to work with the Stackpole Carbon Company. Remaining with this organization down to the time of writing, he has risen from the rank of laborer to his present post of factory manager, holding all the intervening positions in the organization and acquainting himself with every branch and detail of the business. He has been factory manager since 1930.

In addition to his association with the Stackpole Carbon Company, Mr. Haberberger has interested himself extensively in the public affairs of Benzing Township, although, politically speaking, he has held to an independent course, aligning himself with no formal party organization. He belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is a member of the Roman Catholic Church in St. Marys. He devotes a great deal of spare time to raising flowers, of which he is fond, and he has developed, on the grounds about his own home, not only fine gardens, but a small modern greenhouse where he may continue his floricultural activities through the winter months. Hunting and fishing are other favorite recreations of Mr. Haberberger.

LEONARD L. LESSER—Operating his own jewelry store in St. Marys until 1937, Leonard L. Lesser handled a beautiful line of high-grade jewelry and related products. He has interested himself also in other aspects of business life in St. Marys and vicinity, as well as in the civic and social life of the district.

Mr. Lesser was born January 25, 1876, in Ridgway, Pennsylvania, son of Philip and Caroline (Leonhart) Lesser, both from Alsace-Lorraine and both now deceased. His father was a blacksmith.

Ridgway schools provided Leonard L. Lesser's early formal education, and in boyhood and young manhood he was employed in a planing mill, in the plant of the Hamilton Wagon Works and in a machine shop. He then went to work, with that background of experience, in association with his father, with whom he remained for two years, drilling water wells; and subsequently he was sales representative, traveling on the road, with Dr. Day's proprietary medicine firm. It was in 1901 that Mr. Lesser went to work with F. M. Holes, in Ridgway, who operated a jewelry store there. Learning this business in all its details and ramifications, Mr. Lesser followed this

period of preliminary training with managership of the store of F. M. Holes & Company, in Johnsonburg, going there in February, 1904. Later in the same year, in the month of August, Mr. Lesser came to St. Marys and bought the Holes Jewelry Store, which he has successfully conducted down to 1937, selling a complete line of high-grade jewelry.

In addition to his jewelry interests, he has concerned himself with other businesses, being a director of the Kane Brick & Tile Company and of the Renewo Clay Products Company, at Hutchins, until it was sold. Taking the liveliest interest in local affairs, he is independent in his political views, but is connected with many organizations. He was formerly a member of the Kiwanis Club. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Maccabees and the Free and Accepted Masons. In the Masonic Order he is a Past Master of George E. Wagner Lodge, of St. Marys and is affiliated with the Royal Arch Chapter, and the Knights Templar Commandery at Ridgway. He belongs to the Evangelical Lutheran Church. For the most part he devotes himself, however, to his jewelry business and his service as a licensed optometrist. In spare time his favorite hobby is fishing.

Leonard L. Lesser married Barbara Miller, of Elk County, Pennsylvania, who died in 1936. Their son, Paul P. Lesser, was graduated from local schools in St. Marys and attended Thiel College, Greenville. Since 1937 he has been associated in business with his father under the firm name of Lesser & Lesser, and devotes his entire time to the operation of the business. He married Elaine MacDonald, of Jeannette.

JAMES HALL STACKPOLE—For many years James Hall Stackpole, of St. Marys, has served as vice-president and a director of the Stackpole Carbon Company, one of the leading enterprises that have risen in this new and modern industry. He has substantially furthered this company's interests, and is widely known for his participation in other enterprises in this area and for his civic-mindedness and unfailing public spirit.

Mr. Stackpole was born February 17, 1902, in St. Marys, Pennsylvania, son of Harry Clinton Stackpole (q. v.) and Sarah Arrington (Hall) Stackpole. Member of an old and honorable family, he is a great-grandson of Harrison Stackpole. His grandparents on the paternal side of the house were Edward Henry Harrison and Margaret (Glasgow) Stackpole. The grandfather, Edward H. H. Stackpole, for years a blacksmith in McVeytown, was elected in 1882 to the State Legislature, whereupon the family removed to Harrisburg. Edward H. H. Stackpole, after completion of his legislative service, was superintendent of the Capitol Building of Pennsylvania. His son, Harry C. Stackpole, J. Hall Stack-

pole's father, who was born November 10, 1875, in McVeytown, was originally named Harrison after his grandfather, although the name was shortened by everyone to Harry. He had a varied experience of rural life in early childhood, Harrisburg residence during his early school years, and subsequent residence and business activity in Ridgway, Portland Mills and St. Marys. He and J. K. P. Hall, his father-in-law, went into the battery business together, with the Speer Carbon Company making their carbon. Finally they decided to make their own battery carbons and "flour," and so bought a calcining furnace, grinding and mixing equipment and a "jumbo," and built an oven. So did the Stackpole Battery Company start to make carbon. Later they made carbon cylinders for wet batteries. At length, on September 16, 1912, they adopted the name of Stackpole Carbon Company, of which Harry C. Stackpole was secretary-treasurer, assuming the presidency at Mr. Hall's death in 1914. He built the company to a position of leadership in the carbon industry, and in 1940 retired from the presidency to be chairman of the board of directors, the post that he now holds. He is connected also with many other enterprises. Harry Clinton Stackpole married (first), in 1898, Sarah Arrington Hall, of St. Marys, who is now deceased, daughter of the late J. K. P. Hall, referred to above. Their children were: 1. Lyle H. Stackpole Townsend. 2. James Hall Stackpole, of further mention. 3. Harrison Clinton Stackpole, Jr. 4. Jude Stackpole. Harry C. Stackpole married (second), in May, 1930, Adelaide W. Wittman, of St. Marys.

James Hall Stackpole attended the Hotchkiss Preparatory School, at Lakeville, Connecticut, and took his degree of Bachelor of Arts at Yale University, in New Haven, that State. He then went to Harvard University for postgraduate work and received there the degree of Master of Business Administration. From college he came directly to the Stackpole Carbon Company, in St. Marys, serving in many capacities until he acquired a thorough grounding in the business. Rising to the vice-presidency of the company, he came to exert an increasing influence upon the conduct of its affairs, and in the organization today his place is an important one. Much of the background of the Stackpole Carbon Company has been presented, both in this review and in the record of his father's life; but in J. Hall Stackpole's years with the company the narrative moves forward apace.

Coming actively into the business in the twenties, after the company's activities had been restored to a normal peacetime basis following the 1917-18 World War period in which the government had practically commanded operations, J. Hall Stackpole found a still expanding and prospering organization. Wartime conditions and the letdown following afterward had had one salutary effect, that of pointing the need for added lines of manufacture

and greater diversification. The Stackpole company has added to its products until it now manufactures carbon, graphite and metal-graphite brushes for all types of rotating equipment; copper-graphite, silver-graphite and rare metal contacts; welding and battery carbons; fixed and variable resistors; toggle, slide and rotary index switches, tone and volume controls for radio; graphite anodes for electrolytic cells; electrodes for electric furnaces; impervious carbon and impervious graphite pipes and fittings; carbon and graphite bricks; carbon crucibles and carbon specialties; iron cores, molded brake lining and brake blocks; voltage regulators for use on airplanes, automobiles and other rotating electrical equipment; and dayload developing tanks for amateur photographers. Having sold the battery business in 1922 to the Franco Battery Company, of New York, the Stackpole firm now devotes its full energies to developing and producing carbon products. The last carload of batteries was loaded and shipped March 4, 1922. After the stock market crash of 1929, there was a tremendous dropping off in the carbon business, but the radio industry saved the day for the Stackpole Carbon Company. As direct-current battery sets became obsolete and had to be replaced with alternating-current sets requiring carbon resistors, the company experienced a marked revival within a year, instead of remaining depressed for six years, as did most industries throughout the United States. Since 1939 there has been a steady, rather than a spectacular, growth; and the company reports 1933 and 1941 as its banner years thus far, having employed 248 new employees in 1933 and more than 300 new employees in 1941. J. Hall Stackpole, as vice-president, works hand in hand with the president, L. G. Hall, to shape the best possible policies for company operation. As H. S. Conrad, "company historian," wrote in the September, 1941, issue of "The Carbon Copy," employee publication:

We hope that we are in for a long period of prosperity and that when the next depression does come, we will be able to "weather the storm" as we have in the past. However, we do want to call to the attention of all of our employees the necessity of economizing, of looking toward the future and saving for the "rainy day" that is bound to come sooner or later. We strongly recommend U. S. Government Defense Bonds as the best possible investment.

In addition to his other business activities, J. Hall Stackpole is secretary and a director of the Molded Materials Corporation and a director of the Duncan Spangler Coal Company. He is also a director of the St. Marys National Bank. A Republican in his political views, he has served for a term in the Pennsylvania State Legislature. He is a member of the Yale Club, the St. Marys Country Club, the Elk County Country Club, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Fraternal Order

of Eagles, the Loyal Order of Moose and the Protestant Episcopal Church. In leisure time he particularly enjoys hunting and fishing as pastimes.

James Hall Stackpole married, March 4, 1937, Walburga Reilly, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

WALTER LEON PEAKE—The general law practice conducted by Walter Leon Peake at Corry is one of the most extensive in this section. He is a well-known member of the Erie County bar and an influential figure in the general life of his community.

Mr. Peake was born in Tioga County, Pennsylvania, on March 7, 1883, son of Frank C. Peake, a farmer and stockman of Tioga County, and Ella M. (Close) Peake. He received his preliminary education in the public schools and after his graduation from Wellsboro High School in 1901, entered Lafayette College, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy in 1905. During the following four years he was a teacher in the public schools of Renovo, Johnstown and Sharon, Pennsylvania. In 1906 he began to read law in Tioga County, in the office of Robert K. Young, subsequently Pennsylvania State Treasurer, and continued his studies until 1910, when he was admitted to the Pennsylvania bar. In the same year he began the practice of his profession in Knoxville, Tioga County, and in 1912 removed to Corry, where his activities have since centered. Mr. Peake, as a lawyer of established reputation and successful record, has represented many important interests in the Corry area and continues active in the conduct of his large general practice. He also takes an active part in virtually all civic enterprises of his community and has a decisive voice in local councils of the Republican party, having been chairman of the Republican City Committee of Corry. He is a member of the Corry Kiwanis Club and Corry Country Club and the Erie County Historical Society, and is affiliated fraternally with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Free and Accepted Masons, in the latter of which he is a member of all higher Scottish Rite bodies, including the thirty-second degree of the Consistory. In religious faith, Mr. Peake is a Presbyterian.

He married, on October 18, 1911, Elizabeth Strang, daughter of Francis D. and Alice (Tremper) Strang, of Westfield, Pennsylvania, and granddaughter of B. B. Strang, one time Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. Mr. and Mrs. Peake have one son, Walter S., born February 3, 1925, now a student at the University of Pennsylvania.

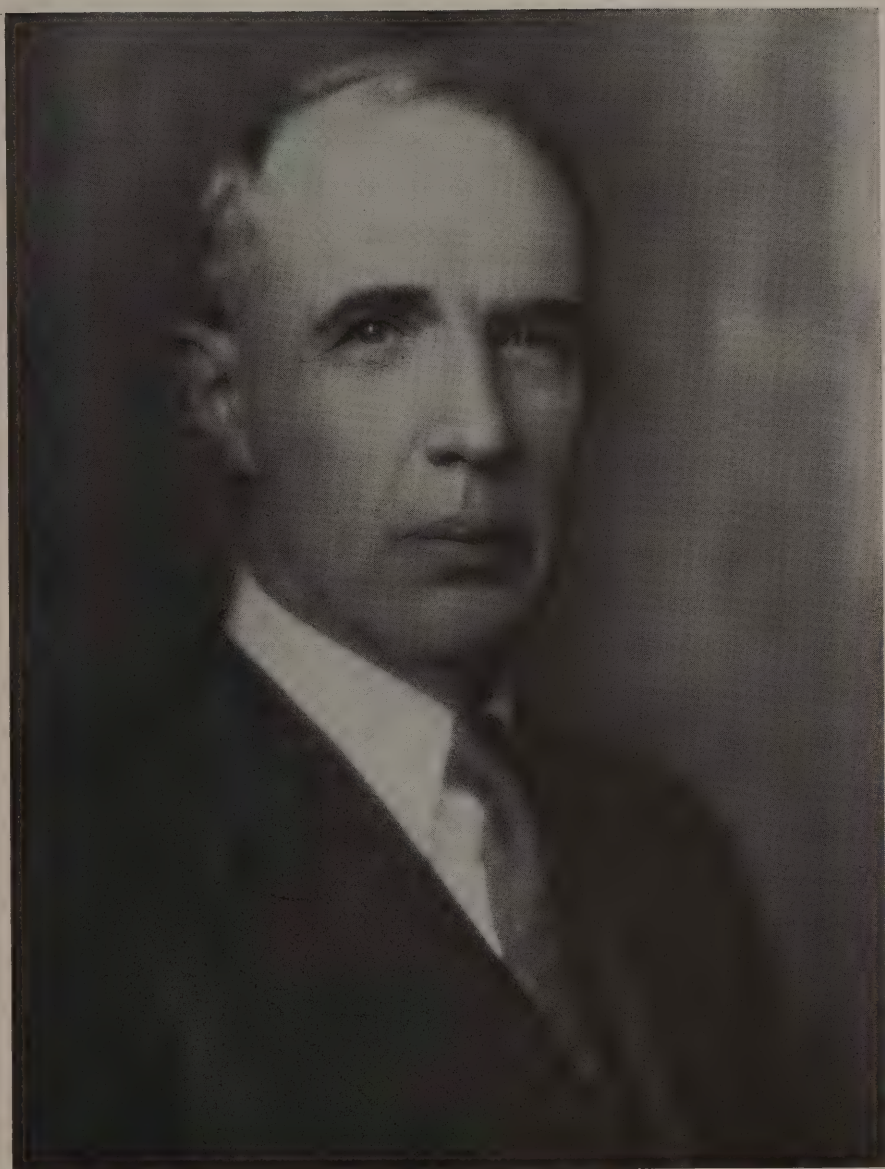
LEON HALE HOFFMAN—Since the early years of the century, Leon Hale Hoffman has devoted his career to the drilling business, and more especially diamond core

drilling. The corporation of Hoffman Brothers Drilling Company, of which Mr. Hoffman is president and treasurer, is the outgrowth of many years of faithful service rendered to many of the most prominent coal operators and mining engineers of the bituminous coal fields of the United States. Testing coal lands with diamond core drills, by removing cores, or a cross section of all formations, including the cores of coal seams, has played a most prominent part in the opening of mines, and charting the coal resources of our country. In the development and operation of the Hoffman Brothers organization, Leon H. with his brother Orvis C., who died in 1939, has won a national reputation in his field, and is widely consulted as an expert wherever drilling problems arise.

Leon H. Hoffman was born on the old Hoffman homestead, which was known in the early years as "The Valley Road Farm" near Trade City, North Mahoning Township, Indiana County, on August 8, 1877, son of Philip H. and Sarah Jane (Clyde) Hoffman. The family consisted of Orvis Clyde, Leon Hale, and Verna Mabel, the only sister, who married James H. Eckert and resides in DuBois, Pennsylvania. One brother, Murat Blair, died in the year 1916.

The Hoffman family is of German origin, and Leon H. Hoffman is a grandson of Heinrich (Henry), who spelled the family name Hofmann but the spelling was changed to its present form by his children. Henry Hoffman was born at Darmstadt, Hessen, Germany, in 1806, and lived in that country until sometime after his marriage to Catherine Henkel. Like all other able-bodied German youths he was required by the government to serve a number of years as a soldier, and when their country was not in war, it was his duty to act as a guard or watchman protecting the government forests from those who would maliciously cut the timber for private use. During this period many of the best German families left their native land, and came to America, the land of opportunity. It was this love for liberty and freedom and the desire to establish a home in a land and under a government where oppression and military rule was unknown, that induced Henry Hoffman, with his wife and one child, to join the thousands of immigrants who were willing to turn their backs upon their mother country and with their faces towards the West, with high hopes for the future, start life anew in the New World.

In reviewing the early history of the Hoffman family, it is interesting to note that they came to America in 1840, making their voyage in an old-fashioned sailing vessel. It required about six weeks to cross the ocean. After many experiences on this trip, they landed at Baltimore. They did not remain there long, but continued their journey, by way of the old Pennsylvania Canal to Beaver, Pennsylvania, where Mr. Hoffman farmed for one Jacob Bimber,



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and his wife helped and worked in the family household, until such time when it was possible for them to have a home of their own. Needless to say that the circumstances of these early settlers were such that the only way they could live was to work. There was no government assistance in those days. The facts were, in this case, when Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman had paid for their steerage across the ocean and their living expenses while traveling, when they arrived at their destination, they had only a few cents left and with this they purchased a few cakes of soap, so they could be sure to have a good bath before beginning their work in this new country.

After a few years residence in Beaver County, where they both worked together, they succeeded in saving a small sum which enabled them to make a new step in their hopes of getting started, looking forward to owning a home of their own. They came to Jefferson County, Pennsylvania, being among the pioneer settlers in the community. They first located on a tract of land known as "The Pines," near where the mining town of Horatio was long afterwards located. The great pine trees of that day were of very little value commercially, as the market for lumber was very limited. Henry Hoffman did, however, engage in the lumber business in a limited way. The trees were cut and with the broad-ax the logs were hewed into square timber and rafts were constructed and during the early spring floods the rafts were floated down the Big Mahoning Creek into the Allegheny River. Here these rafts were made into "fleets" and taken through to Pittsburgh to market.

After a few years living in "The Pines," the Hoffman family moved to what was then known as "Round Bottom," where the present town of Valier is now located in Perry Township, Jefferson County. Here they engaged in farming and later they purchased a farm in North Mahoning Township, Indiana County, from The Holland Land Company. The original tract comprised fifty acres, to which another thirty acres were added, and upon this place he and his wife passed the remainder of their lives, Mr. Hoffman dying in 1887 in his eighty-second year and Mrs. Hoffman living to the age of eighty-seven years. They were devout and active members of the German Reformed Church and were among the organizers of "The Old Round Top Church," which still stands as a landmark in that community. While the family lived in Jefferson County, they would walk seven miles to attend services. They were always zealous in the cause of religion. The couple reared three children: Elizabeth, born in Hessen, Germany, July 21, 1839; married Hartman Knauff, and died July 11, 1915; Philip Herman, born in 1844 and died January 25, 1896; and Mary, born in 1846, who was an early school teacher in Punxsutawney and Brookville, later married Marion Stear and died April 19, 1874.

Philip Herman Hoffman, father of Leon H. Hoffman, was born in Jefferson County at "The Pines" and spent his entire life in North Mahoning Township, near Trade City. He married Sarah Jane Clyde, daughter of John Mabon Clyde and Martha (Fair) Clyde. Philip Hoffman was an influential business man of the community. In his early life he followed farming, conducted the hotel at Trade City, was engaged as a dealer in farm implements and was a pioneer well driller in this part of Pennsylvania, running a single beam Keystone portable drilling machine, which he operated in Indiana, Jefferson and surrounding counties. It was not alone in this business that his energetic and progressive character was felt. Any good cause had his sympathy and support, and he was prominently associated with the English Lutheran Church, taking an active part in its work. He cared for his aged parents during their declining years. He died on the Hoffman homestead.

In the maternal line, Sarah Jane (Clyde) Hoffman, mother of Leon H. Hoffman, belongs to a pioneer family of Oliver Township, Jefferson County. They were of Scotch-Irish descent. Her great-grandfather, William Fleming Clyde, moved hither with his wife, Janet Bell (Mabon) Clyde from Indiana County, Pennsylvania. They settled on and cleared the farm now owned and occupied by F. P. Startzell, where Mr. Clyde died April 23, 1846. A number of years later Mrs. Clyde moved to Circleville, Ohio, where her death occurred January 26, 1883. They had a family of four.

John Mabon Clyde followed farming, living on land adjoining his mother's farm until 1867 when he moved to Davidsville, now Trade City, Indiana County. In 1873 he settled in East Liberty, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he died May 13, 1905. He married Martha Fair, who died January 19, 1912, at Cheswick, Pennsylvania. They left the following family: William P., a contractor and builder, was with the A. & S. Wilsen Company for approximately twenty-five years, later a member of the firm of Schutz, Schreiner & Clyde Company. He died March 8, 1917. Albert Clyde was also a carpenter and lived at Cheswick until his death November 28, 1930. The other members of the family were Sarah Jane, mother of Leon H. Hoffman, and Alice E. and Clara, both being residents of Cheswick.

In the early history of the brothers and sisters of John M. Clyde, the following information is of value as of record. William Johnson Clyde learned the carpenter's trade at Brookville, Pennsylvania. When the Civil War broke out he enlisted as a "three months man" and on August 28, 1861, reenlisted in the 105th Pennsylvania Volunteers, afterwards becoming captain of Company A of that regiment. He was killed at Brock's Cross Roads

in the wilderness May 6, 1864, and is buried in the National Cemetery at Fredericksburg, Virginia.

James Legget Clyde was not yet twenty-one when he enlisted with his brother for service in the Union Army. He was wounded at White Oak Swamps, Virginia, and died July 9, 1862, at the home of his uncle, Dr. Thomas Mabon, of Jacksonville, Indiana County, Pennsylvania, where he is buried.

Margaret J. Clyde died at Columbus, Ohio, January 20, 1894, and is buried beside her mother at Circleville, Ohio.

Leon H. Hoffman was born in the old log house which had been built by his grandfather, Henry Hoffman and was occupied by him as his home until his son, Philip H., built a more modern two-story frame house. This old log house was the typical farm house of that day and many similar houses were built by the early settlers throughout Pennsylvania. Native white oak logs were hewed flat on two sides and laid together by notching the ends so as to be held firmly in place, thus leaving only very small openings between the logs; chunking or blocks of wood were then used to close up the open spaces and the outside and inside between the logs was plastered or closed with clay so as to make them comfortable homes. There was no wallpaper, or at least it was very scarce, but the walls were papered each spring with newspapers.

This old log house had two good-sized rooms. One was the living room and bedroom combined, and the other one was known as the spare room or guest room. It was always well-kept with the newest pieces of rag carpet with many different colors of chain used in the weaving. There was an attic with closed pine stairs leading up to it from the guest room. During the summer time Orvis and Leon slept in the trundle bed, with a tick filled with oat straw as a mattress. Sometimes when there was a freak snow storm in late autumn before the boys had been moved below to more comfortable quarters, in the morning they left their bare foot tracks in the film of light snow which had sifted in through the warped shingle roof during the night and settled on the bare floor at the head of the stairs. There was a medium sized kitchen, attached to the rear of the house, and a back porch which occupied all of the remainder of the space, extending the full length of the house. It was not long however until Philip Hoffman was financially in position to raze the old buildings and construct a modern farm house and an up-to-date bank barn. The farm house is at this time one of the best farm houses in that community. The farm is now owned by Leon H. Hoffman, who takes great pride in keeping it as the home of his childhood.

Leon H. Hoffman, like his brothers and sister, received his early education in the Dilts school, located more than a mile from home near the Little Mahoning Creek. Later he attended summer terms at Georgeville, Hamilton and

Covode Academy. He later completed the three-year regular normal course at the Pennsylvania State Normal School at Indiana, Pennsylvania, graduating in the class of 1900. Mr. Hoffman was a member of the Huyghenian Literary Society and served one term as its president. He received class honors by being elected by the faculty as a junior contestant and was also one of the commencement orators. Mr. Hoffman began teaching school very early in life. He taught two terms at Cool Spring, North Mahoning Township, Indiana County. The following year he was principal of the public schools at Hamilton, Jefferson County, and later taught two terms at Covode and Trade City, Pennsylvania. During the summer of 1901 he was assistant principal of the teacher's training school, at Penn Run, Pennsylvania, which had an attendance of 120 students. In the fall of 1901 Mr. Hoffman accepted a position with Dodd Mead & Company of New York in the sale of their International Encyclopedia and continued with this firm in the sale of their "New International." Mr. Hoffman held this position for four years, afterwards being promoted to general manager of their Pittsburgh office, which position he held for one year.

In the year 1906 he became interested in the diamond drilling business with his brother and the brothers worked together, building up their business from only a few drills to many drills. The firm was known as Hoffman Brothers, a partnership, and the business was conducted under this name until the corporation of Hoffman Brothers Drilling Company was formed during the year 1925. It was natural for the two brothers to follow in the footsteps of their father, who was a water well driller.

Today, after continuous service during the entire period since being organized, Hoffman Brothers Drilling Company enjoys the distinction of being a very well organized and capable company. Leon H. Hoffman is president and treasurer, Orvis C. Hoffman, Jr., is vice-president, and W. H. Hampton is secretary and assistant treasurer. They devote themselves largely to the business of testing bituminous coal lands. They have more than fifty diamond core drills suitable for any job. Many new up-to-date gasoline drills have been added. They have electric drills for drilling inside the mines, also variable-speed permissible motors for use in gaseous mines and large high-pressure grout pumps for pre-grouting shaft locations. This is some of the newer equipment installed during recent years.

An outstanding job completed successfully within the last few years was the drilling of the first 1000' horizontal oil well ever drilled. This work was done from the surface of the outcrop of the Cow Run Sand near McConnellsville, Ohio. The drilling of this well created a great deal of interest among oil operators everywhere. Leading oil journals gave considerable space to a description of this method of drilling oil wells and the possibilities for



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developing large fields by this method. This first well was 3 3/64" in diameter and was drilled by the use of specially prepared diamond bits and core barrels. The Cow Run Sand was 14' in thickness and the secret of the successful completion of this well was due to the fact that the direction was maintained throughout the entire depth. The well was surveyed periodically and if this survey indicated the direction was leading off either downward or upward, so that the well might lead out of the pay sand, methods were used whereby the direction was changed either upward or downward so as to continue within the sand. There is no doubt but what there will be more and more horizontal wells drilled in oil bearing stratas for the reason that by repressure methods, almost one hundred per cent. recovery of oil is assured.

A great deal of credit for the success of Hoffman Brothers Drilling Company is due to the fact that they have always been able to overcome difficulties and thus establish a reputation for doing satisfactory work. New methods have been tried with great success. The use of special spring pieces, manufactured by this company for coring soft and friable coal seams have increased the core recovery in the drilling of those soft seams of coal.

Recently the corporation has installed a new addition to their machine shop for manufacturing cast-set diamond bits. They have the very best up-to-date machinery for making these bits by casting them in various metals, after which the bits are heat-treated. The diamonds are placed in molds and held by suction and then the molten metal is poured, holding the diamonds firmly in place and in perfect formation, thus eliminating the necessity for hand-set bits. The method of cast-setting has rapidly taken the place of hand-setting which has been the practice during the past. In many formations small bortz diamonds are taking the place of the larger and more expensive carbon bits. Although there are many rock formations where the very fine high-class carbons should be used, Hoffman Brothers Drilling Company use both kinds of bits, depending upon the kind of rock and formations to be drilled.

Three types of metals used in cast-set bits are: (1) magnesium bronze, (2) vancolite, (3) a metal having a combination of carborundum, tungsten and nickel. In making a 3 3/64" standard cast bit over 360 diamonds are used, averaging in size fifteen to twenty carats. This new method saves much valuable time over the hand-setting method.

During all of these years that Leon H. Hoffman has been in business in Punxsutawney, he has taken an active interest in community affairs and by his activities he has provided employment to many. He was one of the organizers and charter members of the Mahoning Valley Milling Company, the Perry Hills Coal Company and the Penn Wayne Gas Company. He is at this time a director

in the Farmers & Miners Trust Company, having served as the president of this institution for one year during the year 1938-39. He is also a director of the Kurtz Coal, Lumber & Supply Company.

Mr. Hoffman was one of the charter members of the Kiwanis Club. He is a member of the Punxsutawney Country Club, also the Black Knight Country Club of Beckley, West Virginia. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church of Punxsutawney and is affiliated fraternally with John W. Jenks Lodge, No. 534, Free and Accepted Masons, Pennsylvania Consistory, Pittsburgh and Jaffa Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Altoona, Pennsylvania. Mr. Hoffman's home is at No. 998 East Mahoning Street, Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania.

Leon H. Hoffman and Margaret Elizabeth Dilts, daughter of Peter W. and Sarah (Gates) Dilts, of Punxsutawney, were married July 25, 1912. They are the parents of one daughter, Sarah Jane, born June 21, 1914, educated at Highland Hall, a girls preparatory school located at Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania, and at Allegheny College, Meadville, where she took the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1936. At college she was active in tennis and boating and became a member of the Alpha Chi Omega sorority. On August 8, 1939, she was married to William Henry Hampton, Jr., of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, and they are the parents of one son, William Henry Hampton, 3d, born December 30, 1940.

Mr. Hampton was graduated from Allegheny College with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, in the class of 1937, and was afterwards connected with the General Electric Company, Nela Park, in the engineering department. On May 1, 1940, he became associated with Hoffman Brothers Drilling Company at Punxsutawney and is now secretary and assistant treasurer of the company. He is a member of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers.

GEORGE McCLINTOCK HUTCHISON, M. D.

—One of the first men to be granted the degree of Master of Medical Science by the University of Pennsylvania, Dr. George McClintock Hutchison is engaged in the practice of medicine in Ridgway. Here he has an extensive and growing office practice, and also does considerable hospital work.

Dr. Hutchison was born November 18, 1875, in Brockway, Jefferson County, Pennsylvania, son of Thomas and Mary Ann (Smith) Hutchison. His father, a farmer and merchant, came to the United States when only eleven years old. He is now deceased. The mother was a native of Beechwoods, Jefferson County. She is also deceased.

Dr. George McClintock Hutchison received his public school education in Brockway, his birthplace, and after

completion of his high school studies he attended the Pennsylvania Dental College, where he was graduated in 1900 as a Doctor of Dental Surgery. He then practiced dentistry in DuBois, thereby earning enough money to finance the medical training that he had determined to seek. He had his medical studies at the Medico-Chirurgical College of Philadelphia, where he received, in 1907, the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He then began a general practice of medicine at Dagus Mines, Pennsylvania, where he remained until 1925. At that time he again became a student, this time at the University of Pennsylvania, where he became one of the first physicians to receive the degree of Master of Medical Science, which was conferred upon him in 1928.

In that year Dr. Hutchison opened an office in Ridgway, where he has conducted his practice of medicine since that time. He limits his work, to a certain extent, to internal medicine, although he also handles some other types of cases. Dr. Hutchison is a member of the staffs of the Elk County General Hospital, in Ridgway, and the Andrew Kaul Memorial Hospital, of St. Marys. He is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians and a member of the Elk County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. In addition to his other professional services, Dr. Hutchison has done considerable original research of his own, as well as some writing on medical topics. His thesis for his Master's degree, a research report entitled "The Clinical Significance of the Regurgitated Bile into the Stomach," has been much quoted in medical journals.

Among his other activities as a physician have been Dr. Hutchison's services as special examiner for the draft board in his district. Politically he is a Republican. He belongs to the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he is affiliated with Garfield Lodge, No. 559, of DuBois; Brookville Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Ridgway Commandery, Knights Templar; Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and Jaffa Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Altoona. He is a Presbyterian in his religious faith. Hunting and fishing are among his favorite hobbies.

Dr. George McClintock Hutchison married, October 16, 1912, Pearl Almy, of Dagus Mines, Pennsylvania. They became the parents of a daughter, Mary Elizabeth Hutchison, who, after graduation from Ridgway schools, attended Bucknell University. She became the wife of Richard Brumberger, of Newark, New Jersey.

WILLIAM F. SMITH—In his business career at Punxsutawney, William F. Smith has acquired interests centering in the bituminous coal industry and the field of insurance operations. For some twenty years he has been a leading figure in the life of this area, assuming, in addition to his business connections, many civic responsi-

bilities. Mr. Smith is also nationally known for his prominent rôle in the American Legion.

Born in Tioga County on April 7, 1888, he is a son of Patrick and Catherine (Quinlisk) Smith, the former a coal mine owner and operator. Mr. Smith was educated in the public schools of Tioga County and at Mansfield and Indiana State Teachers College, where he remained as director of athletics and later was head football, baseball and basketball coach until 1917. After the United States entered the World War, he enlisted as a private in the United States Army, won successive promotions and was finally commissioned second lieutenant, in which grade he served until after the Armistice. At the close of the war, he received his honorable discharge from the army, and immediately afterward became business manager of the National Park Seminary in Washington, District of Columbia. This office he held for two years. In 1920 he returned to Pennsylvania and began his career as a bituminous coal operator and sales agent at Punxsutawney. Since that time his extended activities have won him a place of leadership in the business life of the county.

Mr. Smith is also president of the Jefferson Insurance Agency in Punxsutawney. As president of the Chamber of Commerce, he exercises a dominant influence in the general business life of the community, while for some sixteen years, as a member of the Borough Council, he has brought to the administration of public affairs the same qualities of energy and judgment. Mr. Smith has always been a generous friend of Punxsutawney institutions and for the past twenty years has been a director of the local hospital and for ten years a director of the Young Men's Christian Association. His connection with the American Legion, beginning after the war, has brought him high honors and recognized leadership in the organization. After serving in various local and State offices, he was elected State Commander of the American Legion in 1937 and 1938. In the national organization he has also served as National Chairman of the American Legion Rehabilitation Commission. Mr. Smith is also affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

He married, on June 29, 1921, at Punxsutawney, Alice Evans. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have two children: John E., now seventeen years old; and Margaret, fifteen years old.

GEORGE A. COWAN—Widely known as one of Clarion County's leading business men and public-spirited citizens, George A. Cowan conducts a dry cleaning establishment in New Bethlehem, and since 1935 has been Burgess of this borough.

Mr. Cowan was born October 29, 1889, and attended public schools and New Bethlehem Business College. He worked in different capacities in New Bethlehem until

1918, when he established what was at that time the only dry cleaning establishment in Clarion County. This business has occupied his entire attention except for a five-year period in which he was active in the oil business in Oklahoma. His dry cleaning firm is today widely known, and Mr. Cowan himself is highly esteemed and honored for his many-sided accomplishments.

In addition to his efforts along these lines, Mr. Cowan is active in political affairs in New Bethlehem, beginning in 1935 as burgess, or chief executive officer, of the municipality. During his term of office he conceived the idea of providing an additional water supply for fire protection purposes in the borough. This idea consisted of providing five intakes from the dam on Red Bank Creek. This system substantially reduced fire insurance rates to the commercial districts, being the only system of this type recognized and approved by the National Board of Fire Underwriters. In 1931 he reorganized the New Bethlehem fire company, becoming its first president after the reorganization and was instrumental in the building of two new fire trucks which gave New Bethlehem Borough the use of three pumpers with a total capacity of 1,250 gallons per minute, making it one of the best protected towns in the State of Pennsylvania. At the same time he formed the fire company into a marching brigade, which attained the distinction of being the champions of the western and central districts of Pennsylvania. During the World War period of 1917-18 he was active as a member of the local draft board set up in connection with operation of the selective service act. He is, among his other undertakings, secretary of Aerie 1860, Fraternal Order of Eagles. He is a member of the Methodist Church.

In 1916, in New Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, George A. Cowan married Ruth Mills. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Jane, a graduate nurse. 2. Thelma Ruth, also a graduate nurse. 3. George E., a steel mill employee. 4. W. D., a student.

ELMER GRANT WILLIAMS—The Ridgway National Bank, for more than a quarter of a century, was under the active leadership of Elmer Grant Williams, who was well known not only in banking circles but in many other phases of the life of Elk County.

Mr. Williams was born at Kellersburg, Armstrong County, on February 10, 1866, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Duckett) Williams. His father, who was born in Westmoreland County on November 4, 1823, and died on November 19, 1918, was a farmer. After the completion of his preliminary education in the public schools of Kellersburg and New Bethlehem, Mr. Williams attended Clarion State Normal School, from which he was graduated in 1891. During the following two years he taught school at Ridgway. Launching his business career at the

end of this time, he became treasurer of the Elk Tanning Company and served as such for twenty-two years. In 1914 he took over new and wider responsibilities as president of the Ridgway National Bank and until his death on February 3, 1942, continued as its executive head, guiding its affairs with sure hand.

Mr. Williams was also secretary and director of the Peoples Building & Loan Association; secretary and director of the Elk Building & Loan Association; and president and director of the Grimsby Natural Gas Company, Grimsby, Ontario, Canada. He was a member of the Ridgway Town Council; treasurer of the school board; and treasurer of the Ridgway Chamber of Commerce. During the long period covering his residence in this community there have been few civic institutions or useful causes which have not benefited to some extent through his active leadership or effective support.

In addition to his other connections, Mr. Williams was a member of the Pennsylvania State and American Bankers associations, the Elk County Country Club, and the Masonic Order. He was active in the latter as a member and Past Master of Elk Lodge, No. 379, Free and Accepted Masons; member and Past High Priest of Elk Chapter, No. 230, Royal Arch Masons; member and Past Commander of Knapp Commandery, No. 40, Knights Templar; and member of Orient Council, No. 30, Royal and Select Masters. Mr. Williams was a Republican in politics. A leading Methodist layman of Ridgway, he had served as trustee of Trinity Methodist Church in this community for forty-eight years and as its treasurer for forty-two years.

On December 24, 1894, Mr. Williams married Jennie Fredenburg, who was born in Ridgway, April 24, 1876, daughter of Anson Fredenburg, born in Liberty, New York, and Nancy (Johnson) Fredenburg, a native of Trenton, New Jersey. Mr. and Mrs. Williams were the parents of two daughters: 1. Edna W. (Williams) Ingham, born at Ridgway on May 12, 1898, now the mother of three sons: John Swift, Wolcott Waid, and Grant Williams Ingham. 2. Margaret (Williams) Stephens, born at Ridgway, June 10, 1904. She has one daughter, Nancy Stephens, born at Akron, Ohio.

ADSIT FAMILY—The Adsit family, one of the oldest in the Conneaut Lake section and still represented here by Hazel (Adsit) Cleveland (Mrs. Irving Cleveland), was founded in this locality by Richard Adsit, great-grandfather of Mrs. Cleveland. The first Adsit in America of whom there is any known record was a John Adsit, who resided in Withersfield, and Hartford, Connecticut, before locating at Lyme, Connecticut, about 1716. Originally he had, supposedly, come from Essex, England, when a small lad. No record of place or date of birth has as yet been found, but his death is recorded as of

January, 1734-35. He married (first), in 1653, Sarah Howard, of Wethersfield, Connecticut. He married (second) Mary ———. Children of the first marriage: 1. John, died in 1712, at Block Island. 2. Samuel, died in 1712, at Hartford. 3. George, died in 173—. Children of second marriage: 4. John (2), of whom further. 5. Sarah, born in 1717, died the same year. 6. Samuel, born in 1719, died in 1806. 7. Mary, born in 1723, died in 1790. 8. Benjamin, born in 1728, died in 1793. 9. Stephen, born in 1730, died in 1796.

John (2) Adsit, son of John and Mary Adsit, was born in 1714 and died in 1790. He married, in 1738-39, Abigail Graves, of Lyme, Connecticut. Their children were: 1. Sarah, born in 1739. 2. Mary, baptized in 1741. 3. Ebenezer, born in 1742, died in 1744. 4. Molly, born in 1744. 5. Ebenezer (again), born in 1747, died in 1826. 6. John, born in 1753, died that same year. 7. John (3), of whom further.

John (3), son of John (2) and Abigail (Graves) Adsit, was born in 1756 and died in 1827, in Pennsylvania. He served in the Revolutionary War, with Captain Abner Hawley's Company, Regiment of Albany Militia, and had an outstanding record as a runner and athlete. He left New York State about 1823 to visit his son, Richard, who had migrated into Crawford County, Pennsylvania, in 1818. First settling near Meadville, John (3) Adsit later moved near Linesville and in 1820 permanently settled two miles south of Conneaut Lake, where he and the generations to follow, farmed, lumbered, and plied various building trades. His death and burial in 1827 took place on this homestead, it being his choice that he be buried on a knoll north of the house. This site became what has since been known as the Adsit Cemetery, where the greatest number of family burials have since been made, the land having been donated by Richard (1) for this purpose.

John (3) Adsit married Tamar Holdridge, of Columbia County, New York, who died in March, 1842, at the home of their son, John (4), in Clifton Park, Saratoga County, New York. Her burial was the second to be made in the Methodist Episcopal Cemetery at West Crescent, New York.

Children of John (3) and Tamar (Holdridge) Adsit: 1. John B., born in 1785, died in 1869 and was buried at Crescent, New York. 2. Richard (1), of whom further. 3. Lydia, married John Marston. 4. Shadrick, born in 1793, died in 1846, and was buried at Sand Lake, New York. 5. Benjamin, born in 1795 and died in 1867; buried in Traverse City, Michigan. 6. Tamar, married Robert Campbell.

Richard (1), son of John (3) and Tamar (Holdridge) Adsit, was born in 1788 and died in August, 1867. He served in the War of 1812 in the Albany County Militia, with the detachment of Colonel Peter Van Ness. He mar-

ried, in 1808, Deborah Bennett, of Plattsburg, New York. Their children were: 1. Richard (2), born in 1809, died in 1889; married Rebecca Burch, born in 1822, died in 1856. 2. Abigail, married Robert McMichael; she was buried at Kinsley, Kansas. 3. William, of whom further. 4. John C., born in 1815, died in 1866; married Margaret Mellon, who was born in 1821 and died in 1874. 5. Joanna, born in 1817, and died in 1861, at the age of forty-three years. 6. Clarissa, born in 1820, died in 1893; married Hugh DeArment, born in 1813 and died in 1872. 7. Arnold, born in 1821, died in 1906; married Emily Westcott, who was born in 1836 and died in 1907. 8. Abram, born in 1823, died in 1870; married Margaret Mathers, who was born in 1839 and died in 1909. 9. Mary, born in 1826, died in 1901; married Samuel DeArment. 10. James, born in 1832, died in 1853; married Maria Westcott. With the exception of Abigail, who was buried in Kinsley, Kansas, all the above were buried in the Adsit Cemetery of Crawford County, Pennsylvania.

William Adsit, son of Richard (1) and Deborah (Bennett) Adsit, was born in 1813 and died in 1865. He married (first) Rachael McMichael, who was born in 1817 and died in 1846. He married (second) Rosanna McMichael, born in 1829 and died in 1908. Children of the first marriage: 1. James, born in 1836 and died in 1877; married Nancy ——— and they had three daughters. 2. Cyrus, born 1838 and died in 1894. He was a soldier in the Civil War; married Nancy DeArment and they had three daughters and one son. 3. George, born 1839 and died in 1926; married Sophronia Keene and they had two daughters and a son. 4. Hiram, born in 1842 and died in 1919; married Louisa Sprague and they are both buried in Wichita, Kansas; they had eight daughters and two sons. Children of the second marriage: 5. Carolina, born in 1848 and died in 1849. 6. Sophronia, born in 1849 and died in 1929; married William Mathers and they became the parents of five daughters and one son. 7. Frederick, of whom further. 8. Richard, born in 1853, died in 1877; unmarried. 9. Burton, born in 1855, died in 1919; married Harriett Cochran, who is buried at Butler, Pennsylvania. and they became the parents of one daughter and one son. 10. Adelaide, born in 1858, died in 1912 and buried at Geneva, Pennsylvania; married Silas Tiffany and they had two daughters and two sons.

Frederick Adsit, son of William and Rosanna (McMichael) Adsit, married Gertrude DeArment and they had the following children: 1. An infant born in 1883 and died that same year. 2. Claude Raymond, born in 1885; married Emma Shearer, born in 1886; they have one son. 3. An infant, born in 1887 and died in 1887. 4. Hazel Lenore, of whom further. 5. Janet, born in 1892, died in 1893. 6. Cyrus Boyd, born in 1894, died in 1929; served in the 305th Ammunition Train, in World War I; married



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Dale Hazen, who was born in 1891; they had one son. 7. Pearl Estelle, born in 1905; married (first) Elmer Steadman, who was with the American Expeditionary Forces of World War I; they had three sons; married (second) Virgil Keene, and they are the parents of twin daughters.

Hazel Lenore Adsit, daughter of Frederick and Gertrude (DeArment) Adsit, was born at Conneaut Lake on June 3, 1889. She was educated in the public schools and at the State Teachers College in Edinboro, and taught five years in Pennsylvania and nine years in the public schools of Youngstown, Ohio. She was married, on February 9, 1918, at Washington, District of Columbia, to Irving Cleveland, born at Geneva, Ohio, October 13, 1891, son of John Schultis and Grace (Roberts) Cleveland, of Granville, Ohio. Mr. Cleveland was educated at Dennison University, Granville, Ohio, and at East Lansing Agricultural College in Michigan. During the First World War he served overseas with the rank of sergeant in the heavy artillery of the American Expeditionary Forces and since the war has been a member of the American Legion. For a number of years he was a creamery manager and is now rural mail carrier in the Conneaut Lake district.

Children of Hazel Lenore Adsit and Irving Cleveland: 1. Helen Lenore, attending Pittsburgh University, where she is studying nursing. 2. Edwin I., also attending Pittsburgh University, and studying pharmacy. 3. Walter Adsit, born in 1926, died in 1927. 4. Jack Crawford, born in 1929; now a student at Conneaut Lake Junior High School.

D. C. RHODES—A resident of Conneaut Lake for more than a quarter of a century, D. C. Rhodes is not only well known in this part of western Pennsylvania, but is held in great esteem for his fine citizenship and contributions to community progress and welfare. Professionally he occupies a position of importance, for he is the only mortician in Conneaut Lake, a man of large experience and excellent establishment.

Mr. Rhodes is a native of Geneva, Pennsylvania, born March 25, 1881, son of Ira M. and Jennie (Ross) Rhodes. His father was born October 3, 1851, in Mercer County, Pennsylvania, and removed to Geneva at the age of twenty, in 1871. He established a funeral home that he conducted until his death in 1930. It seems probable that Ira M. Rhodes was the oldest undertaker in Pennsylvania at the time of his demise. It is equally interesting that a son of D. C. Rhodes is associated with him in business, thus making three successive generations of the family to be so engaged.

D. C. Rhodes was educated in the grade and high schools of Geneva, and became connected with the Erie Railroad as a telegrapher. He remained with the Erie and

also the Pennsylvania Railroad systems for the first eleven years of his working life. He then joined his father, at Geneva, remaining until after the death of the older man. As indicated, since 1915, he has had his own undertaking business at Conneaut Lake, which includes all the equipment a mortician requires, a full line of supplies and the most modern transportation facilities including an ambulance service. When his son, Lawrence, joined the business in 1940, the name was changed to the Rhodes & Son Funeral Home.

Mr. Rhodes attended the Cincinnati College of Embalming when he decided to become an undertaker, and always has kept in close touch with colleagues and profession by memberships in the National, State and Crawford County Funeral Directors' associations; and the Northwestern Pennsylvania Association, with which he has been especially active and served on numerous committees. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being a Past Noble Grand; and he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, acting on the official board, the Methodist Brotherhood, and is a lay delegate. In politics a Republican, he is also a school director.

At Ravenna, Ohio, on August 31, 1904, D. C. Rhodes married Anna R. Mushrush, daughter of George W. and Belle (Smith) Mushrush. Mrs. Rhodes passed away on August 29, 1941. Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes were the parents of seven children: 1. Dorothy, born April 14, 1906, employed as a bookkeeper in Meadville, Pennsylvania. 2. John, born February 19, 1908, married Goldie Colvin, and they have two children: Clyde and Shirley. Mr. Rhodes is employed as a mechanic in Meadville. 3. Lawrence, born August 19, 1912, who is associated in business with his father; he married Loretta Klink. 4. Mary, born October 24, 1914; married Donovan Ward, and resides at Cochranton, Pennsylvania. 5. Ruth, born September 24, 1917, living at home. 6. Paul, born October 12, 1919; married Jean Leffinwell, and they have a daughter, Sandra, and a son, Richard Garwood. Paul Rhodes is employed in a silk mill in Meadville. 7. William, born February 18, 1925; married Elizabeth (called Betty) Cook, living in Greenville.

GEORGE WELCH OLMSTED—A man of many business affiliations, George Welch Olmsted, of Ludlow, was an officer of several utilities companies; and, in addition to his activity in the light and power industries, he rendered invaluable service to others in the social and cultural branches of life. Although he started his career in this region of Pennsylvania, he came to exert an influence that extended far beyond community or State boundaries. Respected among associates, co-workers and business acquaintances, he was at the same time loved for

his splendid qualities of character, personality and mind.

Mr. Olmsted was born May 18, 1874, in Ridgway, Pennsylvania, son of Samuel Ashbel and Fanny Frances (Welch) Olmsted. His family was an old and honorable one. His father, a millwright at Ridgway and Brockway, was said to have built the first sawmill in Elk County, this State. George W. Olmsted had two brothers and one sister who predeceased him, as well as three sisters who survived him: Mrs. B. E. Taylor and Mrs. F. E. Cochran, of Brockway, and Mrs. May Rogers, of Brookville.

George Welch Olmsted attended public schools in Ridgway and Brockway, Pennsylvania, and supplemented his studies there with correspondence courses. When he was only thirteen years old, he became a clerk in the B. E. Taylor store, in Daguscahonda, Elk County. Two years later, in 1889, he went to Montana with his father on a construction project. Spending two years in the West, he returned to Pennsylvania in 1891 and accepted a clerkship in the store of H. C. Taylor, at Straights. In 1895, when he was twenty-one years of age, Mr. Olmsted became manager of a general store at Glen Hazel, where he remained until, in 1898, he went on the road as a traveling representative of M. J. Schabacher, of Erie, a wholesale food and produce dealer.

One of the customers, J. G. Curtis, of Ludlow, persuaded Mr. Olmsted to operate the Curtis store in this place. Then, in a short time, Mr. Olmsted was transferred to the tannery that Mr. Curtis operated in Ludlow. In 1902 Mr. Olmsted joined hands with a group of business men—James A. Connelly, of Ludlow; N. P. Cutler, of Boston, Massachusetts; B. V. Harrison, Walter Lloyd and William Bogle, all of Montclair, New Jersey—to buy the tannery from its former owner. Mr. Olmsted was made secretary of the new organization that was formed therewith, and continued in that office for the rest of his life. Mr. Connelly was made vice-president. Seven years later Mr. Olmsted, who by that time had become, with Mr. Connelly, joint-owner of the J. G. Curtis Leather Company, entered upon his first venture in public utilities.

It was in 1909 that E. L. Phillips, of New York, came to Ludlow to install an electric power plant at the tannery. He and Mr. Olmsted became close friends, and together decided to buy three small electric companies at Perry, Warsaw and another nearby town in New York State. In 1910 Mr. Olmsted and Mr. Phillips, with several others, established the Long Island Lighting Company, starting operations by the purchase of four electric utilities on Long Island. The company grew rapidly until it came to control about 98 per cent. of the electric franchises on all Long Island.

The Empire Power Company, organized in central New York by the same group of men, was later sold in 1929, to the Associated Gas & Electric Corporation. The

Empire company was later formed into an investment corporation. Mr. Olmsted also served as president of the Long Beach Gas Company, the Nassau and Suffolk Lighting Company, the Delaware Olmsted Company, the Olmsted Securities Corporation, the United Gas & Electric Corporation and the Queensboro Gas & Electric Company. He was vice-president of the Eastern Seaboard Securities Corporation, the Empire Power Corporation, the Kings County Lighting Company and the Long Island Lighting Company. He also served as an executive committeeman of the Empire State Gas & Electric Association. For the last sixteen years of his life Mr. Olmsted spent four or five days each week in New York City, carrying forward his work with the utilities companies until the very end of his career.

The same qualities and talents that, in Mr. Olmsted, proved so valuable in business and industry, proved similarly useful to many organizations working along quite different lines. For instance, he did much to better the opportunities of young people, from both the educational and recreational points of view. He served as a trustee of Allegheny College, in Meadville, and was active in the support and furtherance of the Boy Scout movement. In fact, he received two awards for distinguished Scout work—the Silver Buffalo decoration, presented to him by the National Council in Memphis, Tennessee; and the Silver Beaver, presented him by the Warren County Council. In the Boy Scouts, Mr. Olmsted served on the executive committee of the national board, as well as on the operations divisional committee, and was chairman of the committee on camping and activities. He was for years chairman of the camping committee of Region 3 and a member of the regional committee of the same region. In this district he aided particularly in the development of camping facilities, while at the same time he helped shape national Scout policies and was interested in the international movement. He represented the Scout organization at international conferences and jamborees in 1926, 1929 and 1931 at Baden, outside Vienna. The 1926 conference was in Kandersteg, Switzerland; and the 1929 gathering was a jamboree at Arrowe Park, Birkenhead, England. His interest in Scoutdom took a highly personal form, in that he paid frequent visits to camps and became acquainted with the boys.

In politics he was a Republican. But he had little desire to be active in political circles, choosing to render what service he could render to his fellow-citizens through other means. He directed his personal efforts into the encouragement of employee welfare projects in the companies with which he was connected. In the Long Island Lighting Company, for instance, permanently established retirement annuity, group insurance and other plans, as well as the "central safety committee," were monuments

to his untiring efforts along these lines. In developing Wildcat Park, at Ludlow, he added greatly to the beauty of his home community, as well as to its playground and recreational facilities. One of his latest contributions there was the construction of the De Forest Pavilion, completed only a short time before his death.

Mr. Olmsted was a member of the Tanners' Research Board, a trustee of the Tanners' Research Laboratory of Cincinnati, and a director of the Utilities Mutual Insurance Company. He was active in the Free and Accepted Masons as a member of Elk Lodge, No. 379, of Ridgway; Elk Chapter, No. 230, Royal Arch Masons; Knapp Commandery, No. 40, Knights Templar; and Zem Zem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He belonged to the Sons of the American Revolution, the Order of Founders and Patriots of America, the Society of Colonial Wars, the Society of Mayflower Descendants, the Bankers' Club of New York, the Union League Club of New York, the Conewango Club and the Conewango Valley Country Club of Warren, the Kane Country Club of Kane, and the Railroad-Machinery Club of New York. He belonged to the Kane Methodist Church.

George Welch Olmsted married, June 17, 1904, at East Brady, Pennsylvania, Iva Catherine Groves, daughter of the Rev. Anthony and Mary Angeline (Pendleton) Groves. Mr. and Mrs. Olmsted became the parents of the following children: 1. Robert Groves Olmsted, graduated from Phillips-Exeter Academy, Yale University and Harvard University, became treasurer of the Long Island Lighting Company, associated at the time of writing with the United States Army Air Corps; he married Louise MacCracken, daughter of Dr. John H. and Edith (Constable) MacCracken, and they became the parents of Nancy and Robert MacCracken Olmsted. 2. Elizabeth Olmsted, who attended Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, New York, and who was married to Lyman Eldredge Wakefield, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, former vice-president of the First National Bank of St. Paul, now in the Naval Air Corps; they became the parents of one son, George Olmsted Wakefield, who was born August 9, 1937, and died August 26, 1940.

The death of George Welch Olmsted, January 15, 1940, at his home in Ludlow, Pennsylvania, was an occasion of profound sorrow and regret wherever he was known. Many glowing tributes were paid him by friends and in the public prints. William Pearson Tolley, president of Allegheny College, said:

The epic quality that we see in the life of George Olmsted is the epic of America itself. It is the story of a free man in a land of freedom, a thoroughly American story. He was American by birth and family, proud of his forebears who fought in the American Revolution. He was American in his start from modest circumstances, begin-

ning at the bottom and making his own way. He was American in his rapid rise to business leadership and community respect. He was American in the quality and range of his exceptional success. He was American in his generosity and stewardship of wealth. His life is the story of the American Way, the American dream come true.

The "Main Line" for January, 1940, wrote in a conspicuous leading editorial:

George W. Olmsted had a modesty which approached shyness. He had a sincerity which carried conviction in all of his activities and he had forthright integrity which established his reputation as an outstanding American citizen. He had a home life and family which served as a beacon and blessing to all who had the privilege of coming in contact with him.

Perhaps we can best describe our great loss in his death by the words of the late Henry Ward Beecher, who eulogized one of his friends by saying, "In the forest a mighty tree has fallen." He will be missed by us all, but he will not be forgotten.

JOHN CARLISLE ARNOLD—For more than thirty years, John Carlisle Arnold has been active at the Clearfield County bar. Both in private practice and in public office he has met important professional responsibilities and is now a member of the well-known Clearfield law firm of Arnold and Chaplin.

Mr. Arnold was born at Curwensville on March 10, 1887, son of William C. and Jane (Irvin) Arnold. After his general education he prepared for the profession of law at the University of Pennsylvania Law School, from which he was graduated in 1909, and in the following year was admitted to the Pennsylvania bar. From 1910 to 1918 he was engaged in practice at Du Bois and at the end of that time removed to Clearfield, where his activities have since centered. Mr. Arnold was solicitor of the borough of Du Bois in 1915 and of the city of Du Bois from 1916 to 1918. From 1918 to 1925 he was district attorney of Clearfield County. In 1923 he organized the Clearfield law firm of Arnold and Platt, subsequently Hartswick, Arnold and Platt (1924-28), and from 1928 to 1932 was senior member of the firm of Arnold and Smith. Since 1932 he has been senior member of his present firm, Arnold and Chaplin.

Mr. Arnold has been admitted to practice in all Pennsylvania courts, including the Supreme and Superior courts, and to the United States District Court and the United States Circuit Court of Appeals. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Clearfield County Bar Association and of various non-professional organizations, prominent among which is the Free and Accepted Masons. In this order he is affiliated with all higher bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including the thirty-second degree of the Consistory, and with the

Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Arnold is also a member of the Acorn Club of Du Bois. He is a Republican in politics and a Methodist in religious faith.

On September 17, 1913, he married Clare E. Platt. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold have four children: Jane I., who married Charles E. Mann; John Carlisle, Jr.; Daniel P.; and Mary L. Arnold.

JOHN CLAIR JENKINS—Thirty-five years spent as a teacher and school administrator have brought John Clair Jenkins an established position in Pennsylvania education. He has served since 1929 as supervising principal of schools at Union City and is prominent in many civic enterprises of this community.

Mr. Jenkins was born in Crawford County on April 12, 1889, son of George Mark and Minerva (Watson) Jenkins. He received his preliminary education in Pennsylvania schools and subsequently entered Grove City College, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1914. In later years he carried on graduate work in education at the University of Pittsburgh, leading to the degree of Master of Education conferred upon him in 1936, and at Pennsylvania State College during the summers of 1937 and 1938. Meanwhile, his professional career was well under way.

From 1907 to 1918 Mr. Jenkins taught in the rural schools and in the graded and high schools of this State. In 1918 he was appointed principal of the high school at Glassport and after four years became principal of the schools at Girard, where he served from 1922 to 1929. Since that time he has been supervising principal of schools at Union City. To his present duties as head of the city school system he brings his long experience in education and the administrative qualifications evident in his record.

Mr. Jenkins is also a director of the Union City Hospital and the Union City Public Library and has taken an active interest in most of the civic movements of the community. He is a member of the National Education Association and Pennsylvania State Education Association and is affiliated fraternally with the Grange, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Free and Accepted Masons. In the latter order he is prominent as a member of all higher bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including the thirty-second degree of the Consistory. During the First World War, Mr. Jenkins served as a private in the United States Army infantry. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the Presbyterian Church.

On December 31, 1919, Mr. Jenkins married Rhea Myers. They are the parents of three children: Priscilla Mae, and Richard Myers and John Robert, twins.

ROBERT HENRY ISRAEL, M. D.—Superintendent of the Warren State Hospital, North Warren, Warren County, Pennsylvania, Robert Henry Israel is not only a prominent and active member of the medical profession but a leading neuro-psychiatrist identified with both State and national organizations.

He was born on October 1, 1900, in Wapello County, Iowa, son of Lon H. and Mable (Rock) Israel. Lon H. Israel, a native of Richland, Iowa, and now a resident of Eldon, Iowa, has been a merchant and active in municipal affairs as an official; he is a son of Robert and Annie (White) Israel, natives of Ohio. Robert Israel, who enlisted in the Union Army when only fourteen years of age and served throughout the Civil War, was a descendant of John Israel who settled in the Colony of Maryland in the seventeenth century. Two of John Israel's descendants fought in the Revolutionary War and, through the generations the family has been prominent, not only in Maryland but also in Ohio and in Iowa. Mable (Rock) Israel is the daughter of John Rock.

Robert Henry Israel, after graduation from high school in Fairfield, Iowa, in 1916, studied at Parsons College, Iowa, and at Reed College, Oregon, and then graduated from the University of Oregon's Medical School at Portland in 1923 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Following service as an interne at the Good Samaritan Hospital at Portland, Oregon, and the California Hospital at Los Angeles, California, Dr. Israel came to Pennsylvania in 1926 as resident physician of the Warren State Hospital at North Warren. In 1935 the doctor was appointed superintendent of the institution, a position which he has held through the present time. A Republican in political life and a member of the First Methodist Church of Fairfield, Iowa, he belongs to Warren Lodge, No. 233, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and Clinton Lodge, No. 15, Free and Accepted Masons, of Fairfield, Iowa, as well as the Conewango Club of Warren. Supporting his profession by membership in several medical societies, the doctor is active in the affairs of the Warren County Medical Society, of which he is a past president, is a member of the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, a Fellow of the American Medical Society, the Pittsburgh Neuropsychiatric Association, the Pennsylvania Neuropsychiatric Association and the American Psychiatric Association. His favorite recreations are tennis, bridge and music.

Robert Henry Israel married, August 4, 1927, Helen Webber, who was born at Atchison, Kansas, and is the daughter of Charles and Marie (Straube) Webber, of Sacramento, California. Dr. and Mrs. Israel are the parents of three children: 1. Leslie Jean, born January 15, 1933. 2. Anne Marie, born September 12, 1934. 3. John Robert, born May 12, 1936.

HAROLD JESSE LOWER—After what is almost a tradition in his family Harold Jesse Lower has been identified with the New Bethlehem Tile Company, since as a boy he served it in minor capacities during summer vacations. He has learned the industry from the bottom up and familiarized himself with the many ramifications of the business of making tile. He is the son of Ira Ellsworth Lower (*q. v.*), who was connected with the tile industry from 1890 to his death in 1941, and was a leader in many other fields of business, public and humanitarian affairs. The mother of Harold J. Lower was the former Anna Belle Ruff, a beloved figure in Bethlehem circles over a long period.

Mr. Lower was educated in the New Bethlehem High School, the Kiskiminetas Springs Preparatory School, Culver Military Academy, and in his father's *alma mater*, the Canton Actual Business College, of Canton, Ohio, one of the oldest institutions of its kind in the Buckeye State. As already indicated, he practically grew up with the tile industry during the intermissions between his studies, and in 1924 entered the department operating the natural gas fields of the company. Upon the reorganization of the concern, in 1927, he became a partner in the company and since then has been connected with the general management, chiefly as factory manager, but also in charge of production and the direction of the gas field.

As a progressive citizen and Republican, he has devoted a great deal of his time and energies to the better development of New Bethlehem, without being especially interested in political preferment. He is a member of the New Bethlehem Fire Company, and of the Bostonia Country Club. Fraternally he is affiliated with Lodge No. 203, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Kittanning, Pennsylvania; the Loyal Order of Moose and the Fraternal Order of Eagles, both of New Bethlehem. His school fraternity is Gamma Delta Phi, and he attends the Methodist Church. Among his hobbies is photography and he has much excellent work in this field to his credit.

At Rimersburg, Pennsylvania, on March 31, 1927, Harold Jesse Lower married Gertrude Elizabeth Probasco, daughter of Charles E. and Nancy Ellen (Wike) Probasco, and they are the parents of a son, Richard Harold Lower, born September 21, 1933.

LLOYD CURTISS LOWER—As is widely known, Lloyd Curtiss Lower is one of the three brothers who share the management of the New Bethlehem Tile Company, the continuation of an industry initiated in Ohio more than a half-century ago. Like his brothers, he became familiar with the manufacture of tile as a boy, but his career has been somewhat different in that he was educated in several schools and universities, and almost from the beginning of his maturer business activities was

not active in the works which his father, with others, founded.

Lloyd Curtiss Lower was born at New Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, June 27, 1902, son of Ira Ellsworth Lower (*q. v.*) and his wife Anna Belle (Ruff) Lower. After being graduated from the New Bethlehem High School, in 1923, he was at Culver Military Academy a year, and spent the years from 1923 to 1927 at Mt. Union College; the following scholastic year in the University of Florida, and in between, summer of 1926, was a student at the University of Munich, Germany. During summer vacations from boyhood he had learned a great deal about the production of tile, for he had shared with his brothers the job of water boy, and worked in most of the departments of the company. However, when he started in business it was in association with his father as the partner and active manager of an automobile dealership in connection with a large storage and super service garage, under the trade name of the New Bethlehem Garage. This business was disposed of in 1933, since when Lloyd Curtiss Lower has been secretary of the New Bethlehem Tile Company, devoting the most of his time to sales and promotional activities. As already indicated, he has been a partner in the company since 1927, and shares the general management with his brothers, Clarence George Lower (*q. v.*), and Harold Jesse Lower (*q. v.*).

Lloyd Curtiss Lower is exceptionally active in organizational projects in the community as a member of the Golden Rule Association (Chamber of Commerce of New Bethlehem), of which he was president in 1931 and 1940; member of the Clarion County Chamber of Commerce, and the International Association of Lions' Clubs, from New Bethlehem. Fraternally he is affiliated with Lodge No. 203, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Kittanning, Pennsylvania, and while an undergraduate of Mount Union College, Ohio, was inducted into the Sigma Nu fraternity. A Republican in politics, he is not ambitious for public office, but has shown himself always ready to enter heartily any movement that is undertaken to advance the best interests of New Bethlehem. He attends the First Baptist Church.

At New Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, on November 17, 1931, Lloyd Curtiss Lower married Martha Marie Bowser, and they are the parents of a son, Lloyd Curtiss Lower, Jr., born November 7, 1932. Mrs. Lower was born at Oakland, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, daughter of Ellsworth W. and Gertrude Iona (Shumaker) Bowser, her father being the superintendent of the gas field of the Climax Fire Brick Company, of New Bethlehem. After being graduated from the New Bethlehem High School, in 1926, Miss Bowser entered the Pennsylvania College for Women, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where she was graduated with the class of 1930, and for a scholastic year prior to her marriage was a

high school instructor in English, Latin and French. Educational and humanitarian activities have always enlisted her hearty support and she is a former president and present member of the Junior Women's Club, a director of the New Bethlehem Red Cross Society, and was the founder of the Young Ladies' Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church, where she and her husband worship. Her fraternal membership is with New Bethlehem Chapter, No. 230, Order of the Eastern Star. Home, garden and travel are among her favorite hobbies.

CLARENCE GEORGE LOWER—Eldest of the three sons of Ira Ellsworth Lower who now direct the destinies of the New Bethlehem Tile Company, of which the older man was one of the founders, Clarence George Lower has been identified with the manufacture of tile since before his graduation from college, several years before the reorganization of the present partnership. He was born in New Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, May 22, 1899, son of Ira Ellsworth Lower (*q. v.*) and Anna Belle (Ruff) Lower.

After attending local grade and high schools, and the Mount Union College, Alliance, Ohio, he transferred to the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in 1922. He rounded out his preparation for a most important association with his father in industry by going to the Canton Actual Business College, Canton, Ohio, during the winter of 1922-23. During the summer between receiving his college degree and courses in business, he had worked with his father in the construction of the Bostonia Country Club, which his father had been asked to oversee. His career as a tile producer really began when he accepted a job as day laborer in the New Bethlehem Hollow Tile Company's works. In April, 1923, he became connected with the office department of the company, and when the concern was reorganized on January 1, 1927, Clarence George Lower was admitted as a partner, together with his brothers, Lloyd Curtiss (*q. v.*), and Harold Jesse (*q. v.*), and since that time has served mainly as general sales manager, while sharing in the management of the New Bethlehem Tile Company.

In civic life Mr. Lower has been a member of the New Bethlehem Borough Council, and acted as judge of elections upon many occasions. He is a Republican, influential in party circles. During the First World War, he enlisted in the Students Army Training Corps during his first year in Mount Union College (1918). Fraternally he is affiliated with New Bethlehem Lodge, No. 522, Free and Accepted Masons, and his college fraternity is Phi Kappa Tau. He is a member of the Bostonia Country Club, which incidentally he knows from under the ground to the traps on the eighteenth green. He is a member and ruling elder of the First Presbyterian Church, of New Bethlehem.

At New Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, Clarence George Lower married Gladys Elmira Hepler, daughter of Albert James and Louella Elmira (Stahlman) Hepler, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Lois Jane Lower, born February 16, 1925. 2. David Hepler Lower, born April 12, 1936. Mrs. Gladys E. (Hepler) Lower is a native of New Bethlehem, and educated in the New Bethlehem High School and Indiana State Teachers' College, marrying shortly after being graduated from this institution. She has proven a valuable addition to the cultural and educational groups of her home community, particularly well known for her interest in music, having majored at Indiana State Teachers' College in preparation for a career as music supervisor in secondary schools. She sings well, is choir director at the First Presbyterian Church, and her fraternal affiliation is with New Bethlehem Chapter, No. 230, Order of the Eastern Star. Mrs. Lower is also a member of the First Presbyterian Church and of the Literary Club of the city. She is fond of gardening and is known for the quality of the roses and delphiniums which she grows to perfection.

LOWER FAMILY—Introductory to the biographical records of the present day generation of the Lower family of the New Bethlehem section of Pennsylvania, the following account of the first of the name in Pennsylvania is written from family sources. Like many American names of foreign origin, spellings have been changed, and Lower is derived from "Lauer," a German word for ambush, usually applied in ancient times to one who lay in wait while hunting wild birds and animals.

Traditionally one of the founders of a branch of the American Lowers was a native of Württemberg, Germany, who made a fortune in the dangerous work of cleaning the city during a cholera plague. It is supposed that his son became a major in the German Army, during the Seven Years War, losing his life toward the end of this conflict. He was the father of one Adam Lauer, born in Württemberg, in 1755, who migrated to the New World, and for lack of means served an apprenticeship of eight years to pay for his ocean fare. Another tradition has it that he went aboard a ship for a social evening and awoke to find himself far at sea.

One is on safer ground when it is pointed out that there is a record of Hartman Lower (Lauer) and Adam Lower, as arriving in Pennsylvania, September 11, 1732, on the vessel "Pennsylvania." Possibly one was the father or grandfather of the Adam Lower of the above paragraph. They became British subjects upon arriving at Philadelphia, and after a brief stay near Baltimore, Maryland, settled in York County, Pennsylvania. When the Revolutionary War started, Jacob Lower, son of Hartman Lower, was married and had "four males and four females" as they recorded children at that time, and they lived in Dover Township, York County. Jacob's

brother dwelt in Manheim Township. All the four sons of Jacob Lower served in the Continental Army, indeed the names of Adam, Balser, Christian, George Hartman, James, John, Joseph, Michael, Peter, Peter, Jr., Philip and William Lower are all on the rolls of the War of the American Revolution on file at the Pennsylvania State Library and Museum at Harrisburg. It seems evident that Adam Lower married Elizabeth Keiser, who was born on a ship en route to America, in 1757, and they were the parents of eleven children. Traditionally, Adam Lower went from Berks County to Williamsburg, Huntingdon (now Blair) County, all in Pennsylvania. He was a weaver by trade, and most of his children married while he was a citizen of Williamsburg. These children were: George, Jacob, Adam, Henry, Daniel, John, David, Catherine, Elizabeth, Sarah, and Mary.

Little is known of Jacob Lower, except that he was a generous soul and migrated to the "Northwestern Territory," which then included several of the present middle western states. He was known to the Pennsylvania family as the "lost brother," but it is believed that he was the progenitor of the Jacob Lower family in Stark County, Ohio, established in about 1800. Repeating almost verbatim an earlier genealogist:

The Lower family of New Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, was founded in an early day in Ohio, where representatives of the name have long figured prominently in farming and business enterprises. Jacob Lower was born and reared in Louisville, Stark County, Ohio. He was the owner of an improved estate of two hundred and fifty acres of land in the vicinity of Louisville, and in addition to general farming made a specialty of raising thoroughbred horses and cattle. He was a Republican in politics and although taking no part in public affairs, was very civic-minded. He married Sarah Meese, and they were the parents of the following children: Josiah, Hiram, Charles M., Jacob, Mary, who became the wife of Mart Warren; Amanda, married Frank Slott; Ella, who married George Krider; and George Washington, of whom further.

George Washington Lower, son of Jacob and Sarah (Meese) Lower, was born December 11, 1850, in Louisville, Ohio. He passed his boyhood and youth on his father's farm, attended the public schools of his birth city, and on reaching his majority he became interested in farming and stock-raising, and was identified with that line of work in Stark County, Ohio, until 1890, when he began to manufacture hollow brick building blocks. In 1898 he came to Clarion County, Pennsylvania, and located at New Bethlehem, where he built a plant in 1899, and the first hollow brick manufactured were sold in April of that year. He succeeded in building up a fine and substantial business in this section of the State and the same is now controlled by his three grandsons. He

was a Republican in politics, and in religious faith a Methodist. He was summoned to the life eternal on January 12, 1912, and is buried at New Bethlehem. He married Mary A. Hollabaugh, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Ringer) Hollabaugh, the former of whom was a farmer and stock raiser by vocation. Mr. and Mrs. Hollabaugh were the parents of eight children: Mary A., Aaron, Byron, Hiram A., Cora, died at the age of forty-five years, Hattie, Cornelia, died at the age of twenty-one years, and Lydia, died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. George Washington Lower were the parents of the following children: 1. Corda Luella, married George Otto White. 2. Jennie Pearl, married Wiley Corbett, December 17, 1912; they live at Warren, Pennsylvania. He is a member of the firm of Smith & Horton Company, wholesale grocers, at Warren. 3. Ira Ellsworth, a biography of whom can be found in this volume.

Mrs. Mary A. Lower, born in Stark County, Ohio, July 7, 1852, lived to hold in her arms six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. At the time of her death in St. Petersburg, Florida, at the winter home of her daughter, Mrs. W. T. Corbett, on April 24, 1938, the following tribute was written:

Her loyalty and devotion to the spiritual things of life; her honor, her deep humanity, and her constant love and devotion to all things beautiful; the good and the true, were among the admirable characteristics of her long and happy life. Her faith in God was a stubborn faith, for looking into the gaunt face of reality was common place experience with her. From early life she lived with parents of a generation whose pioneer forefathers pushed back the Ohio frontier. She knew and felt the insecurities of pioneer hardships. And now, at the age of eighty-five years, nine months and seventeen days this gentle life is completed in peace and harmony with that life of love and devotion that walked in the way of honor and service in the light of truth.

THE NEW BETHLEHEM TILE COMPANY

The history of the New Bethlehem Tile Company has been written as follows:

On October 1, 1890, three enterprising Ohio farmers, George W. Lower, his brother, Charles M. Lower, and his son, Ira Ellsworth Lower, bought a small tile plant in Louisville, Ohio. After operating this plant for thirteen months, they sold it and then bought the Canton Tile & Hollow Brick Company of Canton, Ohio, on November 1, 1891. After operating the Canton plant for seven years the Lowers were attracted to Pennsylvania because gas was available in this State for the burning of tile. Fate played a hand in the selection of the New Bethlehem location. About the year 1895 a pottery company of Hawthorn, Pennsylvania, employed an expert from Canton, Ohio, to install some new machinery. While here, he sent two barrels of clay obtained from the Fishbasket area to the Lowers to have the clay tested. The man

declined to tell the Lowers where he obtained the clay, which made a very high test, and also neglected to pay for the test. The incident was recalled in 1898 and finally they induced the discoverer of the clay to reveal its location in exchange for a receipted bill for money he owed them. The Canton plant was sold and the work was begun on the New Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, plant in the same year. The new plant was placed in operation on May 31, 1899.

Untold difficulties followed but the pace of progress was accelerated by a natural pride born of the many accomplishments of the founders during the period we now call the "Gay Nineties" which served to inspire a challenge for the future to do a better job in making Structural Clay Tile in Pennsylvania. The scant supply of gas was insufficient to keep the burners going steadily and was barely enough for the inhabitants of the villages of the community during the cold winter months, so the Lowers went into the gas business. After drilling two dry holes before, they struck a well on the Wagner farm with a thousand-pound rock pressure. This well was not only sufficient for the entire plant but had a surplus large enough to furnish the requirements of three nearby towns. The business continued to grow. Every now and then new kilns were added and operation was maintained without interruption.

This company has achieved some important and enviable inventions which have been emulated by practically every other tile and brick plant in the country. They were the first to use the process of drying the green ware with the waste heat reclaimed from the hot kilns. Moreover, the company is the only one in the world which has been continuously manufacturing the original 8x8x16" salt glazed, rock faced building tile for a period of fifty years.

In 1912 George Washington Lower died and the plant continued under the management of Charles M. Lower, Ira E. Lower and Mrs. George W. Lower. In 1927 Charles M. Lower retired. At this time the new company was formed with Ira E. Lower as general manager and his three sons, Clarence G. Lower, treasurer; Lloyd C. Lower, secretary, and Harold J. Lower, factory manager. In 1941 Ira E. Lower died and the new company now consists of the three sons who continue to serve in their respective capacities.

IRA ELLSWORTH LOWER

In addition to being the chief executive of the New Bethlehem Tile Company, the late Ira E. Lower was active in other business fields, being a realtor, gas field operator, merchant and banker. He likewise was highly regarded for his public spirit and many philanthropies. He was born at Mt. Union, Ohio, September 21, 1872, son of George W. and Mary A. (Hollabaugh) Lower, and a

member of the Pennsylvania-Ohio Lower family, a record of which precedes this review of a noteworthy career.

Ira E. Lower started life on his parents' farm, and was educated in the Stark County grade and high schools, completing his preparation for earning a livelihood in the Canton Actual Business College. In 1890 he went with the other members of the family to Louisville, Ohio, where he became a partner of his father and an uncle, Charles M. Lower, in the manufacture of structural clay tile. As previously related, the seat of this project was changed to Canton, Ohio, and in 1898 moved to New Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, where a new plant of the company began operation in May, 1899. With this industry and city, Ira E. Lower was identified for almost forty-two years, for the better part as manager of the New Bethlehem Tile Company.

How much natural abilities and economic pressure play in the development of the exceptional business man is always a question. It is interesting to note that Mr. Lower entered business at the age of sixteen, at eighteen was a tile manufacturer, and had bought and sold a business before he was nineteen years of age. He was interested in natural gas production as a youth, was a bank director of the New Bethlehem Bank for thirty years, at one time operated a garage with his son, Lloyd, and in his final years owned and managed an apartment house in St. Petersburg, Florida. These were only some of his business enterprises, which included realty and two model stock farms in Clarion County.

He was always a substantial advocate of civic and community enterprises. He was a loyal member of the Golden Rule Association and of the local Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge. Said a contemporary: "Mr. Lower possessed apparently inexhaustible energy. He was always busy at some kind of work. His grasp of details was remarkable. He was firm in his opinions, but respected the opinions of others. His many sterling qualities made for him many friends." Mr. Lower was a member of the Methodist Church, being a member of the official board of the local church for many years. He was much interested in the Men's Bible Class. For a number of years he had maintained three missionaries in China.

On March 17, 1897, Ira Ellsworth Lower married Anna Belle Ruff, and they were the parents of three sons: 1. Clarence G. Lower, born May 22, 1899. 2. Lloyd C. Lower, born June 27, 1902. 3. Harold J. Lower, born September 25, 1904.

The death of Ira Ellsworth Lower occurred at a hospital in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on April 23, 1941, after he had returned from a winter in Florida. His passing was sincerely mourned by the people of the community, county and State with which he for so long had been constructively identified. Notables and friends in



Dra E. Lower



the humbler walks of life came to his obsequies to pay a final tribute to a man and citizen universally respected and honored. The pastor of his church, Alfred C. Locke, drew attention to the fact that Mr. Lower had entered business, the church, and public affairs early in life, pointing out that he had followed the fundamental idea of weighing the days in order to make the best and fullest use of them and quoting the Scripture, "So teach us to number our days."

THOMAS THOMAS, M. D.—Widely known for his work in the medical profession, Dr. Thomas Thomas has centered his activities in Oil City, where he has carried on an extensive private and hospital practice, and he is known throughout this district of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Thomas was born December 23, 1907, in Oil City, Pennsylvania, son of David L. and Mary Grace (Thompson) Thomas. His grandparents, Thomas and Lucy (Morris) Thomas, were both natives of the Swansea Valley of Wales, who came to America and settled in Ohio. Later they migrated to Pennsylvania. A blacksmith by trade originally, the grandfather was for years a foreman with the Western New York & Pennsylvania Railroad, which afterward became a part of the Pennsylvania Railroad system. David L. Thomas, Dr. Thomas' father, was born April 30, 1875, in Parker's Landing, Pennsylvania, and at the time of writing is living in Oil City. He is general agent and assistant treasurer of the Southern Group of Pipe Lines. A Republican, he served for six years on the Oil City Select Council, and was formerly president of the Grove Hill Cemetery Association. He is also a trustee of the First Presbyterian Church. His wife, Mary Grace (Thompson) Thomas, Dr. Thomas' mother, was born in Oil City, where she now makes her home. She was a daughter of Miles and Jane Thompson, both natives of Clarion County, Pennsylvania, who died in Oil City. Miles Thompson was a contractor and builder.

Oil City schools provided Thomas Thomas' early formal education, and after graduation in 1925 from Oil City High School he became a student at the University of Michigan, in Ann Arbor, Michigan, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1929 and that of Doctor of Medicine in 1933. There followed an internship at Robert Packer Hospital and the Guthrie Clinic, in Sayre, Pennsylvania, after which he settled in Oil City in September, 1934. He is today engaged in a general practice of medicine in this city, with offices in the Odd Fellows' Building, where he is professionally associated with Dr. Ford M. Summerville.

In addition to his other activities, Dr. Thomas is a member of the obstetrical staff of Oil City Hospital. He is a member of the Venango County Medical Society, the

Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the American Medical Association, as well as of the Association of Pennsylvania Railroad Surgeons and the American Congress of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Fraternally Dr. Thomas is affiliated with Oil City Lodge, No. 710, Free and Accepted Masons, and Oil City Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He belongs to the Kiwanis Club and the Phi Gamma Delta and Nu Sigma Nu fraternities and the Michigauma, which he joined in his student days. He is a member also of the Wanango Club, the Oil City Chamber of Commerce and the First Presbyterian Church. Fond of the out-of-doors, Dr. Thomas derives his major satisfaction in spare moments from such sports as golf, fishing and swimming.

On December 7, 1938, Dr. Thomas Thomas married Doris Seyler, a native of Oil City, daughter of Marvin and Jessie (Hilliard) Seyler, of Franklin, Pennsylvania. Her father is a patternmaker. Mrs. Thomas is a graduate of Franklin High School and the Welch Business College and is a member of the Methodist Church.

CARL FREDERICK KAUFMAN—Widely known and highly esteemed for his services as United States Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue in Oil City, Carl Frederick Kaufman has had extensive experience in tax work and business affairs and is well equipped for his present valuable work and for the part that he takes in public life.

Mr. Kaufman was born November 24, 1892, in Oil City, Pennsylvania, son of George and Mary (Stellflug) Kaufman. His grandfather, Ambrose Kaufman, born in Bavaria, Germany, and engaged in farming there in his early life, came to America in 1867, three months after his son, George Kaufman, had come. Here he lived in Baltimore, Maryland, until his death in 1886 at the advanced age of eighty-six years. George Kaufman, Carl Frederick Kaufman's father, born April 25, 1844, in Eichenbuhl, Bavaria, died in 1916 in Oil City, received his formal education in Bavaria, learned farming with his father, served a year in the German Army, then took "French leave" and came to America in 1867. He settled first in Baltimore, where he learned the butcher's trade. Then, in December, 1870, he came to Oil City. From 1873 to 1876 he again resided in Baltimore, but in 1876 he resumed his residence in Oil City, where he was engaged in the wholesale and retail meat business in what was known as Latonia, now Oil City's South Side. He was a Democrat in politics and a member of St. Stephen's Church. His wife, Mrs. Mary (Stellflug) Kaufman, was born in Clarion County, Pennsylvania, and died in California in 1928.

Carl Frederick Kaufman received his early formal education, and in 1910 became a machinist's apprentice with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, so continuing until

1913. In 1914 and 1915 he was a machinist with the Ford Motor Company, in Detroit, Michigan. In 1915 and 1916 he served as stationary engineer with that company, which in 1916 made him power plant foreman and in 1917 and 1918 superintendent of gas power in their Canadian plant. From 1919 to 1924 Mr. Kaufman was chief combustion engineer with the Crucible Steel Company of America, with headquarters at Harrison, New Jersey. Then, until 1929, he served as master mechanic at the Franklin Steel Works, in Franklin. From 1930 to 1933 Mr. Kaufman was consulting engineer with the Consulting Engineering Company, of Pittsburgh. His first work with the Internal Revenue Department came in 1933, when he was appointed United States Deputy Collector. Beginning in 1938 and continuing until June 1, 1939, he was a State and Federal tax consultant. Since June 1, 1939, he has been United States Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue.

Politically he is a Democrat. He was a candidate for the Pennsylvania State Assembly in his district in 1938, but was defeated because of the tremendous Republican majority rolled up in the district in that year's elections. Mr. Kaufman is active in St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church.

Carl Frederick Kaufman married, July 9, 1913, Ethel Irene Stevenson, of Chicago, Illinois, daughter of George and Elizabeth (Lamb) Stevenson, now deceased, of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Kaufman became the parents of the following children: 1. Marie K. Kaufman, who became the wife of James Kistler, of Little Falls, New Jersey. 2. Carl F. Kaufman, Jr., connected with the United States Air Corps, in Baltimore, Maryland. 3. Jean Kaufman, a high school student in Franklin. 4. Theo Kaufman, a student at the Sacred Heart Academy, in Franklin.

EDWARD STEPHEN O'MARA—Operating what is recognized to be one of the finest and most up-to-date farms in northwestern Pennsylvania, Edward Stephen O'Mara is a highly esteemed resident of Sawyer City, and distributes his products throughout Bradford and vicinity and is particularly well known for his dairy work.

Mr. O'Mara was born December 25, 1888, in Franklinville, New York, son of James W. and Honora (Creagh) O'Mara. His parents, both born in Ireland, came early to the United States, his father at the age of seven years and his mother at the age of sixteen. Both are now deceased. The elder Mr. O'Mara was a curbing and street contractor in Chicago for several years before coming to Cattaraugus County, New York, to make his home and become engaged in farming, his lifelong occupation.

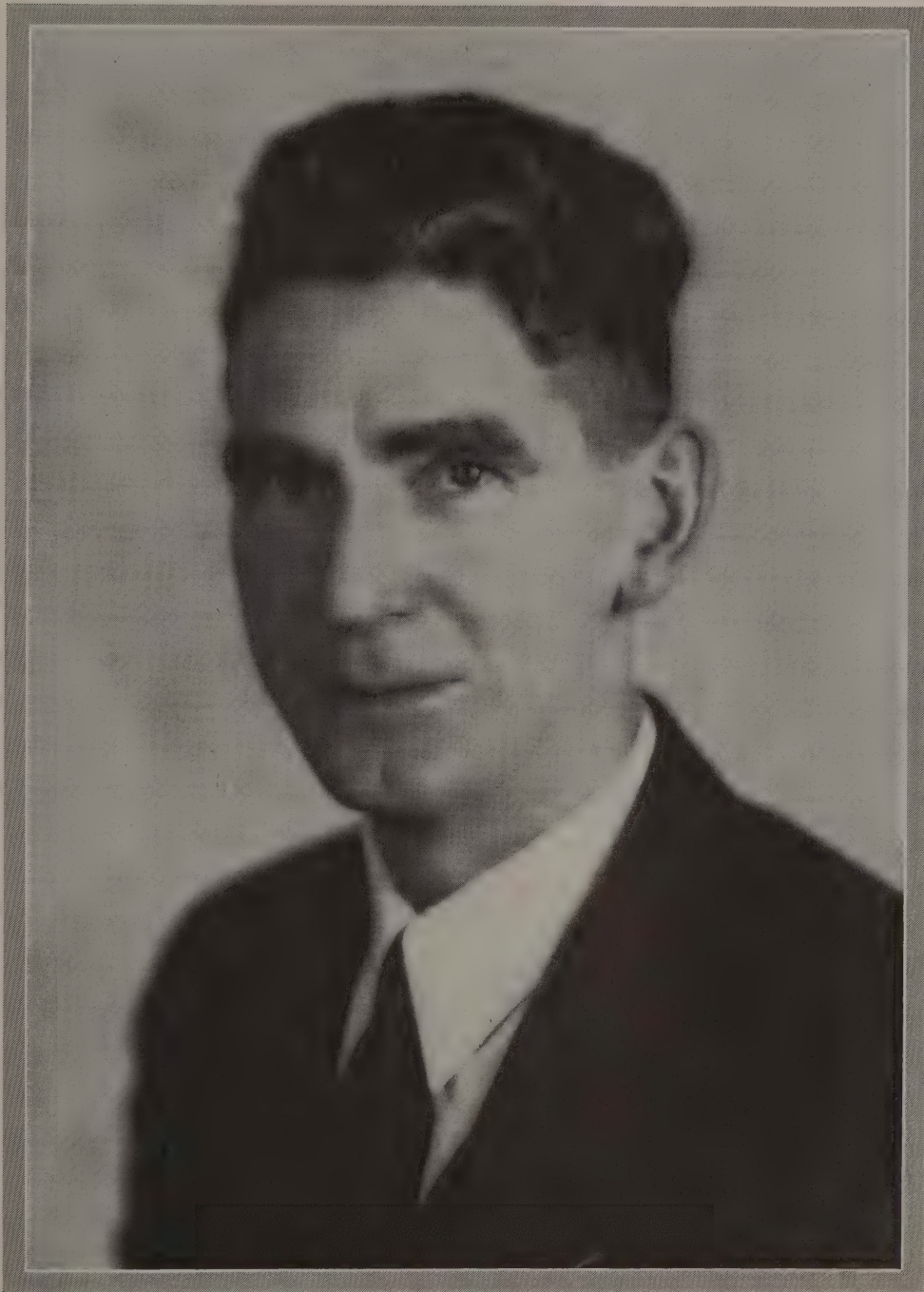
Public schools of Cattaraugus County, New York, provided Edward Stephen O'Mara's early formal educa-

tion through the high school years. At the age of eleven years he began the serious task of rebuilding the home farm, most of his brothers and sisters having left home by that time. As he grew older, his contribution to the work of the farm was ever more strongly felt, and by the time he was twenty years old he had the satisfaction of putting the whole enterprise on a paying basis, completely debt free. Having done so, he left the farm and came to McKean County, where he rented a farm at Bennett Brook—a fifty-acre farm known as the Thomas Birmingham property—which he operated for two years. He then moved to Tuna, where he rented the James Stack farm and operated it for two years. Next came the purchase of the Whipple farm, in Foster Township, comprising three hundred acres, with house and barns in a bad state of repair.

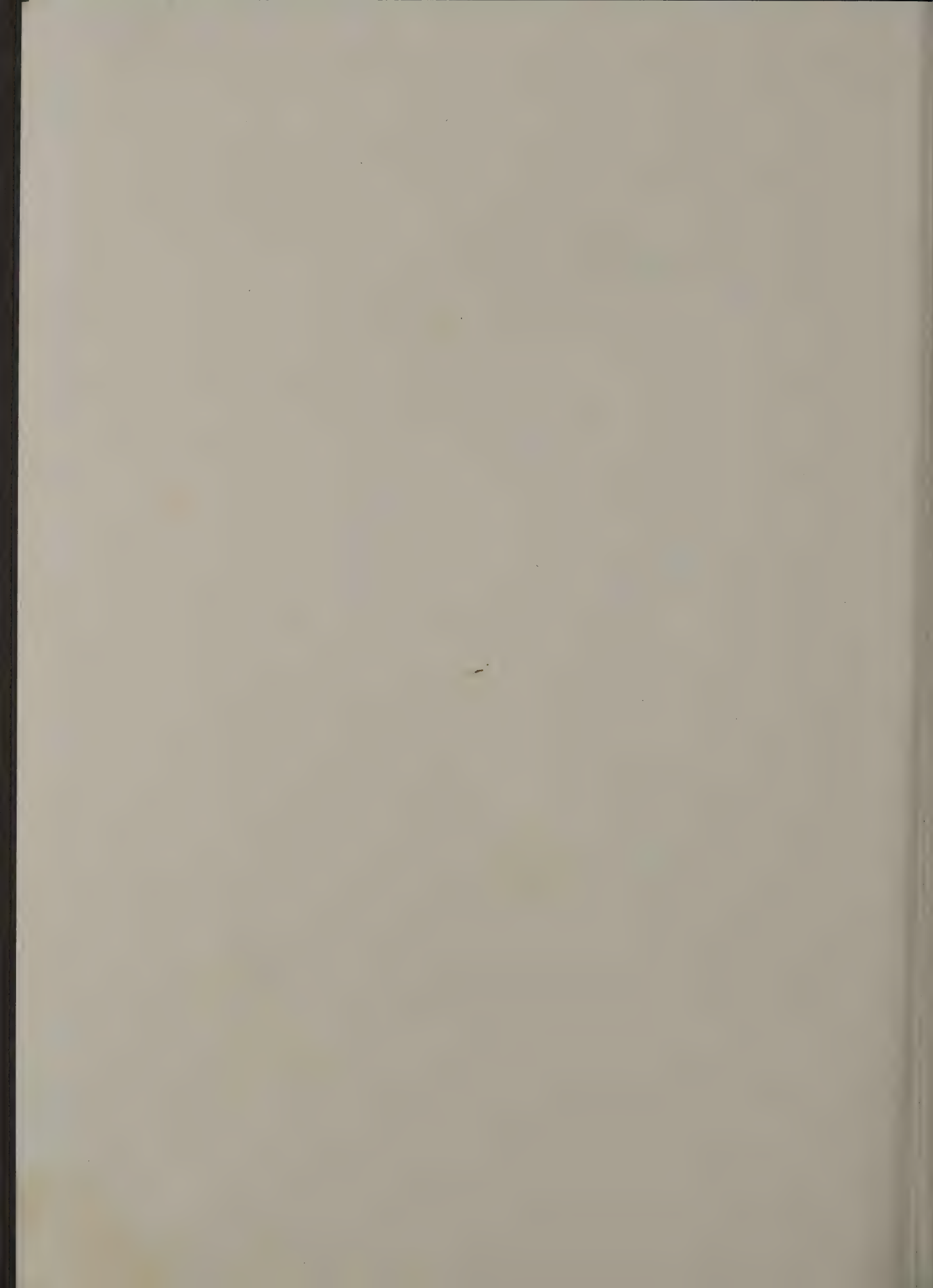
Going to work to renovate the whole property, Mr. O'Mara cleared the fields and cultivated them, brought many improvements gradually to the house and the other buildings until they were in excellent condition, and entirely rebuilt the barn in accordance with his own plans and ideas. The result was a farm that easily won recognition as one of the best in this part of Pennsylvania. From time to time Mr. O'Mara has rented or leased adjoining farms in order to obtain additional acreage. At the time of writing he runs a herd of about one hundred pure-bred Holstein and Guernsey cows. He has installed a model milk plant, thoroughly efficient and sanitary, which is a show place of the district. Mr. O'Mara distributes his own milk in Bradford and vicinity, operating three routes. On February 22, 1940, he opened a wholly modern dairy bar on the property. He employs eleven people, and is said to be probably the only man in McKean County to be designated a "master farmer" of Pennsylvania.

Along with his agricultural and dairy activity, Mr. O'Mara has interested himself extensively in local affairs. A Democrat, he was his party's nominee for the Pennsylvania State Assembly from his district in 1940. He served three terms as chairman of the Agricultural Conservation Committee of McKean County. He belongs to the Grange and the Loyal Order of Moose, the Rotary Club of Bradford, the Bradford Board of Commerce, and St. Bernard's Roman Catholic Church.

Edward Stephen O'Mara married, September 20, 1913, Mary Agnes Stanley, of Bradford, Pennsylvania, daughter of William Ward and Agnes Stanley. They became the parents of four children: 1. Mary Elizabeth O'Mara, who was graduated from local schools and from Seton Hill College, in Greensburg, now associated with the Pennsylvania Department of Public Assistance, in Bradford. 2. Dorothy O'Mara, graduated from local schools and likewise from Seton Hill College, now entering the medical profession as an interne at Kings County Hos-



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pital, Brooklyn, New York. 3. James O'Mara, graduated from local schools, a student at Penn State College. 4. Edward Stanley O'Mara, who died in infancy.

ALFRED FREDERICK MILLER—As cashier of the First National Bank of Meadville, Alfred Frederick Miller acts as chief operating official of an institution with which he has been associated for thirty-two years. He is well known in Pennsylvania banking circles and is active in other business and financial interests of the Meadville section.

Mr. Miller was born in this city on March 22, 1890, son of Charles Albert and Anna Maria (Marier) Miller and a grandson of Sebastian Miller, a native of Germany, who came to this country and settled at Meadville, where he made his home until his death. Sebastian Miller was a musician. Charles Albert Miller, the father, was also born in Germany, on October 12, 1850, and died in Meadville on June 22, 1929. He was a retail shoe merchant here for many years. Anna Maria (Marier) Miller, the mother, was born in Woodcock Township, Crawford County, in 1857 and died in Meadville on April 5, 1929. She was a daughter of Albert Marier, a stone mason, and his wife, a member of the Spaid family, both born in Germany. After they came to the United States, they settled in Woodcock Township, Crawford County, then known as "Little Germany," because of the preponderance of German settlers.

Alfred Frederick Miller was educated in the public and parochial schools of Meadville and at Meadville Commercial College. Later he completed a business course of La Salle Extension University and a banking course through the Extension Department of Columbia University. He began his career with the Erie Railroad Company, spending one year as a clerk and six months as night clerk at the Erie Yards. Subsequently he was employed for six months in the men's clothing department of the M. O'Neil Department Store in Akron, Ohio, and, at the end of this time, began his connection with the New First National Bank of Meadville, whose name was changed to its present form, the First National Bank, in 1930. Mr. Miller first became associated with the institution in October, 1909. He served initially as manager of the Savings Department and then held other offices of growing responsibility until 1919, when he was appointed assistant cashier. In 1925 he was elected cashier and chief executive officer of the bank. Since that time its management has rested largely in his hands.

Mr. Miller's record as a banker has brought him prominence in the Pennsylvania profession. For three years, from 1935 to 1937, inclusive, he was a member of the Council of Administration of the Pennsylvania Bankers Association and in 1935 was chairman of Group Seven

of the Pennsylvania association. At the present time he serves on its agricultural committee. Mr. Miller is a director as well as cashier of the First National Bank of Meadville and in addition to his banking connections is president of the Capital Mortgage Company and vice-president of the Plateau Land Company, both of Meadville; and treasurer of the Blystone Corporation of Cambridge Springs. Among his principal community interests as a resident of Meadville is the Spencer Hospital, of which he was an incorporator and is now vice-president and trustee. Mr. Miller is a member of the Iroquois Boating and Fishing Club at Conneaut Lake. He is fond of outdoor life, but his principal hobby is astronomy.

On May 28, 1914, Alfred Frederick Miller married Aide Vesta Reed, who was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, on December 1, 1893, daughter of Dr. Albert and Ellen Reed. Her father, a physician, died at Boulder, Colorado. Her mother, who is also deceased, made her home at Meadville in latter years. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are the parents of four daughters: Mary Elizabeth, a graduate of Mercyhurst College, who married Leonard Battaglia; Frances Marie, also a graduate of Mercyhurst College; Joan Ellen, now a member of the freshman class at the same college; and Nancy Lou, who is attending the Meadville parochial school. The Miller family are members of Saint Agatha's Roman Catholic Church in Meadville.

ALF L. SCHELLHAMMER—The Penn Furnace & Iron Company of Warren is the outgrowth of an old established business originated by Christian Schellhammer, a Warren hardware merchant, developed by him and his son, Alf L. Schellhammer to include the manufacture of warm air furnaces and now devoted to the manufacture of gas furnaces and boilers, truck tanks and a wide range of steel products. Alf L. Schellhammer, a leading figure in the industrial life of this area, is vice-president of the present company.

Mr. Schellhammer was born at Warren on October 8, 1869, son of Christian and Mary (Ittle) Schellhammer. His paternal grandfather, whose name was also Christian Schellhammer, and his paternal grandmother, a member of the Arnet family, were born in Alsace, came to the United States following their marriage, with their son, Christian, and settled on the river near Warren, where the senior Christian Schellhammer had a farm, raised hemp and made rope and rope halters. Both grandparents died in Warren. Christian Schellhammer, the son, who was born in Alsace and died at Warren, March 24, 1924, was a tinsmith in early life and later became a hardware merchant and manufacturer. For a time he served on the Warren Borough Council. Christian Schellhammer was an active member of the First Lutheran Church of War-

ren and was originally a Democrat in politics, but later became a Republican. He married Mary Ittle, who was born at Clarion and died at Warren in July, 1929, daughter of Michael Ittle, a farmer, who died at Corsica, Clarion County. Both her father and mother were natives of Alsace.

Alf L. Schellhammer received his general education in the public schools of Warren and after his graduation from high school completed a course in business college. With this preparation, he entered his father's hardware and plumbing firm, Schellhammer & Lasser, and under its members learned this trade. In 1890 he and his father established the firm of Schellhammer & Son, plumbers, and engaged in business at Warren. In 1894 they developed the first warm air furnace for heating churches and private homes and rapidly built up a very large business throughout northwest Pennsylvania. To handle this increasing volume, they organized the Penn Furnace & Stove Company, later reorganized as the Penn Furnace & Iron Company, which was incorporated in 1907. Christian Schellhammer was active in the business until his death and the family interest in the company has since been continued by Alf L. Schellhammer, vice-president of the corporation. H. A. Cray is president. The Penn Furnace & Iron Company, in addition to its line of gas furnaces and gas boilers, specializes in the manufacture of truck tanks, in great variety. They also manufacture general steel products.

Mr. Schellhammer is also active in other business interests. At his brother's death in 1933, he succeeded him as vice-president of the Hammond Iron Works, an office he has since retained. For a number of years he has been a director of the Warren National Bank and for a considerable period has been very much interested in oil production in the states of Oklahoma and Texas. At Warren he served for eight years as a member of the borough council and has helped to promote the progress of his community through many civic connections. Mr. Schellhammer is a member of the Warren Chamber of Commerce; a charter member of the Warren Rotary Club; a member of the Conewango Club; member and Past Exalted Ruler of Warren Lodge, No. 223, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; member of Joseph Warren Lodge, No. 726, Free and Accepted Masons, and various higher Masonic bodies, including Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and Zem Zem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Erie. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the First Lutheran Church of Warren. Hunting and fishing are his principal recreations.

On January 12, 1896, Alf L. Schellhammer married Marie F. Cochener, who was born in Tidioute and later lived in Warren. Her father, John B. Cochener, a native of France, was a farmer at Tidioute until his death. Mrs.

Schellhammer was educated in the Tidioute public schools. She is a member of the Women's Club of Warren and of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in this city.

CLIFFORD LeROY TYLER—Becoming associated with Armour & Company in 1923, Clifford LeRoy Tyler has continued with this firm to the present day, having been advanced in 1933 to the managership of the Warren plant, which position he still holds.

Mr. Tyler was born at Oswayo, Potter County, August 1, 1902, the son of Charles H. and Rosa (Cook) Tyler, both natives of Oswayo, and both still living there. Charles H. Tyler is engaged in farming. He is a Republican and at present is high constable. Clifford LeRoy Tyler graduated from Oswayo High School in 1918, and then enrolled at Westbrook Academy at Olean, New York, where he received his diploma as a member of the class of 1922. He afterwards studied bookkeeping at the La Salle Extension University, completing his studies in 1924. In 1922 he entered the employ of the Herwitz Furniture Store at Olean as a bookkeeper, and retained this position for one year, going from there to the Acme Glass factory, where he was placed in charge of the mould room. Then, in May, 1923, he became an employee of Armour & Company in Olean, and his first position was assistant shipper. In September of the following year he was transferred to the Warren plant as shipping clerk and he remained in this capacity until 1930, when he was appointed traveling salesman. Three years later he was appointed to his present post as manager of the local plant, and he has been most successful in performing the manifold duties which are requisites of this position. His knowledge of the business has been acquired through actual personal experience in various phases of the business, and he is well able to furnish valuable advice and assistance to those under his supervision.

Mr. Tyler is a member of the Presbyterian Church, a Republican, and an affiliate of Joseph Warren Lodge, No. 726, Free and Accepted Masons, and Coudersport Consistory. He is also a leader in local civic activities, being a member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club. His chief diversions are fishing and gardening.

He married, December 16, 1922, Edythe Nelson, daughter of the late Bert and Gertrude (Lewis) Nelson.

Mr. Nelson's great-grandfather, Robinson Nelson, came to this country from Ireland and landed in Vermont where he received his naturalization papers, later coming to Pennsylvania with his family. Mr. Nelson, an Oswayo farmer, was at one time a mail carrier and was for many years school director and road supervisor. Politically he was a Democrat. His wife, Gertrude (Lewis) Nelson, daughter of Civil War veteran William H. Lewis, is still living at Oswayo. Her father, who enlisted August 9,

1862, at Independence, New York, was enrolled as a private in Company E, 130th New York Volunteer Infantry, Merritt's Brigade, 10th Artillery Corps. He took active part in the siege of Suffolk and the battles of Winchester, Cedar Creek, Strasburg, Spotsylvania, Sheridan's raid, Peterburg, and several others.

Edythe (Nelson) Tyler received her early education in the Oswayo schools and completed her studies at Lock Haven State Teachers College. Her teaching career embraced four years in the Oswayo, Pennsylvania, school. She is an active member of the Presbyterian Church, a prominent figure in the women's organization of the church and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and numerous other organizations. Music and reading are her hobbies.

A. W. McDOWELL—As president of "The Sharon Herald," Alexander Walter McDowell has achieved a goal to which he first aspired when he was nine years old, in 1892.

In that year, he and his thirteen-year-old brother, William, began grinding out a miniature weekly paper, "The Sharon Star." It twinkled for six years until the lads outgrew the schoolboy venture and sold it; but both returned to newspaper work in later years.

Mr. McDowell went from Sharon High School into a clerical position with the Sharon Steel Company, a mill founded by the Sharon philanthropist, the late Frank H. Buhl, and he was with that concern four years. He also worked a year for a Pittsburgh auditing firm.

Then his natural talent for drawing led Mr. McDowell to study at the Cleveland School of Art. He worked several years in art departments of the "Cleveland Press," the "Cincinnati Post" and the "St. Louis Star-Chronicle."

As the years on out-of-town papers passed, Mr. McDowell wished—like most newspapermen—to have a small paper of his own. Three other Sharon young men, William S. Organ, William B. Ramsay and Joseph Buchholz, shared this desire. So they pooled their energies and meager financial resources, borrowed the remainder and bought the weekly "Sharon Herald" from the late John L. Morrison in 1907. This paper had grown from the first newspaper published in Sharon on April 11, 1864.

The four colleagues published the weekly until April 12, 1909, when they expanded it to a daily. Mr. Organ was president of the company and Mr. McDowell was secretary and treasurer.

The "Herald" continued to grow and prosper until the big flood of 1913 struck the Shenango Valley and swept away the newspaper plant on River Avenue. By that time, however, the advertisers and readers had faith in the "Herald's" owners and they encouraged them to reestablish their paper.

Mr. McDowell was in charge of the financial operation of the publication. Mr. Ramsay was editor and Mr. Organ and Mr. Buchholz managed the mechanical department.

Mr. Organ died Christmas Day in 1920, from injuries suffered the night before, when he was caught between two passing trains on Sharon's main street. Mr. McDowell succeeded him as president and treasurer.

In May, 1935, the "Herald" and the "Sharon News-Telegraph," a competing newspaper, merged and a new corporation—Sharon Herald Company—was formed with Mr. McDowell as president. Under this new management the "Herald" has progressed beyond the expectations of the heads of the two smaller former papers.

Today the "Herald" is recognized as one of the leading newspapers in western Pennsylvania. It occupies a frontage of two hundred feet on South Dock Street in Sharon and the three-story brick building is fifty feet wide, giving thirty thousand square feet of floor space. Most of the principal and auxiliary departments are air-conditioned.

In the past few years the "Herald" also has installed a modern photo-engraving department equipped for etching of stainless steel and modernized its job printing department; connected its Sharon office with Mercer, Greenville and Grove City by printer machines and it was the first newspaper in the Nation to employ teletype transmission of news from branch offices to the editorial rooms; helped found radio station WPIC and equipped the "Herald" editorial room for hourly news broadcasts; and built the Sharon Herald lodge at nearby Orangeville, Ohio, as a recreation spot for employees and a gathering place for community organizations.

The "Herald" has contributed to the civic growth of its home city and has promoted many improvements. Veterans of World War I are numerous in its personnel and twenty per cent. of its employees were in military service by October, 1942. The paper has been commended for its recent contributions to the war effort.

The "Herald" has won prizes for newspaper excellence at annual conventions of the Pennsylvania Newspaper Publishers Association.

Mr. McDowell was president of the Pennsylvania Publishers group in 1938.

Thus, of the four men who visualized and strove for the newspaper that is the "Sharon Herald" today—one respected alike by its readers and other newspapermen—only Mr. McDowell is still living to carry on for them.

Born in Sharon, the son of the late Parker and Martha (McClain) McDowell, he has always lived there except for the several years on out-of-town newspapers. All his friends know him by the familiar nickname, "Dude." He is a bachelor, but he tells those who question him about it: "I married a newspaper."

THOMAS REED HOSKINS—The extensive business interests of Thomas Reed Hoskins centered in the Bradford and Kane communities and areas adjacent thereto. An oil operator, a partner and officer in the Bradford Supply Company and an owner of the Kane Milling & Grocery Company, he rose to prominence in business life and retained his position until the close of his career. Mr. Hoskins had many other claims, however, upon the regard of his contemporaries. A devoted citizen, civic-minded and progressive, a Christian leader and generous benefactor of many worthy causes, he made his influence a vital and constructive force in his community down through the years.

Born at Athens, Ontario, Canada, on August 9, 1856, Mr. Hoskins was a son of John and Margaret Hoskins. He was educated in the district schools of his birthplace, spent his boyhood and youth there and as a young man came to the United States to begin his active career. Settling in Eldred, Pennsylvania, he removed subsequently to Bolivar and, in 1884, took up his residence in Kane. By this time, through hard work and careful saving, he had accumulated sufficient capital to enable him to enter business for himself. Soon after he came to Kane, he established the Kane Roller Mill, which was later expanded into the Kane Milling & Grocery Company. With this enterprise, which he built to success, he was actively identified until his death.

Meanwhile, in 1909, Mr. Hoskins moved with his wife from Kane to Bradford. In association with Robert A. Mackie, a childhood friend, he organized the Bradford Supply Company in this city and became its treasurer. In a new field of enterprise he repeated his earlier record of success. Combining initiative with unquestioned soundness of judgment, he contributed largely to the development and expansion of the important business conducted by this company. In his own right he also operated a number of oil leases, taking his place among the independent producers of the Bradford field.

Despite the pressure of his business responsibilities, Mr. Hoskins always had time for activities of a religious and civic character, demonstrating exemplary qualities of citizenship and a true spirit of Christian charity. He was for many years president of the Bradford Young Men's Christian Association, in whose work he was actively interested throughout the entire period of his residence in this city. He was a liberal supporter not only of philanthropic but of other useful community causes and at both Kane and Bradford was recognized as a leading Methodist layman. In the former city he was a trustee of the Kane Methodist Church for many years, served on its building committee, and maintained a keen interest in the congregation even after his removal to Bradford. When he became a resident of Bradford, he transferred his membership to the First Methodist

Church in this city, was elected a member of its board of trustees and as an active member of the building committee had a leading part in the erection of the new Bradford church. Faithful to the precepts of his faith, he demonstrated the true spirit of Christian charity and a simple humanity which endeared him to all.

Mr. Hoskins was affiliated fraternally with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

He married, in 1896, Minnie M. Roe, daughter of William and Alice (McBride) Roe, of Seneca, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Hoskins became the parents of one son, William Reed Hoskins, who married, September 7, 1927, Ann Purvis, daughter of Charles and Mary (Becker) Purvis, of Troy, Pennsylvania, and has three children: Reed Keith, born December 6, 1929; Carol Faith, born December 25, 1936; and Deane Meredith, born September 4, 1940.

Thomas Reed Hoskins died unexpectedly, while on a visit with his family to Kane. Word of his death profoundly shocked both the Kane and Bradford communities, which shared for many years in the rich influences of his career and placed the highest value upon his qualities of character and exemplary citizenship. In his lifetime he received many honors which have their echo in the respect in which his memory is held by the people of the area in which his interests and constructive labors centered.

ROBERT ALEXANDER MACKIE—As founder and builder of the Bradford Supply Company, Robert Alexander Mackie was for many years a creative force in the oil and gas industry, launching an organization which now serves producers in many fields throughout the country. Originally and peculiarly his career belonged to Bradford, which has been privileged to share over a long period in the constructive value of his activities, but the broad-scale vision and leadership which went into the development of one of the largest oil and gas well supply businesses in the United States brought him national recognition.

Mr. Mackie was born at Toledo, Leeds County, Ontario, Canada, on December 10, 1858, son of Robert and Isabella Mackie. He received his formal education in the district public school, supplementing its meager facilities by private reading and study and even more by that close observation of men and affairs which brought him insight, perspicacity and tempered judgment. By native inclination he was a student and scholar, but he was destined to find his career in the world of affairs.

In 1879, having attained his majority, Mr. Mackie left Canada, and settled in Eldred, Pennsylvania, where his activities centered for almost twenty years. After that he spent some months at Warren, Pennsylvania, and Corning, Ohio, and in 1898 moved to Bradford, his home until



Thomas Reed Hoskins



the close of his career. Following his removal to the United States, Mr. Mackie was identified chiefly with the oil well supply business. For twenty years he was associated with the Oil Well Supply Company of Bradford, serving a long and thorough apprenticeship in the business and rising gradually in the organization as his successful record brought him larger responsibilities. After this exhaustive preparation he was ready for the most important step in his career. In 1907, with Thomas R. Hoskins, an Ontario friend of his boyhood, and several other associates, Mr. Mackie established the Bradford Supply Company and became its president. As executive head of the organization he brought to its management rare qualities of judgment and leadership, guiding its development step by step from its small beginnings in the Bradford field through the various stages of expansion which have made the company a national organization, with twenty-seven branches in the major oil producing regions of the country. The history of the Bradford Supply Company is to be found elsewhere in these pages. In furnishing oil and gas well supplies to the industry and in the repair and rehabilitation of equipment, its name has long been synonymous with the highest standards.

Robert A. Mackie was president of the company for many years and afterward was chairman of the board of directors until his death. He was active in the management of the organization until within two years of the close of his career and was at all times the moving spirit in its progress and development.

Although he was completely wrapped up in his business, which always came first in his life, Mr. Mackie found time to serve the Bradford community in many other ways. He was for one term foreman of the Bradford Grand Jury. He was a ready and effective supporter of civic enterprises of all kinds and a frequent contributor to Bradford's useful institutions. He was a member and elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Bradford, a congenial member of the local Epicurean Club and was affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he was a member of all higher bodies of the Scottish Rite, including the Consistory, and a member of the Temple of the Mystic Shrine. Trotting horses were his only hobby, and in general he took little time for recreation, devoting himself with serious purpose to the responsibilities of business and citizenship.

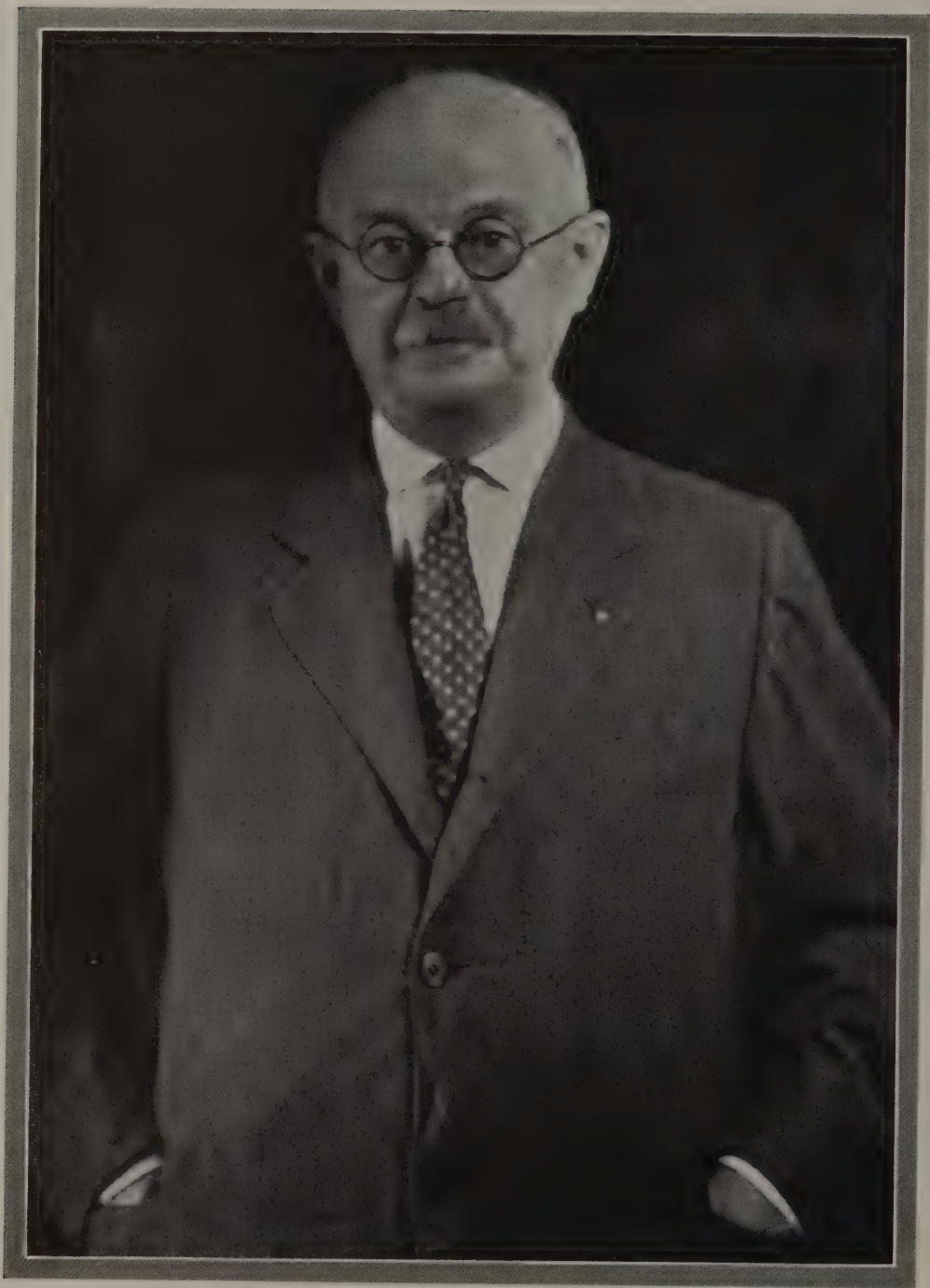
On June 15, 1890, Robert Alexander Mackie married, at Eldred, Pennsylvania, Myrtie Wolcott, who died on December 22, 1937, a daughter of E. C. and Celestia (Shaw) Wolcott. They became the parents of five children: 1. Agnes, who married J. H. Kirsch, and now lives in Oak Park, Illinois. 2. Donald Wolcott (*q. v.*), who succeeded his father as president of the Bradford Supply Company. 3. Dorothy, deceased. 4. John, deceased. 5. Robert.

Robert Alexander Mackie died at Bradford on August 30, 1939. Few residents of Bradford were as widely known and none was held in higher regard. Through his industry and well-directed effort he created an organization which perpetuates his name in the oil and gas industry of the United States and through his qualities of character and citizenship he won the respect of all.

DONALD WOLCOTT MACKIE—Since his election as president of the Bradford Supply Company in 1939, Donald Wolcott Mackie has carried forward the work commenced by his father, the founder of what is today one of the largest oil and gas well supply houses in the United States. Mr. Mackie, who has spent his entire career in the company, is one of Bradford's most active business and civic leaders.

He was born at Eldred, Pennsylvania, on October 15, 1892, and became a Bradford resident at the age of six, when his parents, Robert Alexander (*q. v.*) and Myrtie (Wolcott) Mackie, established their home in this city. After his preliminary education in the Bradford public schools, he attended Case School of Applied Science at Cleveland, and subsequently entered Stanford University in California, where he continued his studies as a mechanical engineer. Mr. Mackie also studied at Columbia University. He began his career with the Bradford Supply Company, organized by his father, as manager of the branch at Warren, Pennsylvania. Following this initial experience in the business of the company, he was made purchasing agent, and five years later, upon the death of Thomas R. Hoskins, one of his father's original associates in the organization, he was elected treasurer and vice-president, in succession to Mr. Hoskins. In this capacity he took over large responsibilities in the management of the company, which increased as his father relinquished his more active duties in latter years. In 1939 Robert Alexander Mackie died and Donald W. Mackie took over as president of the company. Since that time he has successfully directed its operations in accordance with the standards and principles long associated with the organization and the Mackie name.

In the Bradford community and throughout the oil industry, Mr. Mackie is known as a keen and hard-working young business man, who was early trained for important executive duties and has met them fully. He has been very active in the Bradford Rotary Club, of which he is past president, and has given generously of his time to other civic organizations of the community. He is also prominent in the Masonic Order, in which he is affiliated with the higher bodies of both York and Scottish rites, including the Commandery, Knights Templar, and the Consistory, thirty-second degree, and is a member and Past Potentate of Zem Zem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Erie. Mr. Mackie



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Donald M. Mackie.

is a Republican in politics and a member of the Presbyterian Church. He is fond of golf, fishing, hunting and other sports and makes a special hobby of flowers and gardening.

In 1916 Mr. Mackie married (first) Harriet Golden, now deceased, a daughter of John E. and Minna (Fertig) Golden, and they became the parents of three sons: Golden, deceased; Donald, Jr., now serving in the United States Army; and John G., a student at the University of Colorado. In 1932 Mr. Mackie married (second) Frances Lomax, of Wichita Falls, Texas.

RAY J. COOPER—Soon after the organization of the Bradford Supply Company, Ray J. Cooper entered the service of the company and has advanced steadily on the basis of his record and experience to his present post as vice-president and director. He has been associated with the enterprise for more than thirty years and has played an important part in its success.

Mr. Cooper was born at Derrick City on October 19, 1891, son of Walter L. Cooper, a newspaper man, and Grace (Judd) Cooper, both now deceased. He was educated in the public schools of Derrick City, after which he began his long connection with the Bradford Supply Company, then in its infancy. At the time he was seventeen years old. Mr. Cooper's rise in the company has kept pace with its development. He has advanced through all departments, from store room to office and as vice-president and director he brings to its councils of management proven executive ability and wide experience in the business. Energy and hard work have made possible his successful career. The same qualities have marked his participation in the civic life of Bradford. Mr. Cooper has always recognized his obligations to the community and has met them fully. He was for eight years a member of the Bradford School Board. He is past president of the Bradford Chamber of Commerce, of the Kiwanis Club, and McKean County Motor Club, and for many years has made his influence a vital factor in community affairs. He is affiliated fraternally with the Masonic Order, in which he is a member of the higher Scottish Rite bodies, including the thirty-second degree of the Consistory, and the Shrine, and with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, being a Past Exalted Ruler of the latter, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mr. Cooper is also a member of the Bradford Club and the Penn Hills Country Club. He is a Democrat in politics and a member of the Presbyterian Church. Golf is his favorite recreation. In the best sense of the term a self-made man, he has many friends and admirers throughout the Bradford area and the principal oil regions of the country where the Bradford Supply Company operates.

Mr. Cooper married Isabelle Bonner, daughter of Arthur and Isabelle (Quinn) Bonner, of Saint Lawrence

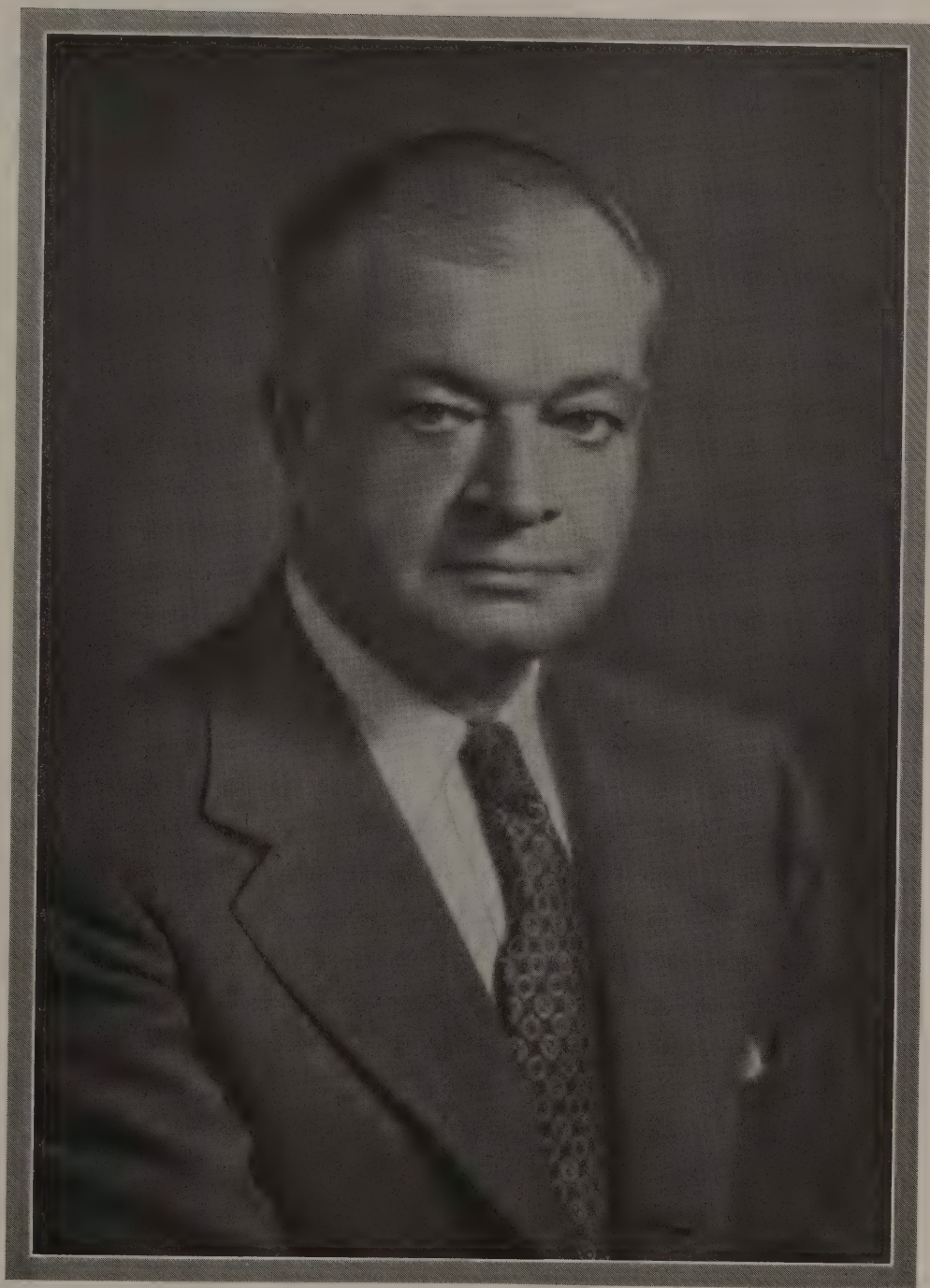
County, New York. Her father was a leading lumber man. Mr. and Mrs. Cooper have three children: Betty; Grace, now Mrs. Robert Wright; and Donna.

THE BRADFORD SUPPLY COMPANY, INC.

—For more than thirty years, the Bradford Supply Company, Inc., has served the American oil and gas industries as purveyors and jobbers of quality machinery, equipment and supplies. Founded at Bradford early in the present century by Robert A. Mackie and a group of associates, the company has grown steadily under energetic and able management and is today an organization of national scope, carrying on one of the largest businesses of its kind in the United States.

It was in 1907 that Robert A. Mackie, a Canadian by birth and an experienced man in the oil well supply business, joined with his boyhood friend, Thomas R. Hoskins and several associates to bring into existence the Bradford Supply Company. It began in a small way to serve the Bradford area oil field, but the highest standards of quality and efficiency marked its operations from the outset and under the brilliant leadership of Mr. Mackie, its president for many years, the business of the company developed rapidly. Originally a store and pipe yard at Bradford constituted the sole facilities of the company, but expanding business soon justified a substantial local expansion. First a pipe threading department was added and then a general machine shop, both at Bradford. Within a few years, the D. Phillips Drilling Tool & Blacksmith plant was taken over, and with this acquisition the Bradford Supply Company became the largest organization of its kind in the Bradford field, with facilities for accommodating all problems arising in connection with the production of Pennsylvania oil.

Further expansion was perhaps inevitable. As other oil and gas fields throughout the country came into production, there arose a demand for the same high type of service which marked the association of the Bradford Supply Company with the Bradford field. Executives of the company were willing to comply, and while carefully guarding against the dangers of over-rapid development, they began to create step by step the present national organization. A branch store and shop were set up at Robinson, Illinois, through which the company entered the business of reconditioning and sale of second-hand pipe, machinery and equipment. Retaining the operating principles responsible for its success at Bradford, the company soon became an important factor in this phase of the oil well supply business and has retained its position down through the years. Meanwhile, from time to time, additional branch stores were opened at Titusville, Eldred and Warren, Pennsylvania; Sistersville, West Virginia; Irvine, Kentucky; Wayne, Ohio; Brownwood, Burkburnett, Wichita Falls and Iowa Park, Texas; Ada,



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Oklahoma; and other oil centers throughout the country. The Bradford Supply Company now boasts twenty-seven branches in many parts of the United States. It specializes in its various shops in the repair and reconditioning of equipment used by the oil industry, furnishing repair service at any hour of the day or night. It maintains firmly the well-tried policy of distributing the products of manufacturers recognized as leaders in their respective fields, thereby making available to its customers not only the best of standard machinery, equipment, mill, chemical and plant supplies, but also every new development of value. Throughout the thirty-four years of its history, the Bradford Supply Company has fully kept pace with the remarkable development of the oil industry as it spread beyond the confines of the Pennsylvania fields to become the world's third-ranking industry in value of its products. The Bradford Supply Company stands today as a monument to the vision and genius of its founder and guiding spirit, Robert A. Mackie, president and chairman of the board of the corporation until his death. His ideals, which have been woven into the fabric of the organization, are perpetuated by the present officers: Donald W. Mackie, now president of the company; Ray J. Cooper, vice-president; and Minnie M. Hoskins, treasurer.

JOHN EDWARD GOLDEN—Back in the days when the use of pipe lines in the petroleum industry was relatively new, John Edward Golden began a connection with the oil business that was continued for half a century. During this long period he rose from the humble positions of "line walker" through a variety of capacities until he became president of the Tide-Water Pipe Company at the Bradford headquarters of this important corporation. He had other oil interests, was associated with banking and other enterprises, but was primarily an oil man to his retirement a number of years ago.

Mr. Golden was born at Steubenville, Ohio, November 30, 1864, and was brought by his parents to Wellsville, same state, where he was educated. While still a boy he became a resident of the Bradford section of Pennsylvania, and made his home here for nearly six decades. He initiated his career with the oil industry as a line walker on the first pipe line laid in the Rixford area. This was built by the Tide-Water Pipe Company, and it was with this concern that young Golden spent about a month patrolling the line. He then was assigned to the main offices of the company at Titusville, Pennsylvania, where he learned telegraphy—at that time the ambition of thousands of youth all over the country.

Eventually Mr. Golden was promoted to chief operator, an important post, because the Tide-Water had its own inter-communication systems with telegraph and telephone lines in operation spread in a wide network.

So excellently did he perform his difficult duties that he was appointed superintendent in charge of the telegraph setup of the company in about 1896, after which he moved to Bradford. Mr. Golden had charge of all communications from the Bradford office to New York and from as far west as Stoy, Illinois, with telegraph lines totaling eight hundred and thirty-five miles in length under his control. He held this position for about twenty years. In 1923 Mr. Golden became president of the Bradford office of the Tide-Water Pipe Company, at the time of the retirement of his brother, Andrew W. Golden, who also had been identified with the firm since its start.

Mr. Golden retired from active service after half a century of service, in 1928. He was succeeded as president of the Tide-Water Pipe Company by George J. Hanks, who several years later was made president of the entire Tide-Water interests, offices of which are in New York City. C. W. Morrison is now president and general superintendent of the Bradford office.

At one time Mr. Golden was engaged in the oil business with the late Clayton G. Dorn and the late W. J. McIntosh. Later Mr. McIntosh sold his interest in the business to the two other men. Then Mr. Dorn sold his share, Mr. Golden operating the property until he disposed of it to Tanner Brothers, later known as the Tanner Oil Company. Mr. Golden formerly served as director of the Commercial National Bank. He was a member of all local Masonic bodies and belonged to the First Presbyterian Church.

John Edward Golden married (first) Minna Fertig, of Titusville, Pennsylvania, who died February 3, 1903. They were the parents of two children: 1. Artridge, deceased. 2. Harriett, who married Donald Mackie, and their children were: i. Donald Mackie, Jr. ii. John Mackie. Mrs. Mackie is deceased. Mr. Golden married (second), April 25, 1917, Ellen Benson, daughter of B. P. and Mathilda (Swanson) Benson.

The death of John Edward Golden occurred on February 4, 1938, at his home in Bradford. He had been a business man and executive of noteworthy achievements, whose activities directly contributed to the prosperity and welfare of people and communities. In the Masonic Order he was not simply a prominent figure, but an elder brother and counselor, a kindly helper of all who came to him for aid and guidance. A host of friends mourned his passing and paid tributes to his personality and character, and the many useful services he rendered his day and generation.

HARRY KAUFMAN, M. D.—Engaged in a general practice of medicine in Sharon, Dr. Harry Kaufman has made an ever-deepening study of psychiatry and specializes more and more in this branch of the healing sciences.

Dr. Kaufman was born September 6, 1912, in Youngstown, Ohio, son of Samuel and Bertha (Cohen) Kaufman, of Pittsburgh, where his father is a printer.

Dr. Harry Kaufman attended the Taylor-Allerdice High School, in Pittsburgh, where he was graduated, and afterward, in 1932, he was graduated from the University of Pittsburgh as a Bachelor of Science. He completed a medical course at the University of Pittsburgh in 1936, then served an internship at Montefiore Hospital, in that city, where he is still a member of the hospital staff. He started his practice in Pittsburgh, but in 1939 came to Sharon to take over the practice of the late Dr. Zuker. His work is of a general nature, and Dr. Kaufman is able to draw more and more, in a useful way, upon his knowledge of psychiatry, in the treatment of the cases that come before him. He plans gradually to specialize in this branch of medicine more and more.

In addition to his private practice and his staff work at Montefiore Hospital, Pittsburgh, Dr. Kaufman is a member of the Buhl Memorial Hospital staff, in Sharon. Here he is highly regarded by his professional colleagues and his constantly growing number of patients, and his practice is a successful one. He belongs to the Mercer County Medical Society, is a past district treasurer of the Phi Delta Epsilon fraternity, and is a member of Israel House, Sharon.

Dr. Harry Kaufman married, February 24, 1940, in Sharon, Pennsylvania, the daughter of David and Mollie (Rasen) Bazell. Her father was a physician in Pittsburgh. Mrs. Kaufman was graduated from Sinai Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland, in 1938. She is a member of the medical auxiliary of the local medical organization, and belongs to the Zionist Organization and the Jewish Council of Women.

LLOYD DAVID LININGER—For many years Lloyd David Lininger has contributed to the life of Sharon and to the advancement of fraternal insurance through his work with the Protected Home Circle, of which he is now supreme secretary.

Mr. Lininger was born November 29, 1880, in New Wilmington, Pennsylvania, son of Joel A. and Serena A. (Palmer) Lininger. His father and members of the family were long prominent in Pennsylvania affairs, Joel A. Lininger having been a merchant and for twenty years employed in the office of secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Lloyd David Lininger attended schools in New Wilmington until 1893, when his family removed to Sharon, Pennsylvania. He was then a student in Sharon schools until 1900. In 1906 he was graduated from Dickinson College, in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy. His connection with the Pro-

tected Home Circle began in July, 1908, when he became pay clerk in charge of deputies' accounts, so serving until 1921. In that year he was transferred to the statistical department, where he remained until 1927. He then became assistant to W. S. Palmer, supreme secretary of the Protected Home Circle. In the years between 1923 and 1930, along with his other work, Mr. Lininger was director of degree work in charge of the "Inner Circle." He became a member of the board of directors of the Protected Home Circle in 1926, when he was advanced to supreme guide. In 1933 he was appointed supreme secretary of the organization, so continuing down to the time of writing.

Taking a lively and active interest in Sharon affairs, Mr. Lininger is a director of the McDowell National Bank. He is a Republican in politics. He belongs to the Sharon Chamber of Commerce, the Sharon Rotary Club and the Sharon Country Club. Fraternally he takes an extensive part in the affairs of the Protected Home Circle, in which he is, aside from his position in the supreme order, a past president of Sharon Circle No. 1. He was secretary of this circle from 1914 to 1934 and grand secretary of the Pennsylvania organization from 1924 to 1928. Aside from the Protected Home Circle, Mr. Lininger is affiliated with the national college fraternity of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and with the Free and Accepted Masons. In the Masonic Order he belongs to Shenango Lodge, No. 668, New Castle Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Zem Zem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Formerly Mr. Lininger was a trustee of the First Baptist Church.

Lloyd David Lininger married, January 3, 1912, in Sharpsville, Pennsylvania, Mary Mehl, daughter of John J. and Anna (Meissenbacher) Mehl, of that place. Mrs. Lininger is active in the Order of Eastern Star in Sharon and in the work of the Buhl Hospital auxiliary. Mr. and Mrs. Lininger became the parents of two children: 1. Ruth Ann Lininger, born October 22, 1912, graduated from Allegheny College, Meadville, as a Bachelor of Arts, in 1933, now associated with G. R. Johnson & Company, in Sharon. 2. Martha R. Lininger, born October 6, 1920, a student at Bucknell University.

BENJAMIN JARRETT—In many and varied capacities Benjamin Jarrett, of Farrell, has served the State of Pennsylvania, which he has represented in the United States Congress at Washington, District of Columbia, since 1937. He has done much for the improvement of his district, and he is widely known and respected among his constituents.

Mr. Jarrett was born July 18, 1881, in Sharon, Pennsylvania, son of James and Catherine (Jones) Jarrett. His father was a mill worker.

Public schools of Wheatland provided Benjamin Jarrett's early formal education, and, preparing himself for the practice of law, he was admitted to the bar of Pennsylvania in 1907. He began his practice in Farrell, and soon occupied a position of high standing among his fellow-citizens here. He lived in Wheatland at the beginning of his career, and it was there that he first became active in public affairs, serving for a time as burgess of that borough. When he established his residence in Farrell, Mr. Jarrett continued his public activities. From 1911 to 1913 he served as a member of the Pennsylvania State Senate. Next he became borough solicitor of Farrell, so serving for more than a decade. In 1919 he became a member of the Pennsylvania State Workers' Compensation Board, and remained on that board until 1923. He was elected in 1936 to the Seventy-fifth Congress, beginning his service in 1937 and continuing down to the time of writing, representing the Twentieth Congressional District of Pennsylvania.

To his many public activities, Mr. Jarrett has added some work with private civic organizations and fraternal groups. He belongs to the Free and Accepted Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Loyal Order of Moose, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Pythias and the Protected Home Circle. He is a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and his wife and children are Catholics.

Benjamin Jarrett married Agnes Boyle, born in Wheatland, Pennsylvania, daughter of Thomas and Mary Boyle. They became the parents of two children: 1. Fred Jarrett, born July 6, 1903, in Wheatland, studied in the Farrell schools, graduated as a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Michigan, in Ann Arbor, Michigan, studied law at George Washington Law School, Washington, District of Columbia, was graduated there as a Bachelor of Laws, was admitted to the bar in the District of Columbia and later in Pennsylvania, and upon completion of his education returned to Farrell to commence the private practice of law in association with his father; he is a Republican in politics, a Catholic, and a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. 2. Dorothy Jarrett, born July 4, 1905, wife of A. L. Bintz; they live in Zanesville, Ohio.

LEWIS LEVINE—As the mayor and a leading business man of Farrell, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, Lewis Levine has been an outstanding factor in the development of the municipality. He is a native of Hoosick Falls, New York, as were his parents, David and Mathilda (Levine) Levine, his father being a merchant.

Lewis Levine was born in 1889, acquired his education in the public schools of New Castle, Pennsylvania, and began his business career with the Peoples Credit Cloth-

ing Company, of Sharon, and, through his exceptional aptitude and close attention to the business, he was soon promoted to the position of manager, which post he held until 1912. In that year he resigned his position and established himself in the men's and boys' clothing business in Farrell. From a modest beginning Mr. Levine has gradually expanded his store to meet the growing needs of this community until he has today one of the finest clothing emporiums in this section of the State.

In 1932 Lewis Levine was elected a member of the Farrell City Council as financial director, 1932-36, and upon the completion of his term of office in the latter year, he was made mayor of Farrell by an overwhelming majority. In 1940 he was reelected to this position, and during his régime has been instrumental in the building of two fine city parks, his administration also being outstanding in its street construction, having paved over thirty streets since 1936. Also during this period the city installed a large modern sewage plant and system. Fraternally he is a member of the Loyal Order of Moose, and he is a member of the Lions Club, the German Club, the Polish Club, and the Slavic Club.

At Sharon, Pennsylvania, in 1913, Lewis Levine married Jessie Eckers, daughter of Henry and Hattie Eckers, and they are the parents of two sons: 1. Merle Levine, born August 14, 1914, a graduate of the University of Michigan, now associated with his father in the clothing business. He married Helen Mermelstein of Sharon, and they have one son, David Levine. 2. Joseph Levine, born May 10, 1920, a graduate of Farrell High School, now associated in business with his father and brother.

JOHN GLENN CARRUTHERS—Mr. Carruthers was born February 26, 1895, in Callery, Pennsylvania, son of John and Laura Jeanette (Wathey) Carruthers. His grandparents on the paternal side of the house, George and Jane (Dunn) Carruthers, were both born and reared in Scotland, and there were married before coming to the United States in 1845. George Carruthers, the grandfather, was a blacksmith and a master of his trade. He enlisted for Union Army service in 1863, when the Civil War days were darkest, and spent a year in the army, half of it in a hospital, until he was discharged because of a physical disability. After peace was restored, he turned to the oil fields.

His son, John Carruthers, John G. Carruthers' father, accompanied him to the oil fields, and learned the machinist's trade. He invented several oil well "fishing tools." He was one of eight children of his parents. Both before and after George Carruthers' death, which occurred in 1893, John Carruthers continued his activities as a machinist, and for sixteen years was interested in machine shops at Knapps Creek, New York, and Har-

mony, Pennsylvania, where he was a member of the firm of Carruthers & Peters. For a time afterward he opened and ran a shop in Callery, Pennsylvania, whence he came to Grove City in 1898 and became interested in the Bessemer Gas Engine Company. He was the joint-patentee, with E. J. Fithian, of the automatic friction clutch, manufactured by the Carruthers-Fithian Clutch Company, in Grove City. He was deeply interested in education and the Grove City schools, as well as in the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he was affiliated with the Knights Templar Commandery and other branches. John Carruthers married, in 1880, Laura Jeanette Wathey.

John Glenn Carruthers, their son, attended Grove City schools, and after studying at the high school here and at Mercersburg Academy became a student at Grove City College. When only fourteen years of age, he entered the employ of the Bessemer Gas Engine Company, in Grove City, which his father and Mr. Fithian had founded in 1898, as indicated above. In this plant, John Glenn Carruthers worked on Saturdays and holidays during his school years, then on a full-time basis, until his enlistment for World War service in 1917. Assigned to motor transport duty with the army, he held the sergeant's rank and saw overseas duty until he returned home in June, 1919, and once more became associated with the Bessemer Gas Engine Company. Mr. Carruthers was soon afterward made a vice-president and director of the company, so serving until 1928, when it was merged with other interests to form the present Cooper-Bessemer Corporation.

Politically Mr. Carruthers is a Republican. He has served a term as a member of the Grove City Borough Council and has otherwise taken a deep interest in public affairs. He is a former president of the Grove City Chamber of Commerce, a past commander of Grove City Post, No. 220, of the American Legion, and a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in Grove City and the Variety Club in Pittsburgh.

John Glenn Carruthers married, December 29, 1920, in Farrell, Pennsylvania, Mrs. Mary (Miller) Snyder, of Farrell, daughter of J. W. and Nancy (Butt) Miller.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF GROVE CITY—The First National Bank of Grove City has been in existence since 1884 as a privately owned institution. In 1896 it assumed its present title, with A. E. Graham as the first president. It was originally capitalized at \$50,000, and by the end of the first year had deposits amounting to \$95,000. The owners erected their own building in 1923, remodeling it in 1935 and fitting it in every way with modern banking conveniences and equipment. The original board of directors consisted of Mr. Graham, W. A. Young, J. M. Martin, T. W. Dale and W. G. Harshaw.

The present president is C. A. Eakin, M. L. McBride is vice-president, and F. H. Niece is cashier. The total resources of the bank are well over the \$2,000,000 mark.

RALF C. VOGAN, M. D.—A member of a family notable in the professions and business in northwestern Pennsylvania, Ralf C. Vogan, M. D., is one of its youngest representatives to win reputation in his work. After thorough preparation he began his career on the staff of the Polk State Institution for the Feeble Minded, in Polk, Pennsylvania. He then returned to his native town of Sandy Lake, this State, and initiated a general practice of his profession which he has continued to the present writing. Dr. Vogan has built up a lucrative practice and is the only general practitioner in Sandy Lake. He has been active in civic affairs and is on the staffs of the Grove City Hospital and the Mercer Cottage Hospital which is owned by his uncle, Dr. D. E. Vogan (*q. v.*)

Ralf C. Vogan was born April 4, 1904, at Sandy Lake, Pennsylvania, son of Harvey W. and Verna (Gadsey) Vogan. His father is a leading merchant of Sandy Lake, where four generations of the family have been identified with the town. He is a member of the school board, and much to the fore in civic, social and philanthropic affairs. The future doctor was educated in the public and high schools of Sandy Lake, Westminster College, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Science, and the University of Pittsburgh Medical College, where he became a Doctor of Medicine with the class of 1935. He interned at St. John's General Hospital, at Pittsburgh. Dr. Vogan keeps in close touch with colleagues and medical progress by memberships in the American Medical Association, the Pennsylvania State Medical Association and the Mercer County Medical Society. He is a Republican in his political allegiance; a member of the Sandy Lake Service Club. His religious affiliations are with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

At Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, March 31, 1934, Ralf C. Vogan, M. D., married Evelyn Jane Bartley, daughter of Alexander and Rebecca (Martin) Bartley, and they are the parents of three children: 1. Randa Vogan, born December 18, 1935. 2. Linda Jane Vogan, born February 9, 1938. 3. Alexa Vogan, born July 1, 1939.

DONALD VERE SAWHILL—The Mercer Tube & Manufacturing Company of Sharon and the Sawhill Manufacturing Company at Wheatland represent the present interests of Donald Vere Sawhill, whose career in the steel industry of western Pennsylvania began some thirty years ago. From modest beginnings he has risen to a position of prominence in the industry, controlling both companies with which he is associated and serving as an executive of each.

Mr. Sawhill was born at Midway, Pennsylvania, on April 8, 1891, son of Thomas Hudson and Anna Mary (Darby) Sawhill. His father, who served with the 85th Pennsylvania Infantry during the Civil War, was a farmer and contractor in Washington County.

Donald Vere Sawhill was the thirteenth of fourteen children born to his parents. He received his general education in the public schools of Claysville and in 1906 became associated with his father in the painting and contracting business. At the time he was fifteen years old. After two years he became a structural iron worker, finding employment both in western Pennsylvania and in West Virginia and, in 1910, entered a machine shop in Pittsburgh. Concurrently he attended night school and completed a commercial course. With this preparation, he secured a position with the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company. Beginning as a stenographer, he was soon advanced to a position in the sales department, where he remained until the United States entered the World War. In 1917 he resigned his place to enlist as a private in the United States Army, qualified for a commission in short order and was stationed at Camp Hancock, Georgia, for training, and later attained the rank of first lieutenant. Subsequently, he was ordered overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces and participated in five major campaigns of the American armies. Wounded in action, he was hospitalized for the remainder of the war and received his honorable discharge from the service following the Armistice.

In 1919 Mr. Sawhill resumed his career in civil life and for a period of ten months represented a Pittsburgh jobbing house. At the end of this time he went into business for himself. Organizing the firm of Sawhill & Moreland, manufacturers of iron and steel products, he has steadily developed his manufacturing interests in the industry during the intervening years. In 1925 he acquired control of the John H. McCloy Company, manufacturers of iron and steel products at Bridgeville, Pennsylvania, and changed the name to the Sawhill Manufacturing Company. Original officers of the new corporation were: M. W. McClane, president; B. H. Cannon, secretary; and D. V. Sawhill, treasurer and general manager. In 1940 the Sawhill Manufacturing Company purchased its present plant at Wheatland from the Sharon Steel Foundry and removed its operations from Bridgeville to Wheatland. The plant covers thirteen acres, one-half of which is under roof. They employ 1,400 people and their products are distributed throughout the United States and foreign countries. The present officers of the concern are: George A. Small, president and general manager; Louis Wiesen, vice-president; and D. V. Sawhill, secretary and treasurer. Although Mr. Sawhill has relinquished the active manage-

ment of the plant, he still holds the controlling interest in the company.

Meanwhile, in 1933, Mr. Sawhill was appointed co-receiver for the Mercer Tube & Manufacturing Company of Sharon by the Federal District Court. The receivership was continued until 1937, when a reorganization was consummated, all creditors were paid off at the rate of 100 cents on the dollar and the company resumed operations on a sound basis. As co-receiver, Mr. Sawhill had a major rôle in making possible this notable record. In March, 1939, having continued his interest in the company, he acquired the controlling stock holding and has since directed its operation as president and general manager. The Mercer Tube & Manufacturing Company is the largest strictly home-owned and home operated industry in the Shenango Valley, and the original name of the company has been retained. Associated with Mr. Sawhill in its management are R. F. Eisenbies, vice-president in charge of sales; and O. L. Long, secretary and treasurer of the company.

Mr. Sawhill, who is well known in the steel industry, is also active in the general life of the Sharon section. He is vice-president of the Sharon Chamber of Commerce; a past member of the Rotary Club; a member of the Sharon Country Club and the Youngstown City Club and a member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is a prominent Mason, being affiliated with all higher bodies of the Scottish and York rites, including the Royal Arch Chapter, the Council of the Royal and Select Masters and the Consistory, in which he has taken the thirty-second degree, as well as the Shrine. He is Past Commander and treasurer of the Legion of Honor of the Shrine. Mr. Sawhill is also affiliated with Sharon Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the Presbyterian Church.

In 1919, at Chicago, Illinois, he married Claire Brush, of Washington, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Sawhill are the parents of three children: 1. Anna Mary, born in 1921, a former student at Mt. Lebanon and Sharon High schools, Penn Hall and Carnegie Institute of Technology, now attending Syracuse University. She is a member of the Gamma Phi Beta sorority. 2. June C., born in 1925. She also attended Mt. Lebanon and Sharon High schools and is now a student at the Hathaway Brown School in Cleveland. 3. Donald B., born in 1930, a student in the Sharon public school.

GEORGE A. SMALL—Although George A. Small, now president of the Sawhill Manufacturing Company of Wheatland, has been associated with this organization only since 1932, he brought to this connection extensive

experience as a machinist and manufacturer, and his record with the company qualified him for the executive responsibilities he now bears. He has served in his present office since 1939 and is in full charge of the expanding business of his company.

Mr. Small was born in Felchville, Vermont, on March 23, 1901, son of George and Elizabeth (Sawhill) Small, both now deceased. His father was a Vermont farmer.

After a public school education in Washington County, Pennsylvania, supplemented in later years by a course at Pittsburgh Business School, Mr. Small began his career as office boy for the American Sheet & Tin Plate Company in Pittsburgh, where he remained for a year and a half. In 1918 he began a two-year connection with McDowell & Company, Pittsburgh pipe jobbers, at the end of which time, in 1920, he resigned to learn the machinists trade in the shop of R. H. Danvers at Pittsburgh. Upon the death of his employer in 1926, Mr. Small purchased the shop, which he sold soon afterward to the McDowell Company, who continued him as superintendent of the plant. In 1932 he terminated the association to join D. V. Sawhill (*q. v.*) as general manager of the Sawhill Manufacturing Company at Bridgeville. This enterprise in its present form, originated in 1925, when D. V. Sawhill, a manufacturer of iron and steel products since 1919, acquired control of a similar company, the John H. McCloy Company at Bridgeville, and changed its name to the Sawhill Manufacturing Company. Original officers of the new corporation were: M. W. McClane, president; B. H. Cannon, secretary; and D. V. Sawhill, treasurer and general manager. Mr. Small, entering the organization in 1932, contributed largely to the development of the business as general manager and in 1939 was elected president. Assuming this major executive office at the relatively early age of thirty-eight, Mr. Small has since continued as head of a growing company. The removal of the company to the Wheatland plant, formerly occupied by the Sharon Steel Foundry, was made under his direction in 1940. At its present site in Wheatland, the Sawhill Manufacturing Company has a plant covering thirteen acres, one-half of which is under roof. They employ 1,400 people and distribute their products throughout the United States and foreign countries. Associated with Mr. Small, who retains the general managership as well as the presidency of the company, are Louis Wiesen, vice-president; and D. V. Sawhill, secretary and treasurer. Mr. Sawhill holds the controlling interest in the company.

Mr. Small, an established figure in the industry of northwest Pennsylvania, has also taken an active interest in civic affairs of the Sharon area since coming to this city. He is a Democrat in politics, a member of the Sharon Country Club and a member of the Presbyterian Church.

On June 28, 1924, at Avalon, Pennsylvania, he married Jane Crea, daughter of the late William Crea. On August 12, 1925, a son, Donald, was born of this marriage. He met an accidental death April 1, 1939, and following his death, Mr. and Mrs. Small adopted a son, Thomas, born in 1940.

THOMAS MORRISON GALBREATH—With the Sharon Steel Corporation, Thomas Morrison Galbreath has served since 1937 as vice-president in charge of sales. He has been one of the organization's most active officials, both in Sharon and elsewhere, and is thoroughly cognizant of conditions existing in the corporation, having first become associated with it in the days when it was known as the Sharon Steel Hoop Company. At this writing he is in military service.

Mr. Galbreath was born in 1894 in Chestnut Level, Pennsylvania, son of John M. and Jane M. (Scott) Galbreath. His father, a Presbyterian minister, died in 1916.

Private schools provided Thomas Morrison Galbreath's early education, and in 1915 he was graduated from Yale University as a Bachelor of Arts. In that year he connected himself with the Bell Telephone Company, in Philadelphia, so serving until 1917. In May of that year he enlisted in the Aviation Corps of the United States Army, with the rank of second lieutenant, and spent fourteen months overseas. Though technically with the United States forces, he operated with the Royal Air Force, 148th Aerial Squadron. In 1919, after being honorably discharged from the service, Mr. Galbreath came to Sharon and entered the employ of the Sharon Steel Hoop Company, since renamed the Sharon Steel Corporation. He was employed at the outset in the accounting department, but in July, 1920, was sent to Philadelphia to open a sales office. There he remained until, in 1926, he was made manager of the Cleveland office. In 1928 he returned to the general office of the Sharon Steel Corporation (*q. v.*), in Sharon, where he was appointed assistant general manager of sales. In 1933 he became manager of sales, and in 1937 he was made vice-president in charge of sales. In February, 1942, he entered the United States Army and at the present time is located in the office of the Chief of Ordnance, Washington, District of Columbia, with a commission of lieutenant-colonel.

Continuing in this position down to the beginning of military service, he is widely known in the steel trade here and elsewhere, and at the same time he has contributed notably to civic and social life in Sharon. He is a Republican in politics, and belongs to the Sharon Country Club, the Trumbull Country Club of Warren, Ohio, the Youngstown Club and Youngstown Country Club, and the Duquesne Club of Pittsburgh. He is a Presbyterian in his religious faith. A man of genial and affable per-



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sonality, he has devoted his major time and interest to his work in the steel industry. His chief hobby and recreation is golf.

On October 25, 1923, at Avondale, Pennsylvania, Thomas Morrison Galbreath married Sophie Pusey McDowell, a graduate of Mount Holyoke College, daughter of Thomas and Sophie (Pusey) McDowell.

DAVID BYERS CARSON—One of the outstanding steel executives of the United States, David Byers Carson, who makes his home at Youngstown, Ohio, is vice-president of the Sharon Steel Corporation, and also vice-president of the Pittsburgh Steel Corporation. He is widely known among steel producers and industrial organizations as one of the best informed men in the country on stainless and alloy steels.

Born in Pittsburgh, David Byers Carson is the son of Theodore Freulingheuyzen and Louise (Ocksenhirt) Carson. Theodore Carson was a salesman. After attending the public schools of Steubenville, Ohio, David Byers Carson graduated from the Steubenville High School. Possessed of a burning ambition to make a career for himself in civil engineering, Mr. Carson worked his way through Ohio State University, graduating with the degree of Civil Engineer. Following his first employment after graduation as a rodman with the New York Central Railroad's Columbus office, Mr. Carson became successively a draftsman and an assistant engineer with the railroad. He took an interest in the steel industry and obtained a position as an inspector with the Carbon Steel Company of Pittsburgh, soon advancing to be a clerk and sales agent. This progress was interrupted by the World War, Mr. Carson joining the American Army and being commissioned first lieutenant in the ordnance department and put in charge of inspection of shells and munitions. After the war, he returned to the Carbon Steel Company and, his abilities becoming apparent, was made district sales manager. This position was changed soon after for a post as district sales manager for the Tacony Steel Company at Cleveland. By 1923 Mr. Carson was with the Central Alloy Steel Company of Massillon, with which organization he was advanced to the management of the research and development department. By 1930 his abilities had been widely recognized and he was invited to Cleveland to become vice-president and treasurer of the Associated Alloy Steel Corporation and three years later he was taken by President Henry A. Roemer of the Sharon Steel Corporation to be made manager of the stainless steel and alloy division of the corporation at Sharon. In 1936 he was given a similar position with the Pittsburgh Steel Company of which Mr. Roemer was also president. In 1937 he was made vice-president of Sharon

Steel Corporation and in 1939 vice-president of Pittsburgh Steel Company.

Supporting his interest by membership in the American Iron & Steel Institute and the American Society for Metals, Mr. Carson, who worships at the First Presbyterian Church, belongs to the Masonic fraternity, being a member of the Columbus, Ohio, lodge. Finding recreation in bridge and golf, he is a member of several clubs and societies, among them being the Youngstown Club, the Youngstown Country Club, the Cleveland Athletic Club, the Pittsburgh Duquesne Club and Delta Upsilon fraternity. During his college days at Ohio State, where he was manager of the school annual, he was a member of the Bucket and Dipper and the Triangle honorary fraternities.

On November 29, 1917, David B. Carson married Rose Steinfield, of East Liverpool, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Carson are the parents of three children: 1. Susan Marion, born in 1919, a graduate of Stevens College and the Connecticut College for Women, and having received a Master of Arts degree from Brown University. 2. David Byers, born in 1921 and attending Amherst College. 3. Robert Sterling, born in 1926, also attending Amherst College.

CARROLL L. MELVIN—As cashier of the Citizens' National Bank, Carroll L. Melvin has made a notable contribution to the life of Bradford.

Mr. Melvin was born August 16, 1882, in Bradford, Pennsylvania, son of Charles C. and Lina (Loomis) Melvin, of this city. His great-grandfather, John S. Melvin, son of John F. and Lucretia (Farr) Melvin, was at one time a wealthy man, but lost his fortune through destruction of a turnpike he had nearly completed near Boston, when heavy and continuing rains washed away the new road; he enlisted in the War of 1812, but near its close was stricken with pneumonia, dying while still very young, in 1814. He married Susannah Sargent, who died in Chester, New Hampshire, aged ninety-four years. Their son, John Folsom Melvin, was a merchant in McKean County, Pennsylvania, where he settled in 1826, and was a Democrat in politics and a leading Methodist. He married Lucretia Farr. Their son, Charles Carroll Melvin, Carroll L. Melvin's father, was born April 15, 1833, in Bradford, and after attending public and select schools and Olean Academy he entered the lumber business with his father, at whose death he became administrator of the estate. He had extensive business interests, including a sawmill and large timber tracts, and he also conducted a general store for some years, in association with R. T. Lain, and another store in association with his brother, Thomas J. Melvin, in East Bradford. At one time he rafted lumber down the

river to Cincinnati, and he was active also in the oil industry as a producer, as vice-president of the First National Bank of Bradford, and as a leader in construction of the Bunker Hill Railroad from Bradford to Smethport (one of the first railroads in this part of Pennsylvania). He was a Democrat. He married Lina Loomis, of Otisville, New York. They became the parents of two children: 1. Lucretia H. Melvin, born July 25, 1877, became the wife of Earle C. Emery, a Bradford oil producer. 2. Carroll L. Melvin, of further mention.

Carroll L. Melvin attended different preparatory schools, then went to Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, where he received the degree of Mechanical Engineer in 1905. From Cornell he came directly to the First National Bank of Bradford as a "trotter," and served in many capacities until the time of reorganization, in March, 1918, when the old bank became the McKean County Trust Company. He remained with that institution until it was liquidated in 1931, serving as secretary and assistant treasurer. In 1936, when the new Citizens' National Bank was formed, Mr. Melvin was elected cashier, an office that he has held down to the time of writing. His well-nigh three and a half decades of service, mainly to one institution, have given him a solid and substantial place in the life of his community and his times, and he is highly respected and honored in banking and business circles wherever he is known.

In addition to his work along these lines, he is a vice-president of the bank. He has also been connected with the oil industry as a producer, and is treasurer of the Phoenix Oil Company. He is a Republican in politics. He belongs to the Pennhills Country Club, the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, and the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is affiliated with Union Lodge, No. 334, Bradford Chapter, No. 260, Royal Arch Masons; Bradford Council, No. 43, Royal and Select Masters; Trinity Commandery, No. 58, Knights Templar; Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Zem Zem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. On January 11, 1911, Carroll L. Melvin married Della Cochran, of Bradford, Pennsylvania, daughter of James E. Cochran, of that place, an oil producer. The following children were born of this marriage: 1. Lina E. Melvin, who became the wife of Garrett E. Conklin; they reside in Dallas, Texas, and are the parents of Carroll and Grace Conklin. Mrs. Conklin is a graduate of the Baldwin School, of Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. 2. Lucille D. Melvin, who died in 1936, aged seventeen years.

JAMES HORNER MORRISON—General works manager of the Sharon Steel Company, Sharon, Pennsylvania, James Horner Morrison takes a very active part in

the civic and social life of his city and is honored by a host of friends, as well as being respected by many admirers.

James Horner Morrison was born March 10, 1892, at Struthers, Ohio, the son of William A. and Mary E. (Hazen) Morrison. Dr. William A. Morrison, who passed away in 1920, engaged in the general practice of medicine at Elwood City, Pennsylvania, where he enjoyed the respect and admiration of his fellow-citizens.

After passing through the public schools of Struthers and graduating from the high school at Youngstown, Ohio, James Horner Morrison entered Washington and Jefferson College and then continued his education at the University of Pittsburgh. In 1915 Mr. Morrison entered the steel business at the bottom, beginning as a laborer at the Sharon Steel Works at Lowellville, Ohio. By 1935 he was made general superintendent of the mills at the Monessen, Pennsylvania, plant of the Pittsburgh Steel Company, leaving that position in 1940 to come to Sharon as general works manager of the Sharon Steel Corporation, the post he now occupies. A member of the Republican party and belonging to the First Presbyterian Church of Sharon, Mr. Morrison supports the Sharon Country Club and the Youngstown Country Club, as well as belonging to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Masonic fraternity.

On November 19, 1914, at Youngstown, Ohio, James Horner Morrison married Mary Isobelle Kennedy, daughter of J. P. and J. M. (Millikin) Kennedy. Mr. and Mrs. Morrison are the parents of three children: 1. Jane M., born in 1916 and educated at the Sullens School in North Carolina. She married Charles Williams, industrial engineer of Monessen, Ohio, and they are the parents of a daughter, Jane Mary, born in 1939. 2. William Robert, born in 1920. He is a junior at Washington and Jefferson College and is employed in the open hearth department of the Pittsburgh Steel Company, Pittsburgh. 3. James Horner, Jr., born in 1927, now attending school at Sharon.

ALBERT DEAN TROTH—A steel man who has been identified with the industry for thirty-six years continuously, Albert Dean Troth, of Sharon, Pennsylvania, is director of purchases of the Sharon Steel Corporation, a position which he has held since 1912.

Albert Dean Troth was born August 26, 1881, at Brownsville, Pennsylvania, the son of Oliver J. and Elizabeth (Storey) Troth. Oliver J. Troth, who passed away in 1936, was a tailor and a native of Brownsville.

Attending the public schools of Brownsville and going on to the California Normal School, Albert Dean Troth in 1905 became associated with the Sharon Steel Hoop Company as purchasing manager, a position which he held until 1911 when he came to Sharon and joined the

Sharon Steel Corporation. A year later, in 1912, he was made director of purchases of that corporation, a post which he has occupied through the present time. A member of the Republican party and belonging to the Episcopal Church, Mr. Troth supports his business interests by membership in the National Association of Purchasing Agents. Finding relaxation from his duties with the Sharon Steel Corporation in hunting and fishing, Mr. Troth, who is a member of the Duquesne Club of Pittsburgh and the Youngstown Club of Youngstown, Ohio, takes a keen interest in Masonry. He is a member of Sharon Lodge, No. 668, Free and Accepted Masons, New-castle Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Erie Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Albert Dean Troth married, October 16, 1907, at Bellevue, Pennsylvania, Winona Irwin, daughter of Thomas W. and Grace (Simms) Irwin. Mr. and Mrs. Troth are the parents of a daughter, Elizabeth L., who was born July 2, 1912. A graduate of Kingsmith School, Washington, District of Columbia, she married Francis Marion Powell, who is associated with the Stainless Steel Art Department of the Sharon Steel Corporation.

GARRETT A. CONNORS—Vice-president of the Pittsburgh Steel Corporation of Pittsburgh and vice-president in charge of industrial relations of the Sharon Steel Corporation, Garrett A. Connors, of Sharon, Pennsylvania, is a prominent citizen of his city, being active in various civic and social organizations.

Garrett A. Connors was born in 1889 at Youngstown, Ohio, the son of Garrett C. and Mary (Scanlon) Connors. Garrett C. Connors, who passed away in 1935, was a mill worker employed at Youngstown.

After passing through the Youngstown, Ohio, schools, Garrett A. Connors became a machinist apprentice. His first regular employment began in 1907 with the Trustcon Steel Company at Youngstown and, in the years which followed, he held various positions with the company until he was appointed vice-president in charge of sales. Then, in 1925, Mr. Connors resigned from this company to join the Youngstown Pressed Steel Company of Warren, Ohio, as vice-president in charge of operations. He remained in that position until 1937, when he came to Sharon, Pennsylvania, and became associated with the Sharon Steel Corporation, as the vice-president charged with industrial relations. In addition, he has been appointed a vice-president of the Pittsburgh Steel Corporation of Pittsburgh.

A Republican politically and a member of St. Columbus Roman Catholic Church, Youngstown, Ohio, Mr. Connors is very much interested in the various civic and social organizations of Sharon and Youngstown, being a member of the Youngstown Club, the Youngstown Country

Club, the Congress Lake Club, the Sharon Country Club, the Pittsburgh Athletic Club and the American Iron and Steel Institute.

In 1910, at Youngstown, Ohio, Garrett A. Connors married Frances Quinn. Mr. and Mrs. Connors are the parents of three children: 1. Norbert, who was born in 1911; he is New York sales representative of the Sharon Steel Corporation; he married Mary Sullivan and they are the parents of two children: Norbert, Jr., born in 1937, and Garry, born in 1940. 2. Louise, who was born in 1913; she married Paul Howard, who is associated with the Coca-Cola Company and stationed at Youngstown, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Howard are the parents of a daughter, Suzanne, born in 1938. 3. Harry E., who was born in 1920 and is now a student at Georgetown University.

E. W. PERKINS—For years E. W. Perkins has helped to build Cambridge Springs and its institutions, and his business enterprises have grown and prospered. He operates a firm dealing in petroleum products and heating appliances, at both wholesale and retail, situated in his own fine building at the edge of town, on the main highway.

Mr. Perkins was born October 10, 1899, in Warren County, Pennsylvania, son of Sprague Zir and Myrtle Alice (Rose) Perkins. His father was an oil producer in Warren County.

Warren County schools provided E. W. Perkins' early formal education. He first came to Cambridge Springs when he was twenty-two years old, representing the Atlantic Refinery as a salesman of petroleum products. In 1926 he came here and established his own business, building the modern building referred to above, in which he now carries on operations on an ever-expanding scale and employs six people. The business has expanded continuously in such a way as to meet the fast-growing needs of the community.

Mr. Perkins, in addition to developing this enterprise, has interested himself extensively in community affairs and particularly in the development of highways in Crawford County. He is a Democrat in his political views and president of the Cambridge Springs Chamber of Commerce. He is a trustee of the Methodist Church. These organizations and the town as a whole have benefited to a notable degree from the labors of Mr. Perkins, who has proven himself a hard worker and public-spirited citizen of the first rank.

E. W. Perkins married (first), in 1920, Florence Pees, of Meadville, who died in 1930, daughter of Frank A. and Alice Pees. They became the parents of four children: 1. Robert Perkins, born in 1920, became a student at Alliance College, Cambridge Springs. 2. Mary Perkins, born in 1924, a student in Cambridge Springs High School. 3. Marjorie Perkins, born in 1927, also a high

school student. 4. Paul Perkins, born in 1930, a public school student. Mr. Perkins married (second), in 1934, Florence Louise Swift, of Cambridge Springs, who died in 1940. They became the parents of a son, Homer George Perkins, who was born in 1940.

MARC A. BYRD—Known for his constructive rôle in Saegerstown and Hatfield affairs, Marc A. Byrd is president of the Saegerstown Mineral Water Company, Inc. He also is sole owner of the Byrd Beverage Company, in Hatfield, where he has his residence.

Mr. Byrd was born February 17, 1889, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, son of John and Ella (McFarland) Byrd. His father was born in Ireland, came to America at the age of three years with his family, and was for years engaged in the sheet metal and metal construction industry in Philadelphia.

Marc A. Byrd was formally educated in Philadelphia public schools and at the Phibell Business School and the University of Pennsylvania. He was still very young when he turned his attention to work in the building industry, traveling to many parts of the United States to fulfill the assignments given him. It was in 1912 that he first went into the beverage business, in which he is still engaged. In that year he became associated with the Bedford Springs Company, in Bedford, Pennsylvania. In 1919 he began experimenting in the manufacture and origination of flavors, and in 1920 he went into the beverage business on his own account, establishing plants in both Chester and Brownsville, Pennsylvania. Subsequently he added other plants to these. In 1925 he retired to his own farm, where he did a certain amount of farm work for his own interest and satisfaction. The bank holiday of 1933 ended disastrously for him, however, and in the years that followed he devoted his attention mainly to effecting his business recovery.

His success in this connection deserves high commendation, for Mr. Byrd has again become a leading figure in the bottled beverage industry. In 1935 he resumed work along these lines. In 1940 he purchased what was left of the Saegerstown Mineral Water Company, and in one year at the helm achieved a record totally eclipsing that of his predecessors in the previous decade. He is president of the Saegerstown Mineral Water Company, Inc., as the enterprise is known, and the other officers are John Bainard, vice-president, and John Tracy, secretary. Mr. Byrd also is sole owner of the Byrd Beverage Company, in Hatfield, and of a laboratory, centered in Hatfield, for experimentation in the manufacture of flavors to be used in both plants.

In addition to his work in the business world, Mr. Byrd is interested in politics, public life, social and civic affairs and fraternalism. He is a Republican in his partisan affili-

ation. Active in the Free and Accepted Masons, which he joined in Philadelphia, he holds the thirty-second degree of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and is connected with the Consistory at Reading. In leisure time Mr. Byrd gives most of his time to working about his "straw farm," as he calls it, three miles from Saegertown.

Marc A. Byrd married, November 18, 1914, Madeline Peper, of Brooklyn, New York, daughter of William and Julia Peper.

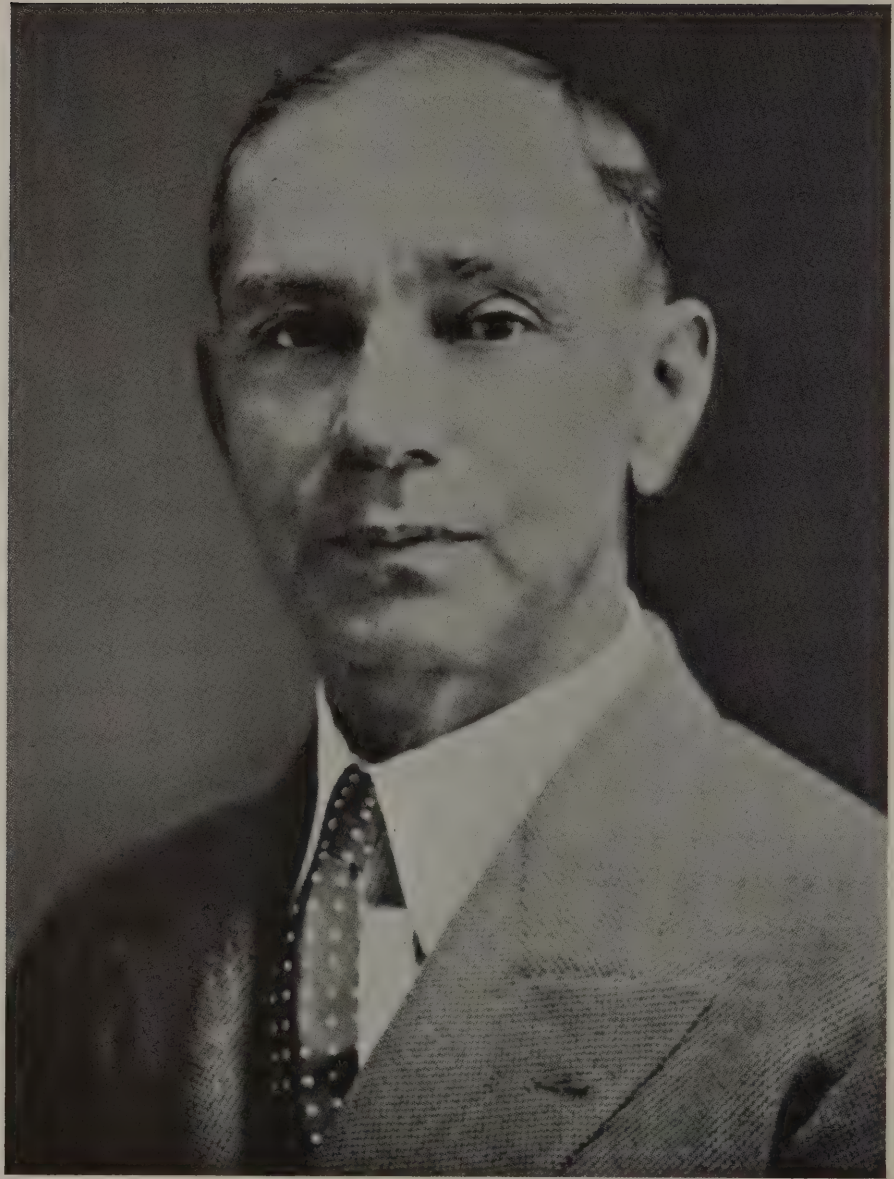
KARL SPENCER WILLARD—Crawford County residents have particular reason to be proud of the Crawford County Home, established in Saegerstown to minister to the needs of some of the community's less fortunate members, many of them people in a poor state of health. This home, which has its own complete community life, including special church services, is in charge of Karl Spencer Willard, the superintendent, who with his wife has performed a highly creditable work in this connection.

Mr. Willard was born February 12, 1889, in Woodcock Township, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, son of William E. and Lucretia (Spencer) Willard. His father was a Crawford County farmer.

Saegerstown schools provided Karl Spencer Willard's early formal education. Upon completing his schooling, he taught for four years in Woodcock Township and the Borough of Woodcock. Afterward he returned to the fine farm that he owns in this township, about three miles from Saegerstown. He did considerable farming until 1928, when he received his appointment as superintendent of the Crawford County Home. He still serves in this capacity, directing all operations concerning the care of the home's 150 residents and the conduct of the 250-acre farm run in connection with it. On the farm are eight large buildings, and twenty persons are employed to carry on the work. Mr. and Mrs. Willard together have accomplished a very valuable work for their community, providing excellent care for the residents. The home has its own water supply and sewage system, and is operated on a very efficient basis, only \$23,526.04 having been spent in actual cash in 1940 to care admirably for a daily average of between 140 and 150 persons. On the adjoining farm is to be found one of Crawford County's finest dairy herds, housed in one of Pennsylvania's most modern barns. The farm mascot, incidentally, is "Laddie," a dog of mixed police and shepherd breed, which came to the farm about 1936 as a stray, in a scraggy and decrepit condition, and was adopted and taken care of by the Willards and others. "Laddie" is now a beautiful specimen of canine health, and is particularly dear to Mr. Willard.

Mr. Willard takes a lively interest in Saegerstown affairs. He is a Republican, a member of the Knights of





Frank Robinson

Pythias and the Grange, and a leading figure in community life.

Karl Spencer Willard married, June 20, 1923, in Meadville, Pennsylvania, Frances McKinley, daughter of George A. McKinley, a Crawford County farmer, and Lizzie (Christy) McKinley. Mrs. Willard, who, as already indicated, shares her husband's responsibilities in connection with operation of the Crawford County Home, is a graduate of the Pennsylvania State Normal School at Edinboro, and taught at Penn High School, Meadville, until the time when the Willards came to the County Home in 1928.

WYLY FRANCIS FLINT—Associated with his father and brother in the lumber, building supply and construction business, Wyly Francis Flint, of Meadville, owns a one-third interest in two companies working along these lines. One of these, the Valley Lumber Company, with headquarters in Meadville, is run by his father and brother, while he himself has complete personal charge of the other, known as Frank Flint & Sons, in Blooming Valley.

Mr. Flint was born December 22, 1911, in Richmond Township, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, son of Frank Flint, who founded these enterprises. His brother is Charles Flint. The three men together have earned wide respect and admiration in this Pennsylvania district.

Wyly Francis Flint attended Crawford County schools and Meadville High School, and was graduated from the United States Pharmacists' Mates' School, at Portsmouth, Virginia. He served an enlistment in the navy from 1929 to 1931, and upon being honorably discharged from the service became associated with the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company as a service man in Meadville. Later he was transferred to Buffalo and assigned there to the collecting department. In 1936 he returned to Meadville and began his work with his father in the lumber trade, purchasing a one-third interest in the business in that same year and becoming a partner with his father and brother. The Valley Lumber Company, in Meadville, and the firm of Frank Flint & Sons, in Blooming Valley, have made a distinctive contribution to the business life of this region, handling all sorts of materials for building and construction and serving an ever-growing clientele.

Frank Flint & Sons, directed by Wyly F. Flint, deal in all kinds of lumber supplies and building materials for the retail trade, and operate a contracting department for the building of residences. Mr. Flint employs in this one plant eighteen people, while the plant itself covers eleven acres, two acres being roofed over. The firm averages \$180,000 per year in construction work alone, and has a business volume totaling \$100,000 in the lumberyard branch.

A man of many and varied interests, Mr. Flint is interested in politics and public affairs. Though a Republican, he votes independently. He takes a great deal of satisfaction in his favorite hobby, which is flying, and is an excellent pilot and a member of flyers' organizations. He belongs to the Aviation Country Club and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. Otherwise, fishing is his major diversion. He devotes most of his time to the development of his own successful business, and is a highly valued member of the Meadville community. He is a Protestant in religious faith.

Wyly Francis Flint married, December 22, 1938, Bessie DeBeillows, daughter of Frank DeBeillows, a Meadville lumber dealer.

W. E. MONNIE—The "Conneaut Lake Breeze," of which he is co-owner and publisher, represents the present business interest of W. E. Monnie, who has devoted his career to the printing and publishing field and assumed control of the "Breeze" in 1939.

He was born on October 7, 1915, son of Charles O. Monnie, a contractor, and Grace (Haughey) Monnie, and received a public school education. At its completion he adopted publishing as his life work and in 1939, with Frank Heberling, Jr. (*q. v.*), he purchased all rights of ownership in the "Conneaut Lake Breeze," a local newspaper published at Conneaut Lake. Since the acquisition of this newspaper, Mr. Monnie and Mr. Heberling, adopting progressive policies, have greatly enlarged its circulation and increased its influence as an organ of news and opinion. Their plant boasts very modern equipment, of a kind seldom found outside of large cities, and in addition to the publication of the "Breeze," they carry on a job and commercial printing business of substantial proportions.

Mr. Monnie is a member of the American Press Association and the Newspaper Publishers' Association. A Catholic in religious faith, he is a member of St. Peter's parish at Conneaut Lake.

In 1940 he married Ruth Diehl, daughter of Clarence Diehl, a farmer.

FRANK A. ROBISON—As superintendent of the Shawmut Commercial Company and a popular public official, Frank A. Robison is widely known in Elk County. He has spent more than forty years in the service of the mercantile branch of the Shawmut enterprises, rising to his present position on the merit of his record. He has also filled with credit a number of public offices, including that of sheriff of Elk County. He is now serving as register, recorder and clerk of the Orphans Court of Elk County.

Mr. Robison was born at Punxsutawney on April 20, 1878, son of D. W. and M. A. (Geiselman) Robison. His father, a tailor by trade, was born at Hanover, Pennsylvania, May 20, 1838, and died at Punxsutawney on May 4, 1918. The mother was born at Gettysburg, October 5, 1839, and died June 5, 1935.

Frank A. Robison received a public school education, culminating with his graduation from Punxsutawney High School. In 1900 he first entered the employ of the Shawmut Commercial Company, a subsidiary of the Pittsburgh, Shawmut & Northern Railroad Company, with which he has been associated during the remainder of his career. Beginning as clerk, he was promoted to bookkeeper in September, 1901, and in 1904 was appointed assistant superintendent of the organization, which embraces a number of stores. In 1917, as a result of his successful performance of prior executive duties and his long experience in the organization, he was appointed superintendent of the Shawmut Commercial Company and has since been in active charge of its operations.

Meanwhile, he also became active in public life. At Saint Marys, where he makes his home, he has been a leader for many years in civic affairs and served for several terms on the Borough Council. In 1926 he became jury commissioner of the county and in 1931 was elected to the office of sheriff of Elk County. For this post he received the nominations of both Republican and Democratic parties, a striking tribute to his personal popularity and the public confidence which he commands. This confidence was well justified by the zeal and fidelity with which he performed the duties of his office. He also served as president of The Sheriffs' Association of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. He is president and director of St. Marys Savings & Loan Association.

Mr. Robison is a trustee of Andrew Kaul Memorial Hospital at Saint Marys and is actively associated with other community institutions. He is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is a member of all higher bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including the thirty-second degree of the Consistory; and is an honorary life member of Saint Marys Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; a member of Saint Marys Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles; and a member of the Protective Fraternal League of Saint Marys. In these orders he has filled various offices.

On August 5, 1900, Frank A. Robison married Martha O. Wildt, daughter of Alfred Wildt, then residing at Brockport. They are the parents of three children: Edwin A., who married Genevieve Coyle, of Saint Marys, and is now a resident of St. Marys; Francis, who married Dolores Bauer of Saint Marys; and Leona, who married Arthur A. Johnson, of Saint Marys.

CYRUS McMICHAEL—For many years, Cyrus McMichael has been a well-known figure in the life of Conneaut Lake, where he is active in public affairs and numerous civic enterprises, as well as the principal institutions of the section.

Mr. McMichael was born at Littleton, Illinois, on July 19, 1870, and is a descendant of old American families, whose representatives served in the American Revolution and the War of 1812. His father, who continued this tradition, was a soldier in the Civil War. Mr. McMichael received his education in the public schools of Greenwood Township and like many other young men of the period turned to farming and worked in his father's sawmill after leaving school and followed it for a number of years. Subsequently, he was appointed a rural mail carrier, remained in the postal service thirty-two years and seven months, continuing until he retired on pension. Since his retirement he has devoted his time very largely to civic affairs, to his research on the history of Crawford County and other writings and various private interests. Among these was the invention of his flag holder, for which he now has a patent pending in the United States Patent Office. In 1941 he was the author of "A Patriotic Manual," published by Paebur Company, of New York City.

Mr. McMichael has been very active in the affairs of Conneaut Lake, where he has served as councilman, member of the school board, justice of the peace and in several other offices. For many years he has been interested in the preservation of the fine traditions of the Nation's past and is a member of several of the patriotic organizations to which he is eligible by right of birth, including the Sons of the American Revolution, the Society of the War of 1812 and the Sons of Union Veterans, in the latter of which he has been a member for more than fifty years and has served as commander. In addition to these connections, Mr. McMichael is a Fellow of the United States Institute of American Genealogy from which he received a reward of merit, the American Philatelists' Association and the American Numismatic Association, memberships which reflect a number of his principal interests; the Junior Order of American Mechanics; the Patrons of Husbandry, in which he has taken the seventh degree in the National Grange; and Conneaut Lake Post, No. 587, American Legion, of which he was chaplain fifteen years, and Americanization officer, two years. He is also a member and past president of the Crawford County branch of the National Association of Rural Mail Carriers and a member of the Minor Judiciary Society of Crawford County. At Conneaut Lake he is a member of the local fire department, the Parent-Teachers' Association and the United Presbyterian Church, in which he is an elder and clerk of the sessions, as well as a past officer of the Sunday school. Mr. McMichael's interest in

Americanism has found expression in his book, "Patriotism, Peace and Prosperity," which is now on the press. He has also accumulated a vast amount of data on Crawford County, from which he is compiling a county history.

In 1894 Cyrus McMichael married Nellie Mathers, of Greenwood Township, and they are the parents of four children: 1. Albert, born in 1896. 2. May, born in 1904, married Murray A. Gibbs; they have seven children: Nellie, Dorothy, Clayton, Robert, Charles, Rose and Jack. 3. Blanche, born in 1910, married Winston Hazen; they have three children: Mary, Barbara, and Wendell. 4. Sarah, born in 1916, married Robert Smith, and they have a daughter, Patricia Ann Smith.

THOMAS L. NICOLLS—Three successive generations, of which Thomas L. Nicolls is the latest and last since the death of his only son, have been identified with agriculture at Conneautville, Crawford County. Their forebears, for the most part, came from Ireland long ago seeking opportunity for a better and fuller life, and found it in Pennsylvania. The grandfather of Thomas L. Nicolls, Seneca Nicolls, came to Conneautville and carved a farm from the forest. He was a son of Simon Nicolls, born in New York State. Simon was a son of (II) William Nicolls and his father was (I) William Nicolls who came from Ireland and settled in New York State. William Nicholls (II) was a Revolutionary soldier. After the war he settled in Mohawk Valley at Little Falls, New York, where he married a Miss Ray. Simon C. Nicolls, Seneca Nicolls' son, developed a place of two hundred and sixty-five acres which he bequeathed to his son, of this record. While Thomas L. Nicolls has never lost his love of the land and its cultivation, he operates what is probably the largest coal and feed business in Crawford County, and is prominent in many phases of public and civic affairs.

Mr. Nicolls was born at Conneautville, Pennsylvania, December 13, 1863, son of Simon C. and Louisa (Shaw) Nicolls. After being educated in the schools of Crawford County he joined his father in farming, becoming the eventual owner of the estate of two hundred and sixty-five acres already mentioned. He followed general agriculture until 1921, when he started a new enterprise, the Thomas L. Nicolls Coal & Feed Company, of Conneautville. This business has grown with the years to an outstanding place in the county. The owner has his own mill, doing commercial grinding, and maintains a plant and equipment fully sufficient to serve a large clientele. Motor trucks are a most modern feature of equipment, which brings a wide territory within range of delivery.

Mr. Nicolls still farms, besides having a fine home in town. He is an influential figure in the local Republican party, and serves as councilman. He is treasurer of the

Patrons Coöperative Association, of Crawford County; and has been a member of the Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, for more than half a century, now being a life member. He also affiliates with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is a Past Noble Grand, and belongs to the Fellows Club, of Conneautville, and the Methodist Episcopal Church, serving on the official board.

At Meadville, Pennsylvania, Thomas L. Nicolls married (first), on April 2, 1888, Ida Waldo, who died on May 23, 1935, and they were the parents of four children: 1. Clare B. Nicolls, born February 23, 1891, and died in 1940. He married Ethel Liniger, and they were the parents of five boys: i. Earl Robert, who married Dorothy Parker, and they have a son, Thomas Nicolls. ii. Gerald, married Mary Loucks. iii. Thomas, married Annie Staub. iv. Ward, in the United States Army. v. Keith. 2. Parke Hobart Nicolls, born February 24, 1893, and died September 16, 1930; he married Louise Graves. 3. Edna L., born June 16, 1899, who married Carl Tyler, a farmer of Crawford County, and is the mother of three children: Donald, Winifred, and Ida, deceased. 4. Mildred, born March 14, 1900, married B. Johnson, and is the mother of four children: Lyle, Parke, Arlene, and David. Mr. Nicolls married (second), on October 19, 1936, Mabel G. McBride, of Conneautville.

DON EDWARD MOSS—General manager of the Moss Lumber Company of Cochranton, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, and a partner in the Moss Brothers Lumber Company of Conneaut Lake, Crawford County, Don Edward Moss, of Cochranton, is one of the leading younger business men of his community and county, carrying along in the family's lumbering interests which have been conducted in northwestern Pennsylvania for many years.

Don Edward Moss was born on May 28, 1915, at Conneaut Lake, Pennsylvania, a son of C. T. and Claire (Ramsey) Moss. C. T. Moss, who was born in Canada, is one of the leading citizens of Crawford County. He is very active in social and civic affairs, as well as being half-owner of the Moss Brothers Lumber Company of Conneaut Lake. This company, which also operates a lumber yard at Greenville, Mercer County, is one of the prominent lumbering organizations of Pennsylvania. Mr. Moss was one of the first steamboat proprietors on Conneaut Lake; he has given generously to his community for many years, serving for two decades as a member of the Conneaut Lake School Board. In addition to his lumbering interests in Pennsylvania, Mr. Moss is active as an Odd Fellow, being a Past Noble Grand of the Conneaut Lake Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is also established in Florida, where he is owner of a large amount of real estate at West Palm Beach.

After passing through the primary schools of Conneaut Lake, Pennsylvania, and graduating from the Conneaut Lake High School, Don Edward Moss entered the University of Pittsburgh and then, in 1936, was taken into partnership with his two cousins, Ralf and Silas Moss, to organize the Moss Lumber Company of Cochranton. As general manager of the enterprise, Mr. Moss has developed the business considerably, making it outstandingly successful until, at the present time, a new office building has been completed to accommodate its staff. The company occupies five acres of land in Cochranton, two of which are under roof, and keeps four trucks busy on the road. Mr. Moss also has an interest in the parent family organization, Moss Brothers Lumber Company, of Conneaut Lake and Greenville. A member of the Republican party, and through that organization expressing his active interest in the civic and political affairs of Cochranton and Crawford County, Mr. Moss worships at the Presbyterian Church of Cochranton.

Don Edward Moss married, in 1939, at Conneaut Lake, Pennsylvania, Florence Kerr. They are the parents of a son, Ted, who was born July 21, 1940.

FRANK E. GRAFT—Active in Union City's automobile industry, Frank E. Graft conducts the Ford agency and garage here and is recognized as one of the community's leading business men and public-spirited citizens.

Mr. Graft was born July 14, 1894, in Scottdale, Pennsylvania, son of Charles Graft, a steel worker, and Minnie (Hixson) Graft. Public and high schools of Scottdale, his birthplace, provided Frank E. Graft's early formal education, and he early became connected with the foundry business as a moulder in Corry. Remaining there from 1922 to 1937, he then came to Union City and entered the automobile business. He became, at that time, manager of the Union City branch of the Ford agency and garage, owned by Mr. Powell, of Corry.

Today Mr. Graft handles a forty-car contract in Union City and employs seven people. The enterprise occupies a fine modern building, and the turnover of cars is excellent. Mr. Graft also takes a lively interest in the community's general business life, notably through his activity in certain organizations, such as the Union City Lions Club, of which he was formerly president. He also is president of the Golden Rule Club of Union City, which serves the community as a chamber of commerce and which has been of great benefit to local citizens. Mr. Graft has also served as the club's vice-president and has at all times taken an active part in its work. Politically he is a Republican. He belongs to the Methodist Church. In spare time he is fond of the out-of-doors, especially enjoying hunting and fishing, and he derives a great deal of satisfaction from his participation in Union City's civic life.

Frank E. Graft married, October 4, 1919, Jean Sherrick. Mr. and Mrs. Graft became the parents of a daughter, Rachael Graft, who was born in 1920 and attended Seton Hill School and Indiana State College. She is now associated with the Raymond Manufacturing Company, of Corry.

JOHN LEE REYNOLDS—The recreational center which has grown up on the lake at Edinboro since John Lee Reynolds organized his canoe club there in 1937, owes its origin to his initiative and its development to his vision and energy. He is the largest owner of canoes, motor boats and rowboats on the lake, provides restaurant and cottage accommodations and facilities for dancing and innumerable sports.

Mr. Reynolds was born at Edinboro on July 4, 1903, son of John A. and Clemmie (Amidon) Reynolds, both of Pennsylvania families. His father is a plumbing contractor. After his preliminary education in the Edinboro public schools, John Lee Reynolds attended the local State Teachers College and subsequently entered Allegheny College, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1928. While at college he taught history, sociology and economics and cultivated an innate love of music to such an extent that he became professor of that subject, organized a private orchestra of forty musicians, all on his payroll, and conducted many concert tours. Music remains his principal professional interest. In 1937 Mr. Reynolds went into business for himself on a larger scale, organizing his canoe club at Edinboro, on the lake. It has grown larger each year and now, during the summer months, he is host to thousands of visitors, who enjoy his boating facilities, his shuffle board and tennis courts, bowling greens, archery range, restaurant, marine equipment and fine dance orchestra. Mr. Reynolds also has cottages for rent and is a large landowner. He has built up a first-class recreation center in every sense of the word, a summer institution now widely known throughout northwest Pennsylvania.

Mr. Reynolds has been president of the Edinboro Canoe Club since its organization. He is a member of the American Federation of Musicians and is affiliated with the Alpha Chi Rho fraternity at Allegheny College and with the Free and Accepted Masons. Although he has never entered public life, he is one of Edinboro's influential citizens and through his business enterprise has made a real contribution to the community life.

C. F. BLISS—As a youth C. F. Bliss became identified with the Ajax Manufacturing Company, of Corry, Pennsylvania, a large and important concern of which his father had been one of the original organizers. Like any other apprentice he had to learn the business from the

bottom to the top, and down the years rose by his own endeavors to the presidency. In later years he was one of the founders of the Aero Manufacturing Company, at Corry, which he headed for some time, and he is also a bank and corporation official. However heavy the responsibilities of his business connections, Mr. Bliss has found time to enter constructively into community life and to contribute to the welfare of Corry and its people.

Mr. Bliss is a native of Corry, born January 2, 1880, son of Frank L. and Hettie (Bremen) Bliss. As indicated, his father was one of the founders of the Ajax Iron Works. This was in the summer of 1887, and the company started to make a new type of steam engine for the rapidly expanding petroleum industry. In 1880, the year his son was born, Frank L. Bliss became shop manager, and about that same time invented and patented one of the company's most valuable devices. It was so efficient that other concerns began to make it, without regard to patent rights. Ajax fought the infringers in the courts, and had about exhausted its capital when a belated court decision upheld its rights. This not only saved the company but enabled Ajax to initiate a program which eventually made it the largest plant in the world devoted exclusively to the production of well-drilling engines.

All this fine achievement was not accomplished by the founders. Frank L. Bliss died in 1909, when his son, of this record, had been with the company for something more than a decade. C. F. Bliss had been growing up with the business. When larger types of engines were required by the deeper oil wells of other parts of the country, outside of Pennsylvania, he set about introducing more powerful machines. He called to the aid of Ajax modern metallurgy and scientific management. When in later and changeful years he was to make new adjustments, he never lacked the courageous enterprise to make them and to keep abreast of the demands of modern times—good and bad.

A second important achievement was the promotion and founding of the Aero Manufacturing Company, of Corry, of which he was elected vice-president. Mr. Bliss also is vice-president and a director of the Corry National Bank, and is a director of the Sterling Milk Company. Along quite different lines is his generous support of the Corry Country Club, of which he is a life member and past director, vice-president and president. He is a member of the old Stanford Hose Association, and fraternally is affiliated with the Consistory, Scottish Rite bodies and the Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of the Masonic Order, being a thirty-second degree Mason. He attends the Presbyterian Church.

At Corry, Pennsylvania, C. F. Bliss married Harriet Raymond, daughter of Murray R. and Phiney R. (Bishop) Raymond, and they were the parents of one

son, Murray Raymond Bliss, born in 1914, who was killed in an automobile accident in 1937.

HAROLD K. POWELL—Coming to Corry, Erie County, Pennsylvania, in 1929, Harold K. Powell purchased an automobile business and straightway developed it as a major enterprise and established himself among the business leaders of the city. He likewise projected himself into civic and social affairs of the community and long has been to the fore in these circles.

Mr. Powell was born in Stoyestown, Pennsylvania, August 13, 1898, son of Howard and Annie E. (Wingard) Powell, his father being a substantial citizen and especially prominent in political councils and campaigns. The son attended the grade schools of his birthplace, and Teachers Normal School in Hooversville. Harold K. Powell taught school for a time and then initiated his noteworthy business career in the employ of the Imperial Coal Company, at Miller Run, Pennsylvania. This connection was continued from 1917 to 1929, by which time he was superintendent of the coal company, manager of the corporation's store and a United States Postmaster.

In 1929 Mr. Powell started a new enterprise, when he purchased the Ford agency and garage, in Corry, from Forbes & Spaulding. It was not a large concern and employed but few, but its new owner set out to prove his abilities as a salesman and executive. During the past dozen years, Mr. Powell has increased the payroll of his business to almost \$5,000 per month. He has the agency for all Ford cars and trucks and products, and the Mercury and Lincoln Zephyr automobiles. He owns all buildings in which his business is conducted; maintains general garages and salesrooms, and specializes in refinishing and other difficult jobs. Mr. Powell has recently purchased a coal mine, Powell Coal Company, at Mechanicsville, near Clarion. This mine is electrically equipped with haulage motors, cutting machines, etc., and its daily tonnage is three hundred tons. The coal is all marketed locally at the present time, approximately eighty per cent. by rail and twenty per cent. by truck. To this present venture Mr. Powell brings his valuable years of business experience.

It is probable that Harold K. Powell has never taken himself or his achievements in business too seriously, being more interested in living than in making a livelihood. In both spheres he is eminently successful. Along the line of his major enterprises, he is a member of the National Automobile Dealers Association, and the Pennsylvania State Automobile Dealers Association. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, being a thirty-second degree Mason, member of the higher bodies of the order including Pittsburgh Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Erie Temple, Ancient Arabic

Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Rotary Club, the Golden Rule Club, Corry Country Club, and the Corry Rod and Gun Club. He attends the Lutheran Church.

At Hooversville, Pennsylvania, on June 6, 1927, Harold K. Powell married Freda F. Fryburg, daughter of Frederick G. and Mary E. (Barnett) Fryburg, her father, a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, serves as mayor and a justice of the peace of Hooversville. Mr. and Mrs. Powell are the parents of a son, Harold Fryburg Powell, born October 18, 1932, now attending Corry Junior High School. Mrs. Powell is a graduate of Indiana State Teachers College, and for ten years prior to her marriage was associated with the Citizens National Bank at Hooversville. She takes an active interest in civic and fraternal affairs, being a member of the Hospital Auxiliary, of Corry, and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

EDWARD W. JOHNSON—As banker, financier, and well-known citizen, Edward W. Johnson is not only a prominent figure in the life and affairs of Warren, Pennsylvania, but has contributed importantly to its development and the welfare of its people. He comes from a Warren County family and has found opportunity and scope for his noteworthy abilities in the section of the State where he was born.

Edward W. Johnson was born in Pleasant Township, Warren County, Pennsylvania, April 24, 1880, only son and youngest of five children born to Christian and Sarah Mariah Johnson, both of whom came with their parents to the United States when young and settled in Warren County. Christian Johnson, who was born in Denmark in 1845 and died in Warren in 1903, was a capable farmer, a substantial citizen and a Republican, active in party affairs, the holder of several local offices. Mrs. Johnson, the mother, was born in Sweden in 1843 and died in 1896. Their children were: 1. Jennie Caroline, married to John A. Walsh, died in 1910, leaving four children: George E., of Chicago, Illinois; Pearl E., married to Frank Staffebach, of Tacoma, Washington; James C., died in 1923; and Percy A., of Jamestown, New York. 2. Margaret Augusta, married to Elwin Dewey Nichols, died in 1940, leaving two sons: Calvin J. and Allen Dale. 3. Sarah Christina, married to Hosmer Brokaw, died in 1924. 4. A. Bessie Johnson, died in 1942. (More in another paragraph.)

After his graduation from the Warren High School in 1897, Edward W. Johnson attended the Clarion State Normal School, and for eight terms taught school in Pleasant, Sugar Grove, Mead townships, and Clarendon Borough, after which he spent a few months in the office

of the Seneca Oil Works in Warren. In 1906 he became connected with the Warren National Bank, first as bookkeeper, and then successively as teller, assistant cashier, trust officer, vice-president and, on January 9, 1934, was elected president, the position he has since filled efficiently.

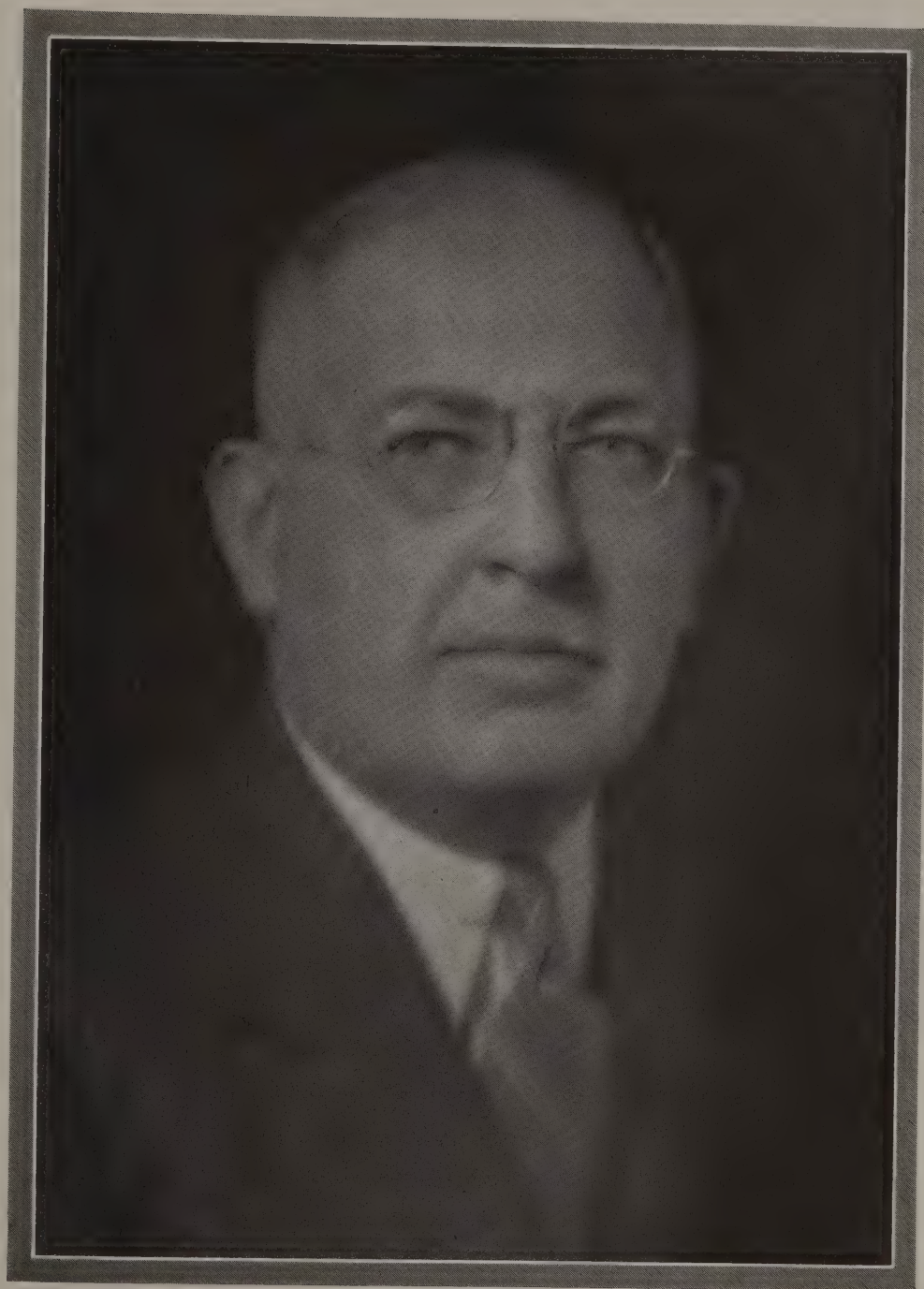
Mr. Johnson is also vice-president and director of the Corry Water Supply Company, Corry, Pennsylvania, vice-president and director of the G. G. G. Metal Stamping Company, Warren, Pennsylvania; president of the board of trustees of the Warren State Hospital, and has served as a school director in Warren. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, having served for several years on its board of trustees. He is a member and past president of the Conewango Valley Country Club, member of the Conewango Club, the Warren Chamber of Commerce, the Warren County Historical Society, and the Social Science Club, which he has served as secretary and president. Professional activities include those as Warren County key-banker in the Agricultural Division of the Pennsylvania Banker's Association, sponsoring particularly the young people's clubs such as 4-H clubs and other organizations advancing the interests of rural youth. He is a member of Warren Grange and his acquaintance extends to every community of Warren County.

MISS A. BESSIE JOHNSON, mentioned in the biography of her brother, was likewise born in Pleasant Township, Warren County. She was christened Amelia Elizabeth, but when young preferred to abbreviate her middle name preceding it by the initial of her first name. Her death occurred suddenly March 14, 1942, due to a cerebral hemorrhage.

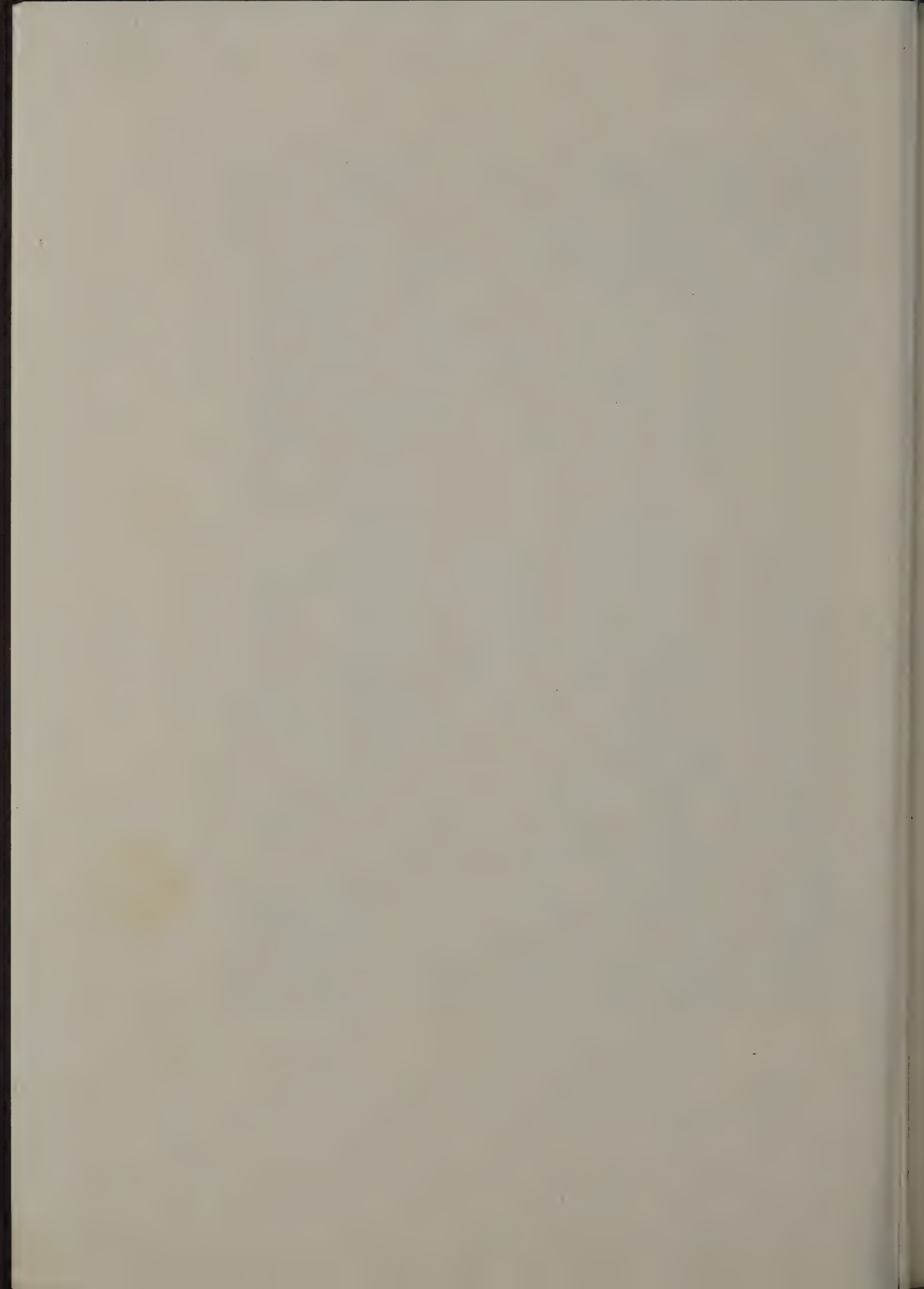
Miss Johnson received her early education in the rural schools of Pleasant and Conewango townships, later attending the Warren High School, followed by courses in Clarion State Normal School, Clarion, Pennsylvania; Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio; and Columbia University, New York City.

She was a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Warren, Pennsylvania, of the Isabella Hazeltine Missionary Society, and of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the church, as well as a member of the Arbutus Missionary Society of the First Presbyterian Church of Warren. She belonged to the Woman's Club and the College Women's Club of Warren. Her professional affiliations included membership in the National Educational Association, the Pennsylvania State Educational Association, the Warren Borough Teachers' Association, and the Parent-Teachers' Association. She had the distinction of organizing the first parent-teachers' association and the first pre-school clinic in Warren.

For nearly forty-five years, continuously, she had been a successful teacher in the schools of Warren County,



Edward W. Johnson.



first, successively in Conewango, Triumph and Pleasant townships and then in the Jefferson Street School of Warren Borough, where she taught for nearly thirty-seven years. For thirty-five years of that time she served as principal of the Jefferson Street School and was regarded as one of the most efficient teachers in the Warren school system, from the standpoint of both ability and integrity. Her mission in the schoolroom was one, not only of instruction, but of inspiration for more useful living, thus winning the respect and affection of the pupils as well as of their parents. The memory of her rare force, fine tact, her love for the beautiful, good and truth will always be an inspiration to those who knew her.

The school directors of the Warren Borough School District, by proper resolution, have changed the name, in her memory, of the Jefferson Street School to "The A. Bessie Johnson School of Warren."

FREDERICK E. KNAPP—One of the oldest families of Jefferson County is represented in the present generation by Frederick E. Knapp, proprietor of a long established and handsomely appointed photographic studio in Brookville. He is a leader in the life of his community as earlier bearers of the Knapp name in this section have been for almost a century and a half.

Mr. Knapp was born at the old Knapp homestead in Pine Creek Township on September 10, 1869, son of William D. Knapp, grandson of Joshua Knapp and great-grandson of Moses Knapp, who first settled in Jefferson County about 1797, founding one of the county's notable lines. Joshua Knapp, the grandfather, was born near Baxter, Pennsylvania. A prosperous farmer and lumberman, he was active in these pursuits for many years and contributed largely to the civic, social and material progress of the area. With his wife, Caroline (Kidd) Knapp, he occupied the old family homestead until his death.

William D. Knapp, the father, was born at the Knapp homestead farm. Like his father and grandfather, he was active in agricultural and lumbering pursuits until the outbreak of the Civil War impelled him to put aside all private interests. Volunteering for military service in defense of the Union, he enlisted in Company K, 11th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, with which troops he took part in numerous engagements. Eventually he was captured by the enemy and for some time was confined in the notorious Andersonville Prison. After the close of the war he returned to his Jefferson County farm. William D. Knapp was active in the Grand Army of the Republic and remained a substantial and respected citizen of Pine Creek Township until the close of his long life. He died on March 11, 1913, and was buried in Bethel Cemetery, Pine Creek Township.

Frederick E. Knapp spent his boyhood on the Pine Creek Township farm where four generations of the family made their home. Educated in the local public schools, he remained on the farm until 1890, following the stone mason's trade for a time and then entered the photographic studio of E. C. Hall at Brookville. Here he served his apprenticeship in the photographer's art during a period of some eighteen months. At the end of that time he removed to Pittsburgh and for several years was employed in various photographic studios in that city, adding to his store of experience in order that he might perfect himself in his chosen profession. Finally, in 1898, he returned to Brookville and purchased the photographic studio of J. S. Vasbinder, of which he has since been owner and operator. Mr. Knapp's professional qualifications are acknowledged. His studio is well known throughout the Brookville area for the best type of photographic work and attracts a wide patronage.

Mr. Knapp is equally well known as one of the influential and progressive citizens of his community, whose best interests he has always had at heart. He is a Republican in politics, a member of the Brookville Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans and an active Methodist layman, serving as a member of the board of stewards of the Brookville Methodist Church and has been president of the men's Bible class of the church. He is at present superintendent of the Sunday school.

On June 16, 1902, Frederick E. Knapp married Sidney V. Wilson, daughter of Edward C. Wilson, of Brookville. They are the parents of one daughter, Ada Lucille, born August 27, 1905. She was graduated from the Brookville High School in 1923. She entered training in Presbyterian Hospital, Pittsburgh, in 1926 and was graduated in 1929. She was married, December 14, 1929, to George Blackwood. They were the parents of two daughters: Louann, born January 3, 1931, and Joellyn, born November 21, 1933. She married (second), on November 24, 1940, Samuel P. Fike.

W. R. COWAN, D. D. S.—Since he began his career at Brookville a dozen or more years ago, Dr. William R. Cowan has established a wide reputation in dentistry, based on his successful practice, and is today one of the most active professional figures and civic leaders of his community.

He was born at Corsica, Pennsylvania, on February 15, 1899, son of William Johnstone and Margaret E. (Wilson) Cowan. His father, who died on April 3, 1928, operated a 265-acre farm at Corsica. His mother died on October 24, 1924. Dr. Cowan received his preliminary education in the public schools of Corsica and at Clarion State Normal School, later studying at Grove City College. He prepared for his profession at the University

of Pittsburgh, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1928, and in the same year began his practice in Brookville. His professional qualifications are evidenced by the fact that he has become one of the leading dentists of this area in a relatively brief period and successfully handles operative cases which are ordinarily the province of specialists. He is the only dentist in Brookville equipped to do intricate dental and bone surgery.

Dr. Cowan is a member of the Pennsylvania Eighth District Dental Society, and a member of the American Dental Association. His civic interests are numerous and embrace all matters affecting the welfare of his community and county. Prominent among them is his work in the Red Cross. Dr. Cowan has been chairman of the executive committee of the Jefferson County Chapter, American Red Cross, since 1933 and has served on its board since 1928. As such, he has done much to strengthen the local organization and render more effective its mission of mercy. Dr. Cowan has also been president and secretary of the Brookville Community Club, of which he has been a member for thirteen years. During the World War, he served in the United States Army, but was not ordered overseas. In politics he is a Republican and in religious faith a Presbyterian. In addition to his civic interests and his work with the Red Cross, the favorite occupation of his leisure hours is bridge.

In 1927, at Bedford, Pennsylvania, Dr. Cowan married Charlotte Corbett, who is active like her husband in the Red Cross, is a leading church worker and is now president of the Brookville Women's Club. She is a daughter of Frederick R. Corbett, of Oil City, and Jenny (Rifenberg) Corbett. Dr. and Mrs. Cowan have two children: John Robert, born June 20, 1929; and Lillian Jane, born August 25, 1931.

PORTER S. BROWN—More than fifty years ago, Porter S. Brown first entered the insurance business in the Clarion office owned and operated by his elder brothers. Through half a century of active service, he has won an honored place in Pennsylvania insurance circles. Most of this time he has spent at Brookville, where he is now sole proprietor of the general agency still conducted under the traditional name of Brown Brothers.

Mr. Brown was born at Spruce Creek, Huntingdon County, on January 6, 1869, son of Benjamin Franklin and Martha Jane (Stewart) Brown, who were the parents of eleven children, six boys and five girls. One daughter, Jennie S. Brown, has been associated with the business of her brother, Porter S. Brown, for forty years. The father of the family, who was born on April 19, 1825, was a farmer in Huntingdon County.

Porter S. Brown was educated in the rural schools of Huntingdon County. At the age of sixteen he was granted a certificate to teach in Pennsylvania by former Governor M. G. Broomwell and for three terms was a teacher in the rural schools of Huntingdon County. During the summer months he worked on his father's farm. For a short time after this he was employed in a drug store. When he attained his majority, however, he sought a field of greater business opportunity. Moving to Clarion, he joined his elder brothers, John F. and G. E. Brown, in the insurance business. At the time they operated two offices, one in Clarion, in charge of John F. Brown, and the other in Brookville, in charge of G. E. Brown. Porter S. Brown served a thorough apprenticeship in the insurance business at Clarion, where he remained with his brother for nine years. At the end of that time, having reached the age of thirty, he came to Brookville and with his younger brother, Walter S. Brown, purchased the local business of their elder brothers, John F. and G. E. Brown. As partners, the two younger brothers carried on the Brookville business under the name of Brown Brothers. Soon afterward, they opened a second office in Punxsutawney under the active management of Walter S. Brown. This arrangement continued until 1921, when the partnership was dissolved, each of the brothers taking ownership of one of the offices. Porter S. Brown remained at Brookville, where his activities have centered since the turn of the century. Since 1921 he has successfully conducted the Brookville business on his own account, although retaining the old firm name of Brown Brothers. Mr. Brown handles insurance of all types, including life and casualty insurance. In point of service, he is one of Pennsylvania's oldest insurance men, and his notable record and the qualities and principles which made it possible are well known to his associates in insurance circles of the State. In its issue of May 20, 1939, the "News Letter" wrote of him, in part:

Throughout these fifty years, Mr. Brown has been an exemplar of all that is good in the business of life insurance, and, still active, and in good health, he may justly speak of his half century of service in these words: "I have not laid up a great supply of this world's goods, but have the satisfaction and pleasure of knowing I have assisted some, less fortunate than I, over hard places and have also helped some of a younger generation to prepare themselves for life's duties. I still claim the desire and ambition to do this."

Mr. Brown has equal reason to be proud of his record in the business life of Brookville. He has always met the responsibilities of good citizenship to the very best of his ability, and his influence in his community has long been acknowledged as a constructive force. For many years he has been one of Brookville's most highly regarded resi-

dents. Mr. Brown is a Democrat in politics and is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is a member of all higher bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including Coudersport Consistory, thirty-second degree. A Presbyterian in religious faith, he has been a member of the sessions of the Brookville Presbyterian Church for thirty years.

In 1896 Mr. Brown married (first) Gertrude H. Hewitt, who died on May 10, 1921. They became the parents of three children: 1. Firman H., born July 4, 1897, now chief engineer of the Navajo Indian Reservation at Winter Rock, Arizona. He married Eunice DeVane and has three children: Firman H., Jr., born in 1926; Martha Ellen, born in 1928; and Tempe Adeline, born in 1938. 2. Ellen Newall, born June 2, 1900, married Elliott D. Adams, credit manager and treasurer of the Southern Coal & Coke Company, of Knoxville, Tennessee. They have one son, Elliott D., Jr. 3. Stevens Porter, born September 9, 1908, now assistant director of personnel for the United Airline Corporation at Chicago. He married Lorraine B. Farrell and has one daughter, Valerie Jill.

In 1934 Porter S. Brown married (second) Clara Boyer.

LEE BARNETT HUMPHREY—The Humphrey Brick & Tile Company, widely known manufacturers of clay products and building materials, originated in the early years of the century and has since operated successfully, distributing its products throughout a wide area. Lee Barnett Humphrey, of Brookville, became active in the company at the outset, serving as secretary and sales manager, and has played a leading part in its direction during the intervening years.

Born on May 22, 1876, in the old Barnett Inn Building at Port Barnett occupied at that time as a store and dwelling by his parents, Mr. Humphrey is a son of W. N. and Katherine (Bullers) Humphrey. When he was seven years old he moved with his parents to their new home adjoining the old inn and lived there until he came to Brookville. He attended the Port Barnett public schools and later those of Brookville, where he was graduated from high school in 1893, and after the completion of his preliminary education, studied at Clarion Normal School for two years and then took a course at Duff's Business College in Pittsburgh. During vacation periods, Mr. Humphrey had assisted his father in the operation of his lumber business and after finishing his business course, he took active charge of the sale and shipping of lumber from the Port Barnett mill. In this capacity he served until the standing timber controlled by the firm of W. N. Humphrey & Brother was exhausted, meanwhile buying and selling extensively on his own account. In 1902, with his father, W. N. Barnett, and J. M. Humphrey, he organized the Humphrey Brick & Tile Company and took

over the position of secretary and sales manager, this position bringing him a very extensive acquaintance in the building trades throughout Pennsylvania, New York and New England.

At its organization, the Humphrey Brick & Tile Company took over the lumber business and property of W. N. Humphrey & Brother at Port Barnett and erected a factory at that point for the manufacture of clay products, among which hollow tile has accounted for the largest output of the plant. The business grew rapidly and has since been continued on an expanding scale. Not only is it one of the leading enterprises of the section, but the property which the company owns and occupies is one of the most historic in the county, embracing that acquired by the Barnetts when they first came to Jefferson County. This includes the larger part of the village of Port Barnett, together with adjacent land. The Humphrey Brick & Tile Company owns more than seven thousand acres in fee simple in the Port Barnett area. It owns, in addition, mineral rights on an even larger acreage. The Port Barnett property contains several veins and deposits of clays and plastic shales and is underlaid with three veins of coal. Salt water is found at a depth of 550 feet below creek level and natural gas occurs in abundance in twelve different formations of same from 550 feet to the 3,000-foot level. Many natural gas wells have been drilled to provide fuel for manufacturing. A landmark of the district is the large brick smoke stack at the junction of Mill Creek and Sandy Creek which the company has left standing as a monument to mark the site of the first manufacturing industry conducted by white men in Jefferson County.

By virtue of his interests and activities, Lee Barnett Humphrey has become a leading figure in the life of the county. At present he is devoting most of his time to developing the natural gas and mineral resources of the properties and has produced a supply of natural gas for his own clay works. In addition he has developed a considerable surplus which is sold to industries and pipe line companies.

Lee Barnett Humphrey married, in 1900, Nellie J. Conrad, daughter of John and Mary (Compton) Conrad, of Brookville, where he has since made his home. Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey are the parents of four children: 1. Viola Constance, now the wife of Herbert A. Osborne; they have four children: i. Constance. ii. Joy. iii. Herbert, Jr. iv. Ann Elaine, called "Mitzi." 2. Mary Helen, who married C. H. Scott, Jr., and they are the parents of three children: i. Robert Lee. ii. (twins), John Clinton, and iii. Jean Helen. 3. Raymond Conrad, who married Kathleen Fike, and they have one daughter: i. Barbara Lee. 4. Wilbur Lee, married Martha Jeanne McGiffin, and they have one son: i. James Lee.

JOHN F. SUTHERLAND—President and general manager of the Du Bois Laundry Company, John F. Sutherland, of Du Bois, is not only one of the leading business men of Clearfield County, but also an outstanding laundry operator in northwestern Pennsylvania.

John F. Sutherland was born near Port Jervis, Sullivan County, New York, a son of George F. and Louise (Dixon) Sutherland. Mr. and Mrs. Sutherland were natives of Sullivan County, where Mr. Sutherland passed his life as a farmer and quarry operator.

After attending the public schools of Port Jervis, New York, John F. Sutherland went to work as a boy in a hand laundry, operated by his uncle, Otto Dixon, at Port Jervis. After several years in this employment, he became associated with the firm of Courtwright & Case at Port Jervis, remaining with the company until 1910 when he went to Ridgway, Pennsylvania, to work with the laundry firm of Conser & McDonald. Mr. Sutherland remained with this company, save for a short period when he was active in other fields, until 1926, when he moved to Du Bois and took over the Du Bois Laundry Company. This company, which was established in 1892, was modernized by Mr. Sutherland, an operating system which he has continued through the present time thus not only expanding the business consistently, but keeping his machinery and equipment in such excellent condition that the company has the record of always being able to meet any demands made upon it. Some fifteen persons are employed by the company and the organization is regarded as one of the leading firms of its kind in its locality.

A Republican politically, Mr. Sutherland aids his business interests by membership in the American Institute of Laundries, and works for the betterment of his community by supporting such organizations as the Du Bois Business Men's Association. He is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Du Bois.

John F. Sutherland married, on September 18, 1907, Agnes Nelson, of Ridgway, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Sutherland are the parents of five children: 1. Thelma, a graduate of the Du Bois schools, who married Quay Owens and is the mother of a child, Meyers John. 2. Delbert N., a graduate of the Du Bois schools and associated with the Atlantic Refining Company. 3. Alice, a graduate of the Du Bois schools and associated with the Personal Finance Company; married John L. Killila. 4. Virginia, a graduate of the Du Bois schools. 5. John Dixon, a student in the local schools.

DANIEL DAWSON MILLER, D. D. S.—In the practice of dentistry, Dr. Daniel Dawson Miller has successively served two communities, but the greater part of his professional career has been spent at Brookville, where his activities have centered since 1929. He is prominent,

not only professionally, but in the general life of the Brookville area.

Dr. Miller was born in Armstrong County on November 11, 1894, son of the Rev. D. D. Miller, a minister of the Lutheran Church, and Sarah (Bell) Miller. He received his preliminary education in the public schools of Armstrong County and went from high school to Muskingum College, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1920. Meanwhile, during the World War period, he served as sergeant in the National Army in the Ordnance Corps service of supply, remaining in this country during the term of his enlistment.

Dr. Miller prepared for his professional career at the University of Pittsburgh, where he took the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1927. During the following two years he was engaged in the practice of dentistry at East Liberty (Pittsburgh), but in 1929 removed to Brookville, where the demands upon his services have grown to large proportions. Dr. Miller is a leading figure in the Pennsylvania State Dental Society, in which he has held executive office since 1930. In addition to his professional connections, he is a director of the Brookville Bank & Trust Company and is as active as the duties of his practice permit in civic affairs. During the time that flood conditions prevailed in the Brookville area, both he and his wife devoted their primary attention to relief activities carried on by the Red Cross.

Fraternally, Dr. Miller is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is a member of all higher bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including Coudersport Consistory, thirty-second degree. He is also affiliated with the Delta Sigma Delta, national dental fraternity, and the Sphinx Club and is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion and the Pinehurst Country Club. Dr. Miller is a Republican in politics and a member of the Presbyterian Church.

He married, in 1917, at State College, Claudia Chambers, daughter of W. G. Chambers, dean of education at Pennsylvania State College, and Claudia (Arcutt) Chambers. Mrs. Miller, who is active in church, civic and social affairs at Brookville, is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Dr. and Mrs. Miller have one son, Daniel Dawson Miller, Jr., born in 1928.

MARY BRUMBAUGH—In the service of the public Mary Brumbaugh has shown that her sex is not surpassed by men. She is the efficient and popular postmistress of the Brockway, Pennsylvania, post office, a position she has filled most capably since 1934, and is now serving a term of undetermined length. She bears a name that has been well known in Pennsylvania almost from the settlement of this part of the United States, members



J. F. Sutherland
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of the Brumbaugh name being prominent down the years in nearly all phases of activities.

Mary Brumbaugh was born in Delancy, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Dr. B. B. Brumbaugh, D. D. S., and his wife, the former Ella M. Ernst. Her mother, who died in 1938, was one of the social and cultural leaders of the city. Dr. Brumbaugh is one of the long established dentists and civic leaders of Brockway.

After receiving her academic education in the grammar and high schools of Delancy, she attended the Du Bois, Pennsylvania, Business College, from which she was graduated in 1918 after a brilliant record as a student. She then joined her father in his professional office and also became actively interested in the life and affairs of Brockway. In 1934 Mary Brumbaugh became acting postmaster of the local office; in 1935 received the Presidential appointment; and in 1941 was reappointed under the new rules and regulations of the Federal Post Office Department, for a term of indefinite length. Judging from her work and the approval it receives, she may well serve as postmaster until she wishes to resign.

Mary Brumbaugh is a member of the Presbyterian Church and secretary of its official board. She has been very active in all branches of religious and philanthropic work, is president of the Brockway Thursday Night Club and the Brockway Bridge Club. Fraternally she is affiliated with the Order of Rebekah, and has always been to the fore in Red Cross and Community Chest drives, usually holding the post of chairman. The favorite hobbies of Miss Brumbaugh are gardening and bridge.

HARRY TRUMAN—The Brookville insurance agency which represents the present business interest of Harry Truman has been under his active management since 1931. He has a long record of service in Jefferson County enterprises, including several terms in county office.

Mr. Truman was born at Sigel, Jefferson County, on July 2, 1877, son of Henry and Catherine (Kirkman) Truman. His father, a native of England, came to Pennsylvania when he was a small boy and spent his active career principally in the mercantile business at Sigel.

Harry Truman received a public school education, completed at Brookville High School, and for many years devoted himself to the lumber industry of Jefferson County as a woodsman and logger. Eventually, however, he became a merchant at Sigel, a pursuit which occupied him during some three decades. His election as county treasurer of Jefferson County brought him into public life. In this office he served a term of four years, beginning in 1923, and afterward was county register and recorder, proving himself a capable and devoted public official. Upon his retirement as county register and re-

corder in 1931, Mr. Truman established his present insurance business at Brookville, which he has since conducted in a very successful way, expanding the business consistently during the past ten years. He retains, however, his interest in politics and public affairs and is again a candidate for county treasurer at the current writing.

Mr. Truman, whose varied activities have made him one of the county's best known figures, is affiliated fraternally with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Improved Order of Red Men and the Free and Accepted Masons, in the latter of which he is a member of all higher bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including the thirty-second degree of the Consistory. He is also a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars at Brookville, the Brookville Community Club and the Brookville Presbyterian Church, on whose governing board he serves. Golf and gardening are his hobbies.

In 1902, at Brookville, he married Esther Reinaed. Mr. and Mrs. Truman are the parents of five children: Paul, employed by the Sandt Company of Brookville; John, manager of the Brookville Country Club; Frank, a city official; Catherine, who is employed at Cooks National Forest, Pennsylvania; and Harry, manager of the Boys Club in New York City.

ANDREW WHEELER—The Jefferson County coal industry in the Reynoldsville area numbers among its most active figures Andrew Wheeler, a coal broker and operator in this region for more than a quarter of a century and now also president of the First National Bank of Reynoldsville.

He was born in Indiana County, Pennsylvania, on April 10, 1871, son of David and Martha Jane (Kelly) Wheeler. His father, who was born in Indiana County in 1845, settled in Jefferson County in 1873. He was initially a sawmill operator and a merchant, operating a feed and meat business, but later he became a buyer and seller of mules at Reynoldsville, building up a business which covered ten Pennsylvania counties. Wheeler mules, which were purchased in the West, pulled the first load of coal mined and shipped in railroad cars and taken from Jefferson County mines. These mules were used exclusively at that time for hauling purposes, and David Wheeler reaped a large return on his business in selling and bartering these animals. He passed away in December, 1941, at the age of ninety-six years. A staunch Republican in politics, he was a member of the school board in Reynoldsville for many years.

Andrew Wheeler, of this record, was educated in the public schools of Reynoldsville, spent his early youth in Reynoldsville and then joined his father as a dealer in mules. He first became a coal broker in 1914, purchasing several small mines, and has continued his interests in this

field on an expanding scale during the intervening years. At the present time he has an interest in coal lands. In recent years, however, his banking responsibilities have shared his time and attention with his coal business. Elected a director of the First National Bank in 1921, Mr. Wheeler assumed increasing influence in its operation and in 1930 he succeeded Reynoldsville's most beloved citizen, John H. Kaucher, as president of this institution, whose executive leadership has since been in his hands. The First National Bank of Reynoldsville is one of the strongest small banks in the State, and its present position reflects the sound and capable management which has always characterized its history.

Since the pioneer days of modern Reynoldsville, half a century and more ago, Mr. Wheeler has been an influential figure in his community, helping to shape its life and affairs in many ways. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, a leading Presbyterian layman, serving as president of the board of trustees of his church, and is prominent in the Free and Accepted Masons, being affiliated with all higher bodies of the Scottish Rite, including Williamsport Consistory, thirty-second degree. He is a Democrat in politics.

In 1896 Mr. Wheeler married (first) Anna S. McCrieght, who died in 1912. They became the parents of one son, Fred M. Wheeler, born in 1897, who gave his life in his country's cause in May, 1919, after serving overseas in France during the First World War. He was a member of Troop I, 6th Cavalry, United States Army. In 1918 Mr. Wheeler married (second) Mate M. Murdock. There are three children of this marriage: 1. Andrew M., Jr., born in 1919; is working for Thompson Products, Cleveland, Ohio, on defense work. 2. Barbara A., born in 1922, a student nurse in training at Spencer Hospital, Meadville, Pennsylvania. 3. Norman, born in 1925, now attending school.

JOHN THOMAS ARMSTRONG—The late John Thomas Armstrong established his position as one of the leading citizens of Jefferson County through the importance of his interests which grew steadily in range and scope with passing years. He was associated with a number of the principal business institutions of this area, was for a time president of the Pawnee Coal Company and at his death was president of the Power Fuel Company and a director of the Brookville Bank & Trust Company.

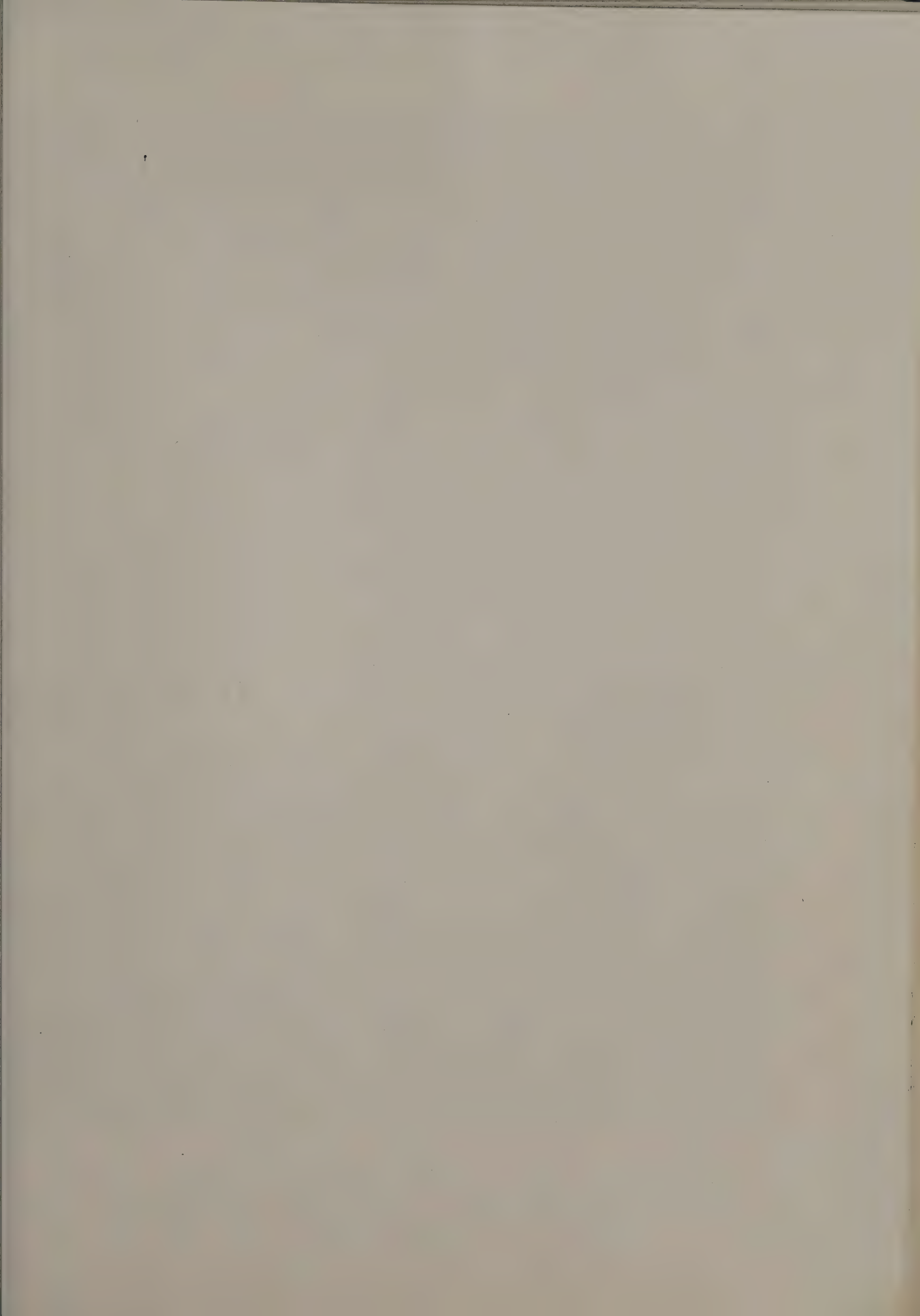
Mr. Armstrong was born at Beech Woods, Jefferson County, on May 23, 1874, son of John Thom Armstrong, who was a farmer and a veteran of the Civil War. Educated in the public schools of the county and at the University of Rochester, from which he was graduated in 1895, Mr. Armstrong began his career as stenographer for the Northwest Mining Exchange at Brockway. Even

in these early years, his sound judgment and gift for leadership were apparent, and these qualities found constant expression throughout the course of his career. Enterprising in spirit, Mr. Armstrong resigned his position with the Northwest Mining Exchange in 1903 and moved to Knoxville, Tennessee, where he entered the lumber business with his brother, Alexander M. Armstrong. A year later, however, he sold out his interest to his brother and returned to the Northwest Mining Exchange, this time as a clerk in the Du Bois office. Subsequently he moved to Brookville and became secretary to the chief engineer of the Shawmut Railroad. One of the pioneers of the line in this section, he served successfully in the organization and in 1909 was transferred to Kittanning, where he took up new duties as purchasing agent for the railroad.

Meanwhile, in 1918, Mr. Armstrong had established the Pawnee Coal Company at Brookville. In 1920 he became president of the company and resigned his offices with the Shawmut Railroad to devote his attention to the management of his company. Increasing demands were also made upon his time by his responsibilities as president of the Power Fuel Company and as a director of the Brookville Bank & Trust Company.

As a resident of the Brookville community, Mr. Armstrong was also very active in civic affairs, assuming the duties involved as an obligation of good citizenship. He was a member of the Kiwanis Club, president of the Brookville Country Club, member of the official board of the Brookville Methodist Church, member of the board of the Brookville Hospital, and through many other associations exerted a constructive force in community affairs. Independent in politics, he was affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons.

On February 25, 1903, at Brockwayville (now Brockway), John Thomas Armstrong married Leah Chillcott, daughter of John C. and Frances (Matteson) Chillcott. Her father, who was born in England and came to this country at the age of eleven, was a major figure in opening up the Pennsylvania coal industry. He was very successful in discovering and working paying veins, and his enterprise in carrying to Philadelphia on a flat car a great block of coal was influential in attracting capital into the industry. He died in 1930 after a notably useful career. Mrs. Armstrong, who was born in Brockwayville, is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, past president of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brookville Methodist Church and has been for many years a member of the board of Brookville Chapter, American Red Cross. Like her late husband, she has been consistently active in civic affairs, contributing much to the community life. Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong became the parents of four children: 1. Frances Armstrong, born May 19, 1904, married





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Paul Truman, who is associated with the Pennzoil Company in Brookville. They are living in the family home with Mrs. Truman's mother. 2. Ruth Armstrong, born in 1906, died in 1912. 3. John Armstrong, born in 1907, died in 1917. 4. Thom Matteson Armstrong, born September 9, 1919.

John Thomas Armstrong died in Brookville on January 13, 1937. He had built one of the finest homes in the community for his family and although his business ventures did not permit him to spend much of his leisure time here, he had a host of local friends and never refused to cooperate to the fullest extent in any worthy project. In his successful career he rendered a faithful account of the fine talents entrusted to him and by common consent was one of the first citizens of Jefferson County, which owed much to his achievements and much to his example and public spirit.

D. L. DENNIS—Although the contracting business has occupied the attention of D. L. Dennis during the greater part of his career, he now devotes his principal attention to the manufacture of lumber, operating a sawmill in Warren County. A native of Eldred Township, McKean County, he retains his residence there and occupies the land first cleared by his maternal grandfather, Daniel J. Keyes, the builder of the first house on the site. His wife was Almina (Potter) Keyes, and their daughter, Evangeline, mother of D. L. Dennis, built the present house, beautifully located overlooking the valley. Daniel J. Keyes raised and trained coach and riding horses and he early instilled in Mr. Dennis, his favorite grandchild, a love for horses that has endured strongly to the present.

Mr. Dennis was born at the Keyes homestead, which is still his home, on May 21, 1879, son of J. Benson and Evangeline (Keyes) Dennis. In the paternal line, he is a grandson of George Dennis, who was a patent medicine manufacturer and preacher and a soldier in the Civil War. His maternal grandfather, the Eldred homesteader, Daniel J. Keyes, also served in that war as first lieutenant in the 150th Pennsylvania Volunteers, known as the "Bucktail" regiment. His father, J. Benson Dennis, was a farmer in Eldred Township and a pioneer farm implement dealer here.

D. L. Dennis received his preliminary education in the Eldred public schools and after completing the high school course, studied at Grove City College and Syracuse University. For seven years as a young man he taught in the public schools of this area, three of which were spent as principal of the Duke Center School. Subsequently, he launched his business career as a contractor. In this connection he was engaged in railroad construction work for eleven years and then turned to road construction, which he followed until 1939, having constructed 113

miles of highway in New York and Pennsylvania. In the latter year he retired as a contractor, but finding inactivity foreign to his nature, he has since entered the lumber business as a manufacturer. His Warren County sawmill is located on a fine timber tract of 1,350 acres, where logging and manufacturing operations are going forward under his personal attention.

Mr. Dennis has also made a hobby of raising and training fine horses, mostly saddle horses, which he usually buys as colts. He has devoted much time and money to this pursuit during the course of his career. Mr. Dennis is a Republican in politics. He has never entered public life, but as a substantial citizen of Eldred his influence is felt as a constructive force in community affairs.

Mr. Dennis married Louise Ross, of Rixford, daughter of John and Esther Ross. They are the parents of one son, Duane K., a graduate of Bradford High School and the University of Pennsylvania, who was employed by the Kendall Refining Company, until he enlisted as first lieutenant in the 33d Armored Regiment, now at Fort Knox.

WILLIAM P. TODD—A man of many business enterprises and affiliations, William P. Todd has been engaged throughout his active career in the coal mining industry, and is now known as one of the outstanding men working along these lines in Clarion County. Residing in New Bethlehem, he is one of the partners in the Kiski Valley Coal Company here and is widely known and honored for his attainments in this and other connections.

Mr. Todd was born April 8, 1877, in Tillicoultry, Scotland, son of Robert and Margaret (Phillips) Todd. His father was a woolen goods manufacturer in New Bethlehem.

Public schools of New Bethlehem furnished William P. Todd's early formal education, and he later attended high school here. He was first of all connected with the Fairmount Coal Company as a clerk, after he began the active labors of his career, and from a clerkship he advanced to different grades of service with the Fairmount company, so continuing until 1918. In that year, in association with two partners, H. F. Brennan and R. J. Todd, he formed the Kiski Valley Coal Company, establishing its center in New Bethlehem. This company now owns several coal mines in the vicinity of Apollo, Pennsylvania, and employs about 125 men. William P. Todd's lifelong connection with coal mining has been a factor of importance in the growth of this company, which has gained much from his varied practical experience along these lines.

In addition to his work with this company, Mr. Todd serves also as secretary and treasurer of the Pittsburgh Brass Manufacturing Company. The same partners are also interested in the brass company, H. F. Brennan being

president and R. J. Todd, who is William P. Todd's brother, vice-president. They are the owners of the brass company, as well as of the Kiski Valley Coal Company. Mr. Todd also interests himself in still other business activities, being a director of the First National Bank of New Bethlehem. He is a staunch Republican in his political views, a member of the Bostonia Country Club and a leading figure in local fraternal quarters. In the Free and Accepted Masons he has many connections, holding the thirty-second degree of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and belonging to Coudersport Consistory and to Syria Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (Pittsburgh). He is a member of the board of trustees of the Presbyterian Church. In leisure time he enjoys the out-of-doors, particularly such sports as golf, hunting and fishing.

In 1910, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, William P. Todd married Nettie N. Shakely, daughter of Isaac and Sarah (Shoup) Shakely. They became the parents of one daughter, Sarah Todd, who was born at New Bethlehem in 1913, attended grammar and high schools here, then studied at the National Cathedral Preparatory School, in Washington, District of Columbia, and Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania.

D. M. GEIST—The New Bethlehem community numbers among its leading figures D. M. Geist, active member of the Clarion County bar for forty-five years and secretary and solicitor of the borough of New Bethlehem during virtually this entire period. He is well known in the county, of which he is past district attorney, and enjoys a wide professional reputation based on his successful record through years of practice.

Mr. Geist was born at Worthville, Jefferson County, a son of Jesse Geist, lumberman and farmer in Jefferson County, and Rebecca J. (Wynkoop) Geist. He was educated in the public schools of his birthplace and after completing the high school course, entered Lock Haven Institute, at Lock Haven, from which he was graduated. From 1891 to 1896 he taught in the Brookville public schools. Meanwhile, he began the study of law in the office of the firm of Means and Clark, Brookville attorneys. In 1896 he was admitted to the bar and began the general practice of law at New Bethlehem, where his activities have since centered. His abilities early inspiring the confidence of the community, he was elected secretary and solicitor of the borough in 1898 and has met the responsibilities of these offices without interruption during the intervening forty-four years, a record seldom equalled. Mr. Geist also served as district attorney of Clarion County from 1916 to 1924, adding to his stature through his diligence in protecting the public interest, without sacrificing the principles of fairness in his administration.

Mr. Geist has represented many important interests during his long career at the bar and is now attorney for the First National Bank of New Bethlehem and the New Bethlehem Bank. He was for six years school director of New Bethlehem and has long been influential in local councils of the Democratic party. Mr. Geist is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is a member of all higher bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including Coudersport Consistory, thirty-second degree, and a member of the Temple of the Mystic Shrine in Pittsburgh. He is also affiliated with the Knights of the Maccabees and the Modern Woodmen. He is a Presbyterian in religious faith and finds his principal recreation in gardening and flowers. His genial temperament and broad sympathies have won him the respect of his community and his associates in every sphere, who properly regard him as a personality as well as a personage of this county.

On June 30, 1899, at Brookville, Pennsylvania, Mr. Geist married Gwendolyn Stebbins, daughter of Waldo E. and Jennie (Burns) Stebbins and a descendant of the family which numbered Ralph Waldo Emerson among its notable members. Mr. and Mrs. Geist are the parents of three children: 1. D. Theodore, born October 1, 1901, a graduate of Bucknell College and the University of Indiana, now secretary of the Bethlehem-Fairfield Ship Company, of Baltimore, Maryland. 2. Harold M., born June 3, 1903. He was educated at Drexel Institute, Philadelphia, and is now first assistant chief construction engineer of the Bethlehem-Fairfield Ship Company at Baltimore. He married Katherine Gribble and has two children: William and Gwendolyn. 3. Eleanor, a graduate of California Teachers College, who married N. G. Reid, district superintendent of the Atlantic Refining Company. They have two children: James and David.

FRANCIS M. NASH—In the practice of law and in extensive financial activities, Francis M. Nash, of Bradford, has notably contributed to the life of his community and its people.

Mr. Nash was born December 14, 1882, in Antrim, Tioga County, Pennsylvania, son of James and Margaret (O'Neil) Nash. Both parents were born in Ireland, and both are now deceased. The father, who came to the United States in 1865, was superintendent of the Antrim Water Works.

Public schools provided Francis M. Nash's early formal education, and later he attended the University of Pittsburgh. He read law in the office of F. P. Schoonmaker, in Bradford, and on April 11, 1911, was admitted to the bar of Pennsylvania. Continuing as a partner of Mr. Schoonmaker until January 1, 1923, he was then left to practice alone for a time, when his partner was appointed

to the Federal bench. Mr. Nash then succeeded Mr. Schoonmaker as city solicitor of Bradford, holding this position down to the time of writing. In 1935 Mr. Nash admitted R. T. Mutzabaugh as a partner, whereupon the name of the law firm was changed to Nash and Mutzabaugh.

Along with his legal and other work, Mr. Nash has interested himself extensively in the financial affairs of his community, participating in the formation and management of several enterprises working along these lines. He was one of the organizers of the Producers' Bank & Trust Company, of which he has since been trust officer and a director. Mr. Nash also helped to organize the McKean County Building & Loan Association, and is one of its directors. He is secretary of the board of directors of the W. R. Case & Sons Cutlery Company and a director of the Bradford Supply Company and the Community Discount Company.

To each of these organizations Mr. Nash has made a notable contribution, and he is a member of the McKean County Bar Association, the Pennsylvania State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. In his political views he is a staunch Democrat. He belongs to St. Bernard's Roman Catholic Church.

On January 30, 1915, Francis M. Nash married Marie Morrison, of Bradford. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Marjorie Nash, graduated from Trinity College, Washington, District of Columbia, in 1938; then attended the Catherine Gibbs School, in Boston, Massachusetts. 2. James Nash, graduated from Georgetown University, Washington, now a student at Dickinson Law School, Carlisle, Pennsylvania. 3. Dorothy Jane Nash, a student first at Trinity College, then at Catherine Gibbs School.

JOHN E. DU BOIS—Service to several industries marked John E. Du Bois' career in the community of Du Bois. He was long active in the lumber trade, and later was interested in the operation of a tannery and an iron works, as well as in farming and a large number of civic, social and financial enterprises. His qualities were those of the true leader, and were such as to earn for him the admiration and confidence of his fellow-citizens in all walks and departments of life. His friends were many.

Mr. Du Bois was born May 15, 1861, in Tioga Center, New York, grandson of John Du Bois, Sr., and Lucy (Crocker) Du Bois, and descendant of a family of Huguenots who came to the United States from France and settled along the Hudson River. His grandparents took up their abode in the wilderness of Broome County, New York, and there reared four children: Ezekiel, John, Jr., Mathias, and David Du Bois. Ezekiel, who settled in Tioga Center, was the father of John E. Du Bois and of

three other children—Caroline, who became Mrs. Morris, Cassie, and Lucy Du Bois.

John E. Du Bois attended schools in Tioga Center, and was graduated from Shortridge's Academy, at Media, Pennsylvania, near Philadelphia. In 1883 he came to Du Bois, where his uncle, John Du Bois, had started extensive operations in the lumber industry about ten years earlier. Here he became associated at once with his uncle, and started to learn the lumber business from the bottom, driving an ox team, working in the mill and performing the other duties that fall to the lot of the all-round lumberman. When the uncle died, in 1885, John E. Du Bois was made his heir, and his work in the years that followed was proof that he was well equipped to step into the breach and carry on the business. For eighteen years John E. Du Bois operated these lumber interests, including the Little Mill, the Big Mill, the Hemlock Mill and the Box Factory.

It is estimated that 1,000,000,000 feet of lumber were taken from the hills in this region of Pennsylvania by the Du Bois interests. Mr. Du Bois subsequently changed the seat of his operations to Hicks Run, then to Cash Depot, South Carolina, still later to Lake, Mississippi, and finally to Wheeler, Oregon. He continued to make his home in Du Bois, however, through all this period of expansion and shifting interests. In addition to his lumber activities, Mr. Du Bois maintained his interest in the Du Bois & Van Tassel Tannery here, and enlarged and developed the Du Bois Iron Works. He did considerable farming over a period of years, and established the John E. Du Bois Electric Company. He was, among his other achievements, one of the founders of the Du Bois National Bank, of whose board of directors he was chairman at the time of his death.

His contribution to business affairs was a many-sided one, as his record shows. Yet Mr. Du Bois interested himself at the same time in a number of civic enterprises. He was a charter member of the Du Bois Driving Park, which became the home of the Du Bois Fair, and was organizer of the Du Bois branch of the Tax Justice League and its first president. Mr. Du Bois was a charter member of the Du Bois Country Club and a member of the Acorn Club and the Protestant Episcopal Church.

John E. Du Bois married Willie Gamble, who passed away on December 5, 1935. They became the parents of five children: 1. John E. Du Bois, Jr. 2. Louis G. Du Bois. 3. Caroline M. Du Bois, who married O. D. Pfaltzer. 4. David Du Bois, who married Shirley Colburn. 5. Sarah B. Du Bois.

The death of Mr. Du Bois on November 11, 1934, was an occasion of profound regret and sorrow in the Du Bois community and wherever he was known. His work, indeed, was of benefit to many regions and countless indi-

viduals, particularly in that it helped to create prosperity in the business sphere and also promoted civic welfare. The influence of such a life as his must remain a continuing power for good.

JOHN Q. GROVES—A career-long service with the Deposit National Bank, of Du Bois, has well equipped John Q. Groves for his present service as president of this banking institution. In more than fifteen years of headship of this bank he has earned the respect, admiration and confidence of his contemporaries and has done much to promote the general welfare.

Mr. Groves was born June 10, 1883, in Brockway, Jefferson County, Pennsylvania, son of the Rev. Anthony and Mary Angeline (Pendleton) Groves. His father, born in 1851, is a retired clergyman, capable of playing nine holes of golf two or three times a week and earning a creditable score at the time of writing, despite his ninety years. The mother is now deceased.

John Q. Groves attended public schools in Big Run, Pennsylvania, and upon completing his high school studies became a student at the Du Bois Business College. He entered the employ of the Deposit National Bank in 1901 as a boy of seventeen, serving first as clerk and then thoroughly learning the business in all its branches. In 1908 he became assistant cashier, and in 1916 cashier. His elevation to the presidency of the bank came in 1926, and he has continued in this position down to the time of writing. He is also vice-president and a director of Miles & Company, the Miles-Kane Company, the Miles-Bradford Company and the Vulcan Soot Blower Corporation, and a director of the Jackson Vitrified China Company, the Empire Power Corporation, the United Gas & Electric Corporation, the United Gas & Electric Company and the United Jersey Securities Corporation. He is also a trustee of Morningside Cemetery.

To his many-sided business activities Mr. Groves has added participation in public affairs in his community. He is a Republican in politics and a former member of the Du Bois School Board. He is a director of the Du Bois Board of Trade and a former director of the Rotary Club, a member of the board of governors of the Du Bois Country Club, a trustee of the Young Men's Christian Association and the First Methodist Church, and a member of Garfield Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, as well as of other Masonic branches, including Bethany Commandery, Knights Templar, and Jaffa Temple (Altoona), Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. In spare time he enjoys golf, hunting and fishing. Always fond of the out-of-doors, Mr. Groves was in earlier life a tennis enthusiast and for several years an accomplished tournament player. In 1933 he was golf champion of the Du Bois Country Club.

On December 5, 1907, John Q. Groves married Evelyn L. Tyson, of Big Run, Pennsylvania, daughter of Will H. and Emma L. Tyson. They became the parents of a daughter, Emma A. Groves, who was graduated from Du Bois schools and from Birmingham College. Miss Groves became the wife of Robert V. Maine, of Du Bois, and they have two children: 1. John Groves Maine, born in 1936. 2. Evelyn Jane Maine, born in 1940.

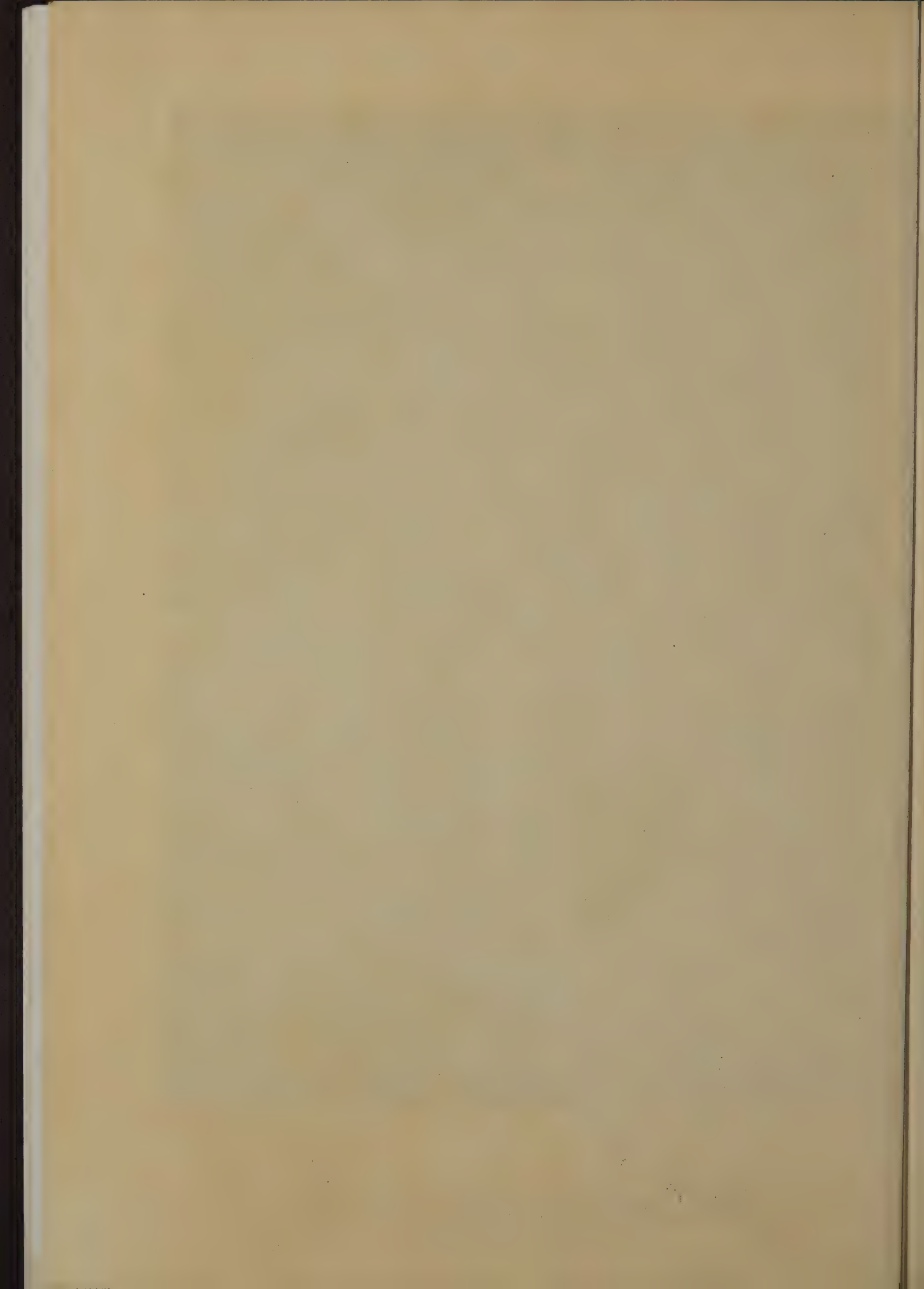
FORD MOORE SUMMERVILLE, M. D.—In the practice of medicine and surgery, Dr. Ford Moore Summerville has performed a work of value and distinction in Oil City, where he has rendered useful service as chief of staff of Oil City Hospital and has otherwise furthered the interests of his community and its people and institutions.

Dr. Summerville was born November 30, 1881, in Monroe, Clarion County, Pennsylvania, son of Dr. John Freeman and Hannah Jane (Moore) Summerville and member of an old and honorable family. His great-great-grandfather, James Summerville, born near Belfast, County Down, Ireland, was a member of the Seceder or Presbyterian Church, came early to America and settled in Pennsylvania. At the age of twenty-six he was married in Greensburg, Westmoreland County, to Sarah Scott, a native of that county, and a daughter of James Scott, who was born in Scotland. They became the parents of the following children: William, Samuel, John, Joseph, Azel, Ann, wife of Abram Titus; Margaret, wife of William Ferguson; Hannah, wife of William Minter; Fanny, wife of J. D. Rankin; and two others. With the exception of one, all lived to be over seventy years of age. The father of this family was one of the first settlers west of the Allegheny River in Armstrong County, and there on the old homestead farm he and his wife died at a ripe old age, he having attained the age of ninety-eight years. He was first a Whig, and later a Republican, in politics, and was a valued and honored resident of his community.

John Summerville, next in this family line, was born in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, where he was reared and educated. Later he there followed the tailor's trade until 1838. In 1827 he located on a farm three miles west of Kittanning, and there continued to make his home until called to his final rest in 1881. He married Catherine Ferguson, who was born in Adams County, Pennsylvania, on what afterwards became the battlefield of Gettysburg, and was a daughter of William and Emily Ferguson, the former a native of Ireland. While the battle was raging at Gettysburg a Confederate soldier conveyed her eldest daughter, then residing on the farm, on the back of an old gray horse, to a place of safety outside their lines. The children of John and Catherine (Ferguson) Summerville were as follows: James H., lived in Clarion County;



V. F. M. Sumnerville.



William, a merchant at Chillicothe, Missouri; John F., died in Clarion County; Samuel M., for three years served in the 78th P. V. I. during the Civil War, and then made his home at Vandergrift, Pennsylvania; Emily J., married James Ferguson, of Vanderbilt; Sarah C., married Francis Dounze, of Armstrong County, Pennsylvania; Joseph A.

Joseph A. Summerville, third child of John and Catherine (Ferguson) Summerville, attended the public schools and Freeport Academy. At the age of twenty he began teaching school and followed that profession for nine years, in 1856 moving to Clarion County and locating in Porter Township. Ten years later he moved to the Madison Township farm of one hundred acres, upon which the remainder of his life was spent. He was a Democrat in politics, a man of exceptional ability and standing whose service was sought by his fellows in many capacities. For over thirty years he was justice of the peace, secretary of the school board for sixteen years, tax collector for ten years, county surveyor for a long term, and a member of the State Legislature in 1877 and 1878. He was an elder of the Associate Presbyterian Church of Rimersburg and spent a rich and full life.

Mr. Summerville married (first), at Brady's Bend, Pennsylvania, Laura Sage, daughter of James and Margaret (Horn) Sage, her father a native of Vermont. They were the parents of the following children: John Freeman, of whom further; William J.; T. B.; J. E.; Mary, married E. Conner, of East Brady; and Maggie, wife of H. H. Shafer, of Rimersburg. After the death of Laura (Sage) Summerville, in 1876, Joseph A. Summerville married (second), in 1878, Mary C. Scott, daughter of John Scott, of Clarion, and they were the parents of Viola, Anna, Forest B., Ray Scott, Denny J., Amy, Maud, and Joseph A.

Their son, Dr. John Freeman Summerville, Dr. Ford Moore Summerville's father, born January 17, 1857, in Madison Township, Clarion County, Pennsylvania, began the practice of medicine at Monroe in 1889, and still continues this work down to the time of writing. He studied at Clarion Collegiate Institute and at McCorkle College, in Zanesville, Ohio, and for a year read medicine in the office of Dr. McCaudles, at Rimersburg, Pennsylvania. He was graduated as a Doctor of Medicine from the University of Michigan, in Ann Arbor, Michigan, in 1881, and at one time served as president of the Clarion County Medical Society, of which he was also secretary at one period of his career. He was a Democrat and a member of the Associated Presbyterian Church. His wife, Mrs. Hannah Jane (Moore) Summerville, Dr. Ford M. Summerville's mother, was born in Livingston County, Michigan, and died November 30, 1893, at Monroe. She was a graduate of the University of Michigan, as was her husband, and was a daughter of John and Hannah (Reid)

Moore. Her father was a native of Lincolnshire, England, who came to America about 1845 and died in Hudson, Michigan, after having spent most of his career in farming. Her mother was born in Lincolnshire, England, and died at Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Dr. Ford Moore Summerville attended public schools in Monroe, Pennsylvania, and Clarion Collegiate Institute, at Rimersburg, Pennsylvania, later becoming a student at St. Petersburg High School, St. Petersburg, Pennsylvania. He spent two years at the University of Michigan, then went to the Detroit College of Medicine, where he was graduated in 1906 as a Doctor of Medicine. During the period in which he was taking his college course he was employed at the Detroit Sanitarium. Then, after graduation, he took up the practice of medicine at Emlenton, Pennsylvania, beginning November 22, 1906. Working in both medicine and surgery, he came to Oil City in 1915, and here not only carried on a private practice in his profession but acted also as chief of staff of Oil City Hospital for many years.

In addition to his other activities, Dr. Summerville was a member of the Venango County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He was also a member and past president of the New York and New England Railroad Surgeons and of the Pennsylvania Railroad Surgeons' Association, and was a member of the New York Central Railroad Surgeons' Association and a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and the International College of Surgeons. He was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws by St. Bonaventure College in 1932, and had postgraduate work at Harvard University, the Chicago Laboratory of Surgical Technique and Michael Reese Hospital, in Chicago. He has visited most of the leading clinics in United States hospitals and in Canadian institutions, is a member of the United States Military Surgeons' Association, and acts as surgeon for both the New York Central and Erie railroads.

His services have been of value also in adding to the literature of the medical profession. He became one of the founders of the "American Medica" department of the University of Michigan, to which collection he contributed several hundred volumes of considerable antiquity and value. Dr. Summerville also has the distinction of having donated more than one-half of his total medical work to charity in the course of his professional practice. He has, moreover, interested himself in the civic and social life of his community. He is a member of the Republican party. In the Free and Accepted Masons he is a holder of the thirty-second degree of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and is an initiate in Zem Zem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a founder and a charter member of the Kiwanis Club. In

leisure time he takes pleasure in the practice of certain handicrafts, notably woodworking, having his cellar fitted with the modern electrical equipment of his craft. He has also a fine collection of old books and antiques.

Dr. Ford Moore Summerville married, July 18, 1904, at Sandwich, Ontario, Canada, Marion E. Rowe, a native of Liverpool, England.

JOSEPH L. CHICK, M. D.—Practicing medicine in Du Bois, Dr. Joseph L. Chick carries on work of a general nature in his profession and is a member of the active staffs of Du Bois Hospital and the Maple Avenue Hospital.

Dr. Chick was born January 24, 1899, in Du Bois, Pennsylvania, son of William George and Margaret Ann (Bogel) Chick. His father came from Somersetshire, England, to the United States at the age of sixteen years, and settled in Du Bois, Pennsylvania. He was for some years superintendent of the No. 1 Mine of the Buffalo & Susquehanna Coal & Coke Company, and is now living retired in Du Bois. The mother, a Du Bois woman, died in 1936.

Dr. Joseph L. Chick studied in the Du Bois schools, and after graduation from Sandy Township High School here became a student at the Pennsylvania State Teachers' College at Clarion. Transferring to the State Teachers' College at Indiana, Pennsylvania, he was graduated there in 1920. Later he took further academic work at the University of Pittsburgh, where he was graduated as a Bachelor of Science in 1928 and as a Doctor of Medicine in 1932. Meanwhile, before taking up his medical studies, Dr. Chick was a teacher for seven years. He spent a year in the Brady Township schools, was principal of the high school and superintendent and principal of the graded schools at Sligo, Clarion County, for two years, and for four years was superintendent and principal in Sagamore, in Armstrong County. Then came the period of his pre-medical and medical studies. Upon being graduated as a physician, in 1932, he served a year's internship at the West Penn Hospital, Pittsburgh. He began his practice in Pittsburgh in 1933, but in July, 1934, came to Du Bois and started the general practice that he has conducted down to the time of writing.

Aside from his office and private medical work, Dr. Chick is connected with the two hospitals mentioned above, the Du Bois Hospital and the Maple Avenue Hospital, and is a member of the Clearfield County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He is deeply interested in Du Bois affairs, being particularly concerned with fraternal organizations of which he is a member—the Nu Sigma Nu, the Improved Order of Red Men, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Loyal Order

of Moose. He is a Democrat in politics, served his country in the army during the World War, and has for years been active in the First Methodist Church of Du Bois. On his own farm, which he conducts as a sparetime pursuit and hobby, Dr. Chick breeds dogs and fish and has an extensive forest development. A student and practitioner of reforestation, he set out about 15,000 trees in the spring of 1941.

In February, 1923, Dr. Joseph L. Chick married Mary Hazel Lowe, of Sligo, Clarion County, Pennsylvania. They have two children: 1. Mary Jo Chick, born August 5, 1938; 2. Joseph William Chick, born February 19, 1941.

WILLIAM H. CANNON—Many years of business activity have brought William H. Cannon into a position of leadership and standing in the commercial world, and he has contributed in a notable way to Du Bois and its people through his services in industrial and civic life.

Mr. Cannon was born October 24, 1861, in Bruin, Butler County, Pennsylvania, son of John and Anne (Say) Cannon, of that county, both now deceased. His father was a contractor and builder.

William H. Cannon attended public schools in his native county, and in young manhood began his career in the retail mercantile business there. He continued along those lines until, in 1880, he came to Du Bois. After four years in different associations here, he went into business on his own account, opening a shoe store in partnership with a Mr. Hollister under the name of the Cannon-Hollister Company. Later Mr. Hollister died, whereupon Mr. Cannon continued the business under his own name until he sold the establishment to Fred J. Brown in 1926. Withdrawal from that business by no means meant retirement for Mr. Cannon, however, for he maintained his connections with other enterprises. And he is today president of the Jackson Vitriified China Corporation, treasurer and a director of the Du Bois Brewing Corporation and a director of the Du Bois Dairy Company. He is also a director of the Deposit National Bank.

In Du Bois he has taken a consistent interest in public affairs. He is a Republican in his political views. For ten years, between 1899 and 1909, Mr. Cannon served as a member of the board of education of Du Bois. In 1930 he again was elected to this board, and he still serves on it. He is active in Garfield Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and in the Masonic Order he is affiliated with Williamsport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and Zem Zem Temple (Erie), Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He attends the Lutheran Church.

William H. Cannon married (first), in 1882, Lottie Zeiriden, of Du Bois, Pennsylvania, who died September 20, 1920. They were the parents of a son, William H.

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Cannon, Jr., who attended Du Bois schools and later became manager of the store operated by the Brown Boot Shops in Warren, Pennsylvania; he married Ida Montgomery, of Du Bois, and they became the parents of three children: 1. Joseph Cannon, born in 1924. 2. Janet Irene Cannon, born in 1927. 3. Nancy Cannon, born in 1936.

William H. Cannon married (second), July 2, 1923, Eva McDonald, of Home Camp, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, daughter of G. W. McDonald and member of an old family.

LLOYD A. DIXON—Since 1936 Lloyd A. Dixon has been president of the Pittsburgh-Du Bois Company manufacturers of Emco meters at Du Bois. He has devoted his entire career to the production phase of manufacturing and served successfully in executive offices with a number of corporations before assuming his present office.

Mr. Dixon was born in Canton, Ohio, on September 1, 1898, son of Wallace and Elizabeth (Pollock) Dixon, both of Canton. His father, who is now deceased, was a mining man. His mother is still living, having reached her seventy-eighth year. Educated in the public schools of his birthplace, Mr. Dixon became associated with the Diebold Safe & Lock Company, after completing his high school course, and there began to learn the principles and practice of production in manufacturing. Afterward he was employed in various capacities by several companies, including the Carnahan Tin Plate & Sheet Company, the General Motors Corporation, the Torbinson Axle Company and the National Carbon Company. During this period he obtained a sound basic knowledge of production which qualified him for executive responsibilities. His next position was with the Wisconsin Axle Company, now a part of the Timken-Detroit Axle organization, with which he served as vice-president in charge of production. Upon his resignation from this company, Mr. Dixon joined the Pittsburgh Equitable Meter Company as vice-president in charge of production and sales, continuing until 1936. Since that time he has been president of the Pittsburgh-Du Bois Company, manufacturers of the well-known Emco meters.

Mr. Dixon is in full charge of all operations of the company, which has forged ahead steadily under his leadership. He is a member of several trade and industrial associations, including the American Gas Association, the American Water Works Association and the American Petroleum Institute, and as a resident of Du Bois has interested himself in the institutions and civic enterprises of the community. During the World War, Mr. Dixon served in the United States Navy. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the Methodist Church.

In 1919 he married Ruth O. Shobert, of Du Bois. Mr. and Mrs. Dixon have one son, Lloyd A. Dixon, Jr., who was graduated from Peabody High School in Pittsburgh and is now a student at Pennsylvania State College.

JOSEPH J. DESMOND—For many years one of the most prominent citizens of Corry, Pennsylvania, and one of the outstanding business men of northwestern Pennsylvania, Joseph J. Desmond, of Corry, was one of the men who did so much in the first quarter of the twentieth century to develop his community and to bring employment and prosperity to hundreds of men and women in Erie County. Widely known for his leadership in the leather industry, to which he devoted his lifetime, he was also an organizer and for years an official of the NuBone Corset Company while, within Corry he served for more than twenty years as banker and public-spirited citizen, being generous with his time and money in the support of all organizations and movements which had for their purpose the development of the welfare and the prosperity of Corry and Erie County.

Joseph J. Desmond, who was born at Corry, Pennsylvania, on April 23, 1873, and died on June 2, 1942, obtained his formal education in the grammar and high schools of his native community and then entered upon his business career, a lifetime of remarkably successful effort, high integrity and public service such as is given to few men to accomplish. He initiated his association with the leather industry as a young man when he secured employment with the firm of J. W. and A. P. Howard, leather manufacturers, and while still comparatively very young, so demonstrated his abilities and competence that he was rapidly promoted into responsible positions within the Howard firm. Later, in association with F. A. Loveland, Mr. Desmond took over the control of the big local industry and, through the ensuing years, the two men developed at Corry the widely known Korry-Krome leather business, for a generation one of the most prominent firms of its kind in the United States. Mr. Desmond who was also interested in the Marlatt Leather Company of Oakville, Ontario, Canada, and a director of the C. R. Clark Company of Toronto, Canada, leather manufacturers, was a former president of the Heavy Leather Group of the Tanners' Council of America and a member of the Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association. During his career, Mr. Desmond looked beyond the leather business and, at one time, in association with the late G. H. Barlow, organized and developed the NuBone Corset Company, an enterprise which for many years was an important part of Corry's industrial life before the Corry men disposed of their interests in the enterprise and it was moved to Erie,

Pennsylvania. Banking always interested Mr. Desmond, both as a business and as a means of public service and, for more than twenty years, he was the president of the Citizens' National Bank of Corry, being active in its management and development. Always, Mr. Desmond took a deep interest in the civic concerns and the political problems of his community and county and as a member of the Republican party he gave generously of his time to Republican party affairs, becoming well known throughout the State for his activities. A member of Saint Elizabeth's Church at Corry, Mr. Desmond belonged to the Union League of Philadelphia and to the Pennsylvania Society of New York, served as a member of the board of trustees of Edinboro State Teachers' College, was a member of Corry Council, Knights of Columbus, and of Corry Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He was one of the charter members of the Corry Rotary Club, a member of the Congressional Country Club of Washington, District of Columbia, the Conewango Club of Warren, and other similar organizations. Since the United States entered the Second World War, he had devoted much of his time and energy to civilian defense activities and was chairman of the Erie County Civilian Defense Council. At the time of his death, a Corry newspaper said, in part:

For nearly half a century . . . had exerted a marked influence in every activity of the city. . . . He was an all-time outstanding citizen of Corry . . . was never a neutral in anything. He was ready to jump into any issue without notice and one battle at a time never seemed enough. . . . he was devoted to his friends and family . . . It may be long before the community develops another citizen whose life is so deeply impressed upon its progress in so many and such varied ways. . . .

Joseph J. Desmond married, at Corry, Pennsylvania, in 1900, Florence E. Kibler, the daughter of Dr. Kibler and Mrs. Katherine (Palmer) Kibler. Mr. and Mrs. Desmond became the parents of three children: 1. Lawrence K., who was born on June 14, 1901, and educated at Exeter Academy and Yale University, where he obtained a degree of Bachelor of Laws, then entered business with his father. He married Gioconda Di Domizio, becoming the father of a daughter, Louise. Mr. Desmond became a manufacturer of patent leathers and a director of companies in which his father was interested. In 1936, while visiting Sweden, Lawrence K. Desmond lost his life in an airplane accident near Stockholm. His widow has since become the wife of Albert J. Allison, who is the cashier of the Citizens National Bank at Washington, Pennsylvania. 2. Marjorie, who was born on May 13, 1904, was graduated from Radcliffe College, Cambridge, Massachusetts, and is now the wife of William Elliott, an insurance broker at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; she is the mother of three children: Thomas, Sally, and Lewis Elliott. 3. Katherine,

who was born on January 14, 1913, and, after attending Wellesley College, at Wellesley, Massachusetts, married Daniel B. Taggart, vice-president of the J. W. and A. P. Howard Company, and is the mother of a son, Joseph Desmond Taggart.

FRANK HEBERLING, Jr.—In 1939, when he purchased a half interest in the "Conneaut Lake Breeze," Frank Heberling, Jr., turned from his earlier career with manufacturing enterprises to the publishing and printing business. His training and general business experience have been important factors in the success of this newspaper under its present management. As this is written Mr. Heberling has joined the armed forces of the United States, in officers' training camp.

Mr. Heberling was born in the family home near Conneaut Lake on December 19, 1917, son of Frank and Jennie Annette Heberling. His father, a retired school teacher, is now a farmer.

After his preliminary education in the public schools of Sadsbury Township, Frank Heberling, Jr., completed the four-year course at Conneaut Lake High School and followed it by a two-year course in business administration at Erie Business College. From the latter institution he was graduated in July, 1935. For some six weeks during that summer he was employed at the Oakland Beach Hotel, at Conneaut Lake. Subsequently, he spent two months with Talon, Inc., manufacturers of slide fasteners at Meadville, and then became associated with the Odin Stove Manufacturing Company at Erie, Pennsylvania, where he was employed for three and a half years from December, 1935, to June 30, 1939. On July 1, 1939, he became co-owner, with W. E. Monnie (*q. v.*), of the "Conneaut Lake Breeze," whose large increase in circulation since that time reflects the enterprising management furnished by its present owners and their adoption of sound business, as well as journalistic, standards. A large job and commercial printing business is also carried on in the modern plant of the "Breeze." With his young associate, Mr. Heberling is now well launched upon a successful publishing career which has brought him an influential position in the life of the Conneaut Lake community.

W. E. MONNIE—The "Conneaut Lake Breeze," of which he is co-owner and publisher, represents the present business interest of W. E. Monnie, who has devoted his career to the printing and publishing field and assumed control of the "Breeze" in 1939.

He was born on October 7, 1915, son of Charles O. Monnie, a contractor, and Grace (Haughey) Monnie, and received a public school education. At its completion he

adopted publishing as his life work and in 1939, with Frank Heberling, Jr. (*q. v.*), he purchased all rights of ownership in the "Conneaut Lake Breeze," a local newspaper published at Conneaut Lake. Since the acquisition of this newspaper, Mr. Monnie and Mr. Heberling, adopting progressive policies, have greatly enlarged its circulation and increased its influence as an organ of news and opinion. Their plant boasts very modern equipment, of a kind seldom found outside of large cities, and in addition to the publication of the "Breeze," they carry on a job and commercial printing business of substantial proportions.

Mr. Monnie is a member of the American Press Association and the Newspaper Publishers' Association. A Catholic in religious faith, he is a member of St. Peter's parish at Conneaut Lake.

In 1940 he married Ruth Diehl, daughter of Clarence Diehl, a farmer.

HAROLD D. WILSON—Following the earlier years of his career, spent in the railroad and steel industries, Harold D. Wilson came to Du Bois as manager of the Livingston Bakery and has since developed his interests in this field. He now owns and operates two bakery plants and distributes throughout a wide area.

Mr. Wilson was born in West Bromwich, England, on May 17, 1899, son of William and Sarah Anna (Hall) Wilson, both now deceased. His father, who was born in Staffordshire, England, was an iron worker. His mother was a native of Shropshire.

Harold D. Wilson came to the United States in early life and received his education in the public schools of Clearfield, Pennsylvania, which was his boyhood home. While he was still a boy, he entered the shops of the New York Central Railroad at Clearfield and later was transferred to the office, spending ten years altogether in this connection. Subsequently, from 1925 to 1932, he was employed in the office of the United States Steel Corporation at Johnstown. In the latter year he became manager of the Livingston Bakery in Du Bois and embarked upon the present phase of his career. In 1933 he purchased Mr. Livingston's interests and took over the ownership of the Livingston Bakery, which he has since successfully operated. This enterprise makes a full line of bakery goods for distribution through the house to house medium. In 1940 Mr. Wilson also established a plant in Clarion. Through these two plants he supplies a territory within a seventy-mile radius of Du Bois. Mr. Wilson operates a fleet of sixteen trucks and employs forty-one people. He manufactures under the name of the Livingston Bakery, although the "Vitality Loaf" is his premium product. In addition to this interest, he is also a partner in the Beaver

Meadow Bakery, a wholesale baking concern, and is a director of the Union Banking & Trust Company of Du Bois.

Mr. Wilson, who is well known in the general life of Du Bois, is a member and past director of the Board of Trade and a member of the Kiwanis Club. He is affiliated fraternally with the Masonic Order, in which he is a member of Garfield Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and all higher bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including Williamsport Consistory. He is also affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Pythias, both at Du Bois. Mr. Wilson is an independent Republican in politics and a member of the Presbyterian Church. He is interested in music, which has long been one of his principal recreations, and plays the French horn in the Du Bois Symphony Orchestra.

On June 16, 1926, Mr. Wilson married Aerial Baughman, daughter of H. R. Baughman, of Du Bois. They are the parents of two children: Anna Mae, born in October, 1929; and William H., born in September, 1935.

CLIFFORD JAMES LEWIS, M. D.—In 1934 Dr. Clifford James Lewis began the practice of his profession at Du Bois, where he is now established as a prominent surgeon, active in meeting the many demands made upon him, both as a private practitioner and in his various institutional connections.

Dr. Lewis was born in Bingham Center, Potter County, on March 27, 1895, son of Seldon Lewis, a merchant in Potter County, and Lillian (Patterson) Lewis. He received his preliminary education in the public school at Bingham Center, attended the high school at Ulysses and subsequently entered Valparaiso University in Indiana, from which he was graduated with the degrees of Pharmaceutical Chemist and Bachelor of Science in 1921. During the next several years he was a registered pharmacist in Chicago. Meanwhile, he took a year's course in bacteriology at the University of Chicago and carried on post-graduate work in physics at the University of Indiana, where he also prepared for his professional career in medicine. Upon the conclusion of his medical course he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Throughout this period, Dr. Lewis frequently served as a teacher in order to help defray the expenses of his own education. He taught school for one year in Bingham Center; was assistant in botany for two years at Valparaiso University, taught for two years in the Department of Pharmacy of the same institution; and for five years, while a student at Indiana State University, taught pharmacy in the Medical School there. After taking his medical degree he spent three years as interne and resident in surgery at Indiana State University Hospital, after which he came

to Du Bois to launch his practice here, beginning in 1934. Dr. Lewis has always specialized in surgery and has won a fine reputation in this field. He is a member of the surgical staff at Du Bois Hospital and at the Maple Avenue Hospital in Du Bois and is active in both institutions.

He is also a member of the surgical staff of the Elk County Hospital of Ridgway, Pennsylvania, and most of his time is devoted to general and orthopedic surgery. About six years ago he became surgeon for the Northwestern Mining & Exchange Company, and about three years ago he was made surgeon to the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad.

Dr. Lewis is also a member of the Clearfield County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. In addition to his professional connections he is affiliated fraternally with Ulysses Lodge, No. 556, Free and Accepted Masons. He is also affiliated with the Kappa Delta Pi fraternity at Valparaiso University and with the Phi Beta Pi medical fraternity at Indiana University. During the World War period, from the spring of 1917 to the fall of 1919, he served in the United States Navy as a musician. Dr. Lewis is independent in politics and is a member of the Baptist Church. He married, on January 1, 1924, Laura M. Miller, of Ulysses, Pennsylvania.

ERNEST C. ROSS—The New Hotel Logan at Du Bois is leased, owned and operated by Ernest C. Ross, who took over this hostelry in 1936 after many years spent in the provisions and restaurant business. Under his management it has become one of the finest commercial hotels in this section of the State.

Mr. Ross was born at Homestead, Allegheny County, on November 11, 1902, son of Joseph L. Ross, a retired railroad man now living at Du Bois, and Margaret (King) Ross. Moving to Du Bois in his boyhood, Mr. Ross received a public school education, completing the high school course, and spent most of his early business life working in local packing houses, restaurants and hotels. His background is thus one in which the handling and serving of foods have figured prominently.

With this experience, Mr. Ross acquired ownership of the Hotel Logan at Du Bois in 1936. Built in 1904, with original accommodations consisting of only twenty rooms, the Hotel Logan was enlarged in 1912, when it became a hostelry of seventy-five rooms. In latter years the building deteriorated and the whole institution ran down. This was the situation when Mr. Ross took over. Immediately, he remodelled the hotel completely, installed a new modern heating system, refurnished and redecorated the lobby and bar and built a new modern tap room accommodating three hundred people. The tap room has now become one of

the favorite gathering places in Du Bois for those socially inclined. As a result of these additions and improvements, Mr. Ross now has a fine commercial hotel, which he operates on the principle that service and friendliness are the most valuable assets to such an institution, dispensing both freely. The New Hotel Logan, as it is now called, is widely and favorably known, not only to city people but to all visitors in this region.

Mr. Ross, who has won a definite place for himself in the city's life, is a member of the Du Bois Business Men's Association and the Greeters Association. He is also a member of the United Commercial Travelers and is affiliated fraternally with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Loyal Order of Moose. In politics he is a Republican, but has never entered public life, although taking a keen interest in civic affairs and all movements for the growth and progress of the community. Mr. Ross and his family are members of the Episcopal Church.

He married, on February 14, 1929, Alice Minns, of Du Bois, daughter of George Minns. Mr. and Mrs. Ross are the parents of one son, Ernest Earl, born September 11, 1935, now attending the Du Bois public schools.

VERNON T. SMITH—One of the leading milk distributors and merchants of dairy products in Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, Vernon T. Smith of Du Bois not only enjoys an outstanding position as a business man but also is prominent in civic affairs, being particularly active as a trustee of the Du Bois Baptist Church.

Vernon T. Smith was born at Luthersburg, Pennsylvania, May 25, 1894, son of Elmer B. and Louella (Nolder) Smith. Elmer B. Smith, who was a native of Clarion County, Pennsylvania, passed his life as a farmer and as the proprietor of a retail milk distributing business. Louella Smith, his wife, was a native of Luthersburg.

After passing through the public and high schools of Du Bois, Vernon T. Smith began work in association with his father, taking over gradually the various activities of the milk retailing business which his father had organized in Du Bois about 1898. In 1911 Mr. Smith assumed the entire business and under his direction the enterprise expanded, and was the first to install pasteurizing equipment in northwestern Pennsylvania. In 1917 Mr. Smith sold out the business but, after about three years spent in other activities, in 1920 he again established himself as a milk distributor and has continued in the activity through the present time. He has enlarged the organization until he now operates a wholesale and retail business, buying from local farmers and selling in the neighborhood of two thousand quarts daily. His organization, which uses five trucks and employs thirteen persons, is also increased by his distribution of such dairy products as cheese, butter,

buttermilk and cream. A member and trustee of the First Baptist Church of Du Bois, Mr. Smith, who is a Republican politically, belongs to such local organizations as the Acorn Club.

Vernon T. Smith married, at Du Bois, October 20, 1917, Martha Helen Richards, of Du Bois. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are the parents of four children: 1. Frank Richard, born in 1919, who is a graduate of the local schools and the University of Pennsylvania, class of 1941. 2. Robert Lewis, who was born in 1925 and is a student in the local schools. 3. Vernon T., Jr., born in 1928 and now a student in the local schools. 4. Martha Helen, born in 1936.

WILLIS ALFRED HOUCK, M. D.—One of the leading surgeons of northwestern Pennsylvania, Willis Alfred Houck, M. D., of Du Bois, Clearfield County, is widely known throughout his municipality as a general practitioner, as well as being prominent in Masonry and active in various local organizations and societies.

He was born at Purchase Line, Indiana County, Pennsylvania, on September 25, 1890, the son of Joseph and Ida (Farnsworth) Houck. Joseph Houck was a native of Indiana County. Ida F. Houck, his wife, who was also a native of Indiana County, passed away August 1, 1942, at the age of eighty-one.

After attending Purchase Line Academy, Willis Alfred Houck entered Grove City College, where, becoming interested in the medical profession, he completed two years of pre-medical work and then went on to the University of Pennsylvania, where he took his degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1919. During the World War he was a member of the Enlisted Medical Reserve Corps of the United States Army and also served in the Students' Army Training Corps during his senior year at the university. His education had also been interrupted previously by a period of five years, during which time he taught school. After obtaining his medical degree, Dr. Houck passed a year as an interne at the Western Pennsylvania Hospital at Pittsburgh and then came to Du Bois where he became associated with a cousin, Dr. E. E. Houck, in the general practice of his profession. For sixteen years, the doctor maintained this practice but, since 1936, he has been largely limiting his interests to surgery, being a member of the surgical staffs of the Du Bois Hospital and the Maple Avenue Hospital. Supporting his profession by membership in the Clearfield County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania Medical Society and the American Medical Association, the doctor, who is a Republican in political life, takes an active interest in the First Presbyterian Church of Du Bois, serving the institution as an elder. A member of the Du Bois Country Club and the Subula Outing Club, as well as such fraternities as Omega Upsi-

lon Pi and Alpha Omega Alpha, the doctor is also a member of the Du Bois Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and several Masonic bodies, his memberships including Garfield Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and Joysha Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Altoona.

Willis Alfred Houck married, on April 12, 1911, Meda M. Waddell, of Green Township, Indiana County, Pennsylvania. Dr. and Mrs. Houck are the parents of three children: 1. Harold E., a graduate of Du Bois schools and a student at Allegheny College, now a musician; he married Lois Braund and is the father of a son, Donald, who passed away on July 2, 1941, at the age of three years; and a daughter, Judith Ann, born in February, 1942. 2. Graydon C., a graduate of the local schools and a student at Springfield College and at Ohio University, now associated with the Union Banking & Trust Company, who married Alein Commeta, and is the father of a son, Gary, and a daughter, Ann Alein. 3. Mary Elizabeth, a graduate of the local schools and of Ohio University, where she is now taking a course as a medical technician.

THEODORE C. KLEIN, M. D.—Until May, 1942, an outstanding general practitioner of northwestern Pennsylvania, Dr. Theodore C. Klein, of Du Bois, has been active in the practice of his profession in Clearfield County and also prominent in various civic activities in his municipality. At present he is in the service of his country, attached to the Station Hospital, at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland.

Theodore C. Klein was born at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, June 25, 1910, a son of C. L. and Amanda (Seig) Klein. C. L. Klein is a tool and die supervisor at the Turtle Creek, Pennsylvania, plant of the Westinghouse Electric Company; Mr. and Mrs. Klein making their home in that town at the present time.

After graduating from the public schools and the high school of Turtle Creek, Theodore C. Klein entered the University of Pittsburgh where he graduated with his Bachelor of Science degree in 1929 and then, becoming interested in medicine, entered the Medical School of the University of Pittsburgh, taking his degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1933. After graduation from the university, the doctor was given a commission as a first lieutenant in the Medical Reserve Corps, a rank which he held until 1938, when he resigned. Upon graduation, the doctor interned for a year at Saint Francis' Hospital at Pittsburgh and then came to Du Bois where he began the general practice of his profession with Dr. W. A. Houck and Dr. E. E. Houck, an association which he has maintained through the present time. Supporting his profession by membership in Clearfield County Medical Society, the

Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the American Medical Association, Dr. Klein, who is a Republican politically, is a member of the Reformed Church of Du Bois. A member of such fraternities as Omega Delta and Phi Beta Pi, the doctor is also active in the Du Bois Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and Garfield Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons.

In March, 1942, he reapplied for his former commission in the Medical Corps of the United States Army. He received his commission, and entered the services of his country in May, 1942. At present, September 4, 1942, he is attached to the Station Hospital at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland.

Theodore C. Klein married, August 18, 1934, Hilda Heiston, of Allegheny County.

MAX F. BALCOM—As vice-president in charge of the radio division of the Hygrade-Sylvania Corporation, Max F. Balcom has figured prominently in the life of Emporium, and he has taken his full share of civic responsibility here.

Mr. Balcom was born June 20, 1888, in Cameron County, son of George Frank and Sarah (Fenton) Balcom. His father, who was born in Calais, Maine, came to Cameron County, Pennsylvania, at the age of sixteen years, and was for years woods superintendent for the lumber firm of Cochran Brothers, in this region, and later a merchant in Emporium until the close of his life. He served as county treasurer for a term and was a member of the borough council of Emporium for a number of years, and at all times took the liveliest interest in local affairs. Mrs. Sarah (Fenton) Balcom, Max F. Balcom's mother, born here in 1859, and still living here, is a daughter of Amos and Adeline Fenton. Her father was a pioneer lumberman of this region of Pennsylvania, whose business was wiped out by the flood of 1888.

Max F. Balcom attended graded and high schools in Emporium, and later studied at the Bryant and Stratton Business College, in Buffalo. He then studied business methods in a much more practical sphere as an employee of the First National Bank of Emporium. As a clerk he remained with this banking organization for about seven years, at the conclusion of which he became connected with the Angledile Scale Company, in Elkhart, Indiana, serving in an executive capacity. In November, 1918, he returned to Emporium as purchasing agent with the Novelty Incandescent Lamp Company, with whom he remained. The Hygrade-Sylvania Corporation, referred to above, is this firm's successor, and as vice-president in charge of the radio division, Mr. Balcom figures actively in its affairs.

Everything having to do with the life of Emporium and its people and institutions has gained Mr. Balcom's in-

terest and participation. He also takes part in community activities, and is a director of the Emporium Water Company and vice-president and a director of the Emporium Foundation, Inc. He is also vice-president and a director of the Emporium Trust Company, and is a vice-president and director of the Radio Manufacturers Association. A Republican, he served a term on the borough council. He is a member of St. Marys Country Club, and in the Free and Accepted Masons is affiliated with Emporium Lodge, No. 382; Emporium Chapter, No. 227, Royal Arch Masons; Knapp Commandery, Knights Templar; and Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He is a member of the Episcopal Church.

On July 13, 1926, Max F. Balcom married Bessie G. Huggler, of Port Allegany, Pennsylvania. They became the parents of one daughter, Martha Jean Balcom, born in 1928, a student in Emporium schools at the time of writing.

EARL E. HOUCK, M. D.; EARL E. HOUCK, Jr., M. D.—The name of Houck is outstanding in Clearfield County, both in general medicine and surgery as well as in many public and professional activities which have carried members of the family into prominence in the city of Du Bois, in Clearfield County and in adjacent sections of northwestern Pennsylvania.

Earl E. Houck, who was born July 4, 1880, and died June 27, 1936, was a son of George Houck. After attending the Purchase Line Academy, Earl E. Houck entered Baltimore Medical College where he received his degree of Doctor of Medicine and also served his internship. For a time Dr. Houck practiced his profession in association with Dr. Grube at Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, but, in 1908, he came to Du Bois and established himself in the general practice of his profession, coming to limit himself to surgery, however, from 1920 until the time of his death. A very active and generous man, he was vitally interested in all civic movements and devoted his time and his talents for many years to various public employments, serving as a member of different boards and commissions. A member of the Clearfield Medical Society, the Pennsylvania Medical Society and the American Medical Association, he served as a member of the staff of the Du Bois Hospital and the Maple Avenue Hospital, being one of the primary figures in the organization of the latter institution, as well as a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. One abiding interest of the doctor's life was his devotion to nature, a sympathy which led him to take a particularly active rôle in the beginnings of the conservation movement locally and, coming to concentrate his attentions upon forestry, to plant many thousands of forest trees in Clearfield County.



Max F. Balcom



Earl E. Houck married Ethel Miser Johnson, of Du Bois. Dr. and Mrs. Houck were the parents of three children: 1. Earl E., Jr. 2. Dorothy Ethel, a graduate of the Du Bois schools, who after attending Allegheny College, took her Bachelor of Science degree in dietetics at Hood College and her Master's degree at Ohio State University and then married Robert Pugh. They now reside at New Madison, Ohio. 3. George William, a graduate of the Du Bois schools, who, after taking his Bachelor of Science degree from Allegheny College, is now studying medicine at Jefferson Medical College.

Earl E. Houck, Jr., the son of Earl E. and Ethel Miser (Johnson) Houck, was born at Du Bois, Pennsylvania, August 20, 1912. After graduating from the Du Bois High School in 1930, he entered Allegheny College, where he took his Bachelor of Science degree in 1934 and then, beginning the study of medicine at Jefferson Medical College, took his Doctor of Medicine degree from that institution in 1938. Following his internship at West Pennsylvania Hospital at Pittsburgh, he returned home to Du Bois and began the practice of his profession in association with Dr. W. A. Houck and Dr. T. C. Klein, thus becoming the junior member in the office established by his father, who was the senior member of the association until his death. Dr. Houck supports his profession by membership in the Clearfield County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the American Medical Association, as well as being a member of the staffs of the Du Bois Hospital and the Maple Avenue Hospital. Very much interested in music, the doctor is devoted to the viola and is a member of the Du Bois Symphony Orchestra. Worshipping at the First Presbyterian Church of Du Bois, Dr. Houck belongs to the Du Bois Country Club, the Elks, and is a member of such fraternities as Nu Sigma Nu and the Phi Delta Theta.

Earl E. Houck, Jr., married, September 16, 1939, Katherine Marie Ulrich, a native of Indiana, who made her home at Peoria, Illinois. Dr. and Mrs. Houck are the parents of a daughter, Barbara K., who was born May 4, 1941.

KNARR FAMILY—The story of the Knarr family illustrates the history of many of those who have developed the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Of foreign birth, ambitious to make the most of themselves and to secure freedom from religious and cultural limitations, they brought some of the finest blood and spirit of Europe to the New World and became exemplars of our best citizenry.

George Knarr was born in Germany and in 1831 emigrated to America with his family. He took up two hundred acres of land near Troutville in Brady Township, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania. He lived to the ripe old

age of ninety-two years. George Knarr married Louisa Wisegarber, and they became the parents of six children: Henry, of whom further; Andrew, George, Adam, Charlotte, who married Christian Haag; and Caroline, who married A. K. Weaver.

Henry Knarr, son of George and Louisa (Wisegarber) Knarr, born in Germany, was about eighteen years old when he came to America with his parents. At first he worked with his father, but subsequently secured a one hundred and fifty-acre tract of land for himself, which he spent years in clearing and cultivating. He also taught school in Brady Township, and died in 1886 at the age of seventy-eight years. Henry Knarr married Catherine Marshall, also a native of Germany, and they were the parents of these children: Louisa, George, Caroline, Simon, David, Lorena, Henry S., of whom further; Reuben, John Adam, Mary, Catherine, Samuel A., Ferdinand, all of whom survived infancy.

Henry S. Knarr, son of Henry and Catherine (Marshall) Knarr, spent his boyhood on his father's farm and attended the county schools. He was physically very active in his youth, but through an accident lost one of his limbs. He served an apprenticeship at the tailor's trade in Brookville, and in 1876 opened his own establishment in Du Bois. He conducted a successful business until 1882, when he became interested in buying and selling real estate in which he rose to be very successful. He cleared land and laid out building lots, erected several large buildings in Du Bois and was one of the leading realtors in this section. Henry S. Knarr was one of the organizers, and until his death a director of the Union Bank & Trust Company. He took an active part in local affairs, having served on the Borough Council and as Burgess. Henry S. Knarr married, June 23, 1879, Mary A. Buchheit, daughter of Frederick and Elizabeth (Weber) Buchheit, of Jefferson County, Pennsylvania. They became the parents of two sons: Silas P. and Burt E. Knarr.

Silas P. Knarr, son of Henry S. and Mary A. (Buchheit) Knarr, was born March 25, 1880, and educated in the grade and high schools of Du Bois and the Du Bois Business College. From 1900 he was associated with the Union Bank & Trust Company, and remained with that institution thirteen years. He then started serving as executor of his father's estate, managing the various real estate holdings as well as operating the fine dairy farm in Brady Township near Luthersburg. Of late, however, his brother, Burt E. Knarr, has assumed full charge of the farm and the retail dairy business. Silas P. Knarr is a member of the Kiwanis Club and prominent in community life and affairs.

On September 1, 1908, Silas P. Knarr married Alice F. Neilson, of Du Bois, Pennsylvania, daughter of Charles A. and Emma B. Neilson, of Sweden. They are the par-

ents of one son, Henry S. Knarr, 4th, a graduate of local schools, Mercersburg Academy and Pennsylvania State College, now engaged in the aviation industry.

Burt E. Knarr, brother of Silas P. Knarr, was born March 2, 1882, in Du Bois, and educated in local schools; he is now in charge of his father's farm. Burt E. Knarr married Louella London, of Henderson Township, and they have a daughter, Mary Lou, attending Brady Township schools.

THE MALLORY FAMILY—LEWIS ELMORE

MALLORY, Sr.—Three successive generations of the Mallory family have been prominently identified with the petroleum industry in northwestern Pennsylvania, of which Lewis Elmore Mallory, Sr., was the first. His son and successor bore the same given and surname, and so does a grandson, each successful executives and civic leaders. A fourth Lewis E. Mallory, was born in 1930.

Lewis Elmore Mallory, Sr., was born at Cambridge Springs, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, April 16, 1849. He attended a district school at Phelps Corners until he was fifteen years old and then went to work in the oil fields at Bull Run, Venango County. He learned rapidly and was soon doing independent contracting. It is necessary to make reference to a piece of oil history to indicate the time and place of Mr. Mallory, Sr., as a pioneer in this industry. He was ten years old when Colonel Edwin L. Drake sank the first commercially profitable well, August 27, 1859. Despite the immediate "black gold" rush, the first of many, relatively little progress had been made when Lewis E. Mallory was contracting for the sinking of wells while still a beardless youth. The first really big boom began in 1864, when Mallory began his connection with the industry, and he had not reached his majority when he drilled the first well, using five and five-eighths-inch casing to shut out water, one of the important steps toward improved production. This was at Bully Hill, Pennsylvania.

In 1876 Lewis E. Mallory located at Bradford when this field was in its infancy and from then on until his death, December 12, 1922, he was a power in this territory. During these early years he gained a wide experience in every phase of the gas and oil industry that was to stand him well in later life. It was not long after moving to Bradford that he became one of the most successful operators in the country. Although his holdings in Bradford, both as an individual and in corporate enterprises, were very extensive he did not confine himself to this one area. Mr. Mallory opened the Watsonville pool in McKean County; the rich pool in Chipmunk; and second sand on Nichols Run in Cattaraugus County, New York, and the Turkey Mountain pool in Tulsa County, Oklahoma. He also operated extensively in Ohio as an executive of the Ohio Fuel Supply Company, and in West

Virginia through the Ohio Fuel Oil Company located on Blue Creek in Kanawha County. His success was not meteoric but steady, for which courageous enterprise and a keen knowledge of his business were mostly responsible.

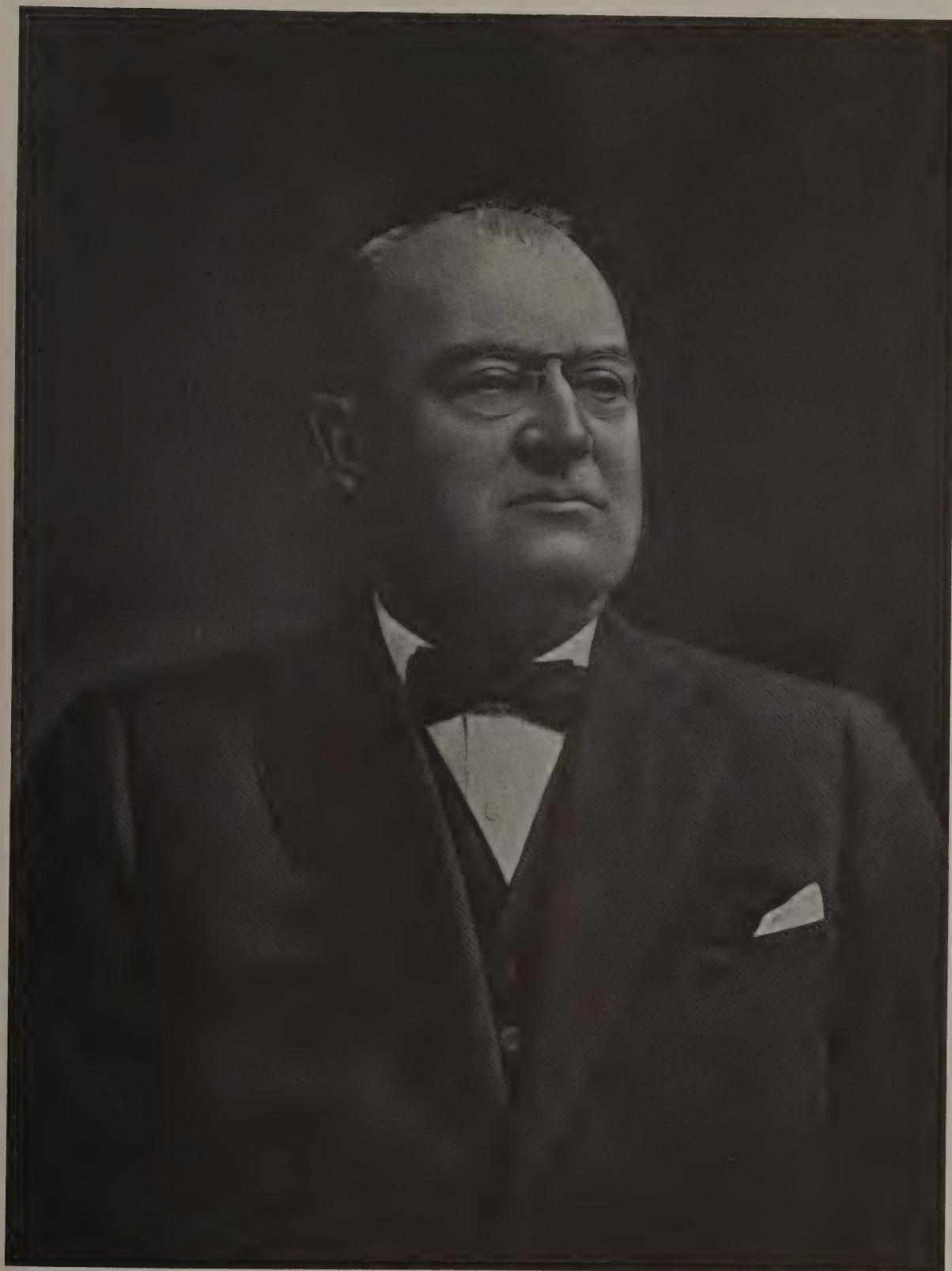
Although a hard worker he did not even in younger years devote his entire time to business. He was active in club and fraternal affiliations, as well as in the social affairs of the community. From his grandfather Phelps, a noted hunter, he inherited a love of shooting and was a capable marksman. He was a member of the Bradford Gun Club and his skill aided the club to make and maintain a high reputation in marksmanship against picked clubs of the United States and Canada. Fraternally he was a member of Union Lodge, No. 334, Free and Accepted Masons; Bradford Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Bradford Council, Royal and Select Masters; Trinity Commandery, Knights Templar; Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and Syria Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He was also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and among his clubs were the Duquesne Club of Pittsburgh, the Bradford Club and the Country Club of Bradford, and the "Forty Niners." He was a Republican in politics and a member of the First Presbyterian Church which he served as trustee.

At the time of his death, Mr. Mallory was vice-president and director of the Commercial Bank; president of the Bradford Brick & Tile Company; president and director of Oswayo Chemical Company; director of the Genesee Chemical Company; director and member of the executive board of the Ohio Fuel Supply Company, of the Ohio Fuel Oil Company, and senior member of the firm of L. E. Mallory & Son and the Nichols Run Oil Company. A man of unusual energy and resourcefulness he would not be denied success in his chosen field. He was a natural leader and found willing and loyal followers wherever he went because of his ready sympathy and a steadfast desire to accord a square deal to all with whom he came in contact. Few men retained the high regard of all classes as did Mr. Mallory.

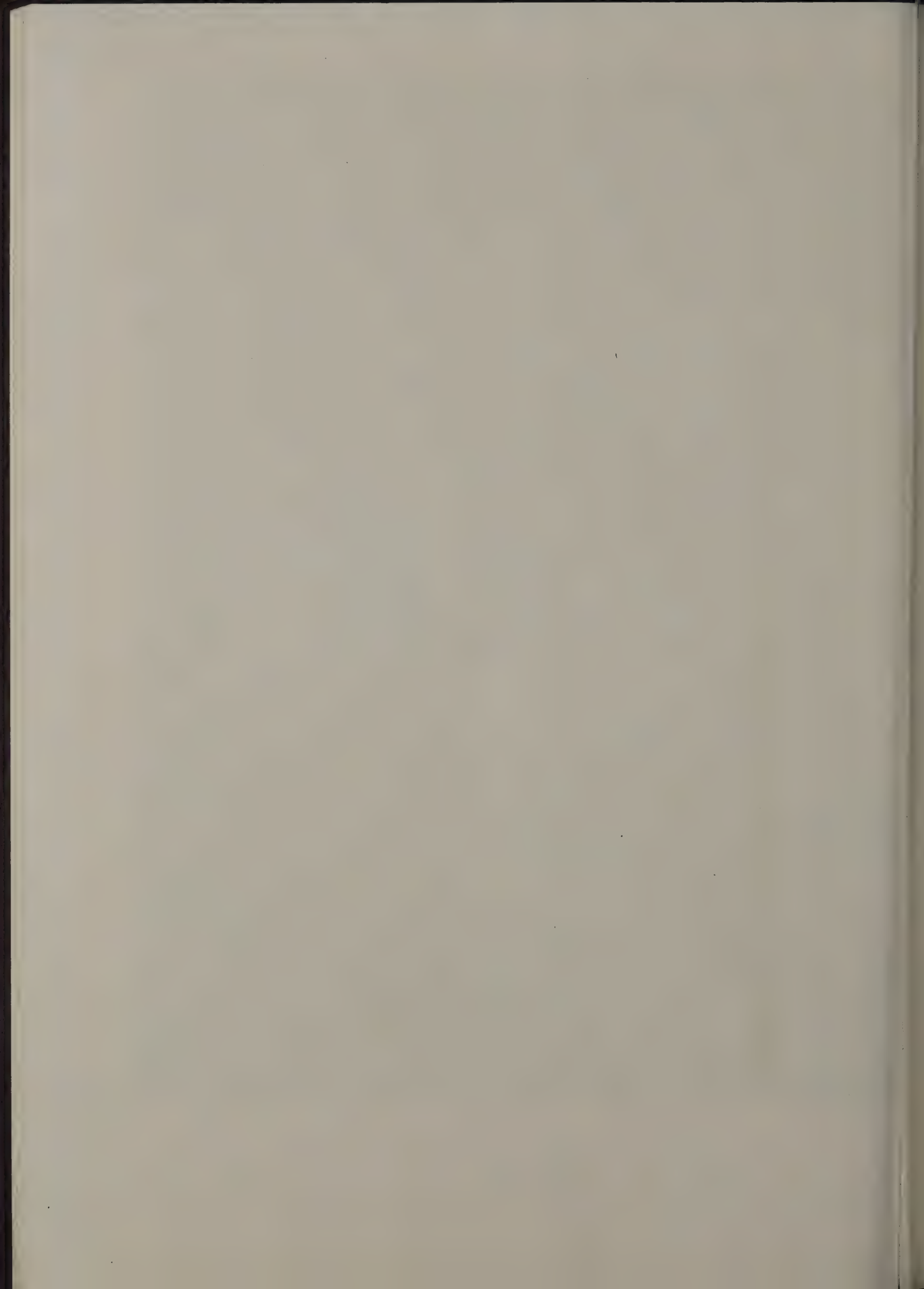
On January 1, 1873, Lewis Elmore Mallory, Sr., married Emma Jeannette Crawford, born in Emlenton, Venango County, Pennsylvania, May 23, 1853, daughter of Ebenezer (2) and Elizabeth (Wilson) Crawford. Mrs. Mallory died December 23, 1919. They were the parents of two children, of whom one was Lewis Elbert, Jr., of whom further.

Lewis Elmore Mallory, Sr., died December 12, 1922.

LEWIS ELBERT MALLORY, Jr.—Although his career was cut short by relatively early death while he was still in his prime, the city of Bradford and the Pennsylvania oil country knew Lewis Elbert Mallory, Jr., as a substantial and highly regarded citizen. A man of



Lewis E. Malloy



wide interests in the production and refining of oil, he was also active in innumerable civic connections which extended his influence and brought wide benefits to the community and section in which he made his home.

Mr. Mallory was born in Emlenton, Venango County, on May 18, 1874, son of Lewis Elmore and Emma Jeanette (Crawford) Mallory. In 1876, when he was two years old, he accompanied his parents to Bradford, which always remained his home. His father, who died on December 12, 1922, was a man of large affairs in banking, finance and oil. One of the true pioneers of the Pennsylvania petroleum industry, he remained a leader in its ranks until the close of his career.

Lewis Elbert Mallory, Jr., was trained to large responsibilities through the medium of a splendid education and his father's personal guidance during the early years of his business career. After the completion of his preparatory education in the Bradford schools, he attended the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce at the University of Pennsylvania and upon his return to Bradford became associated with his father in the firm of L. E. Mallory & Son. This organization, then and since, has ranked among the outstanding producers in the Pennsylvania oil fields. Mr. Mallory was also associated with his father and others in establishing the Ohio Fuel Supply Company, later merged with the Columbia Gas & Electric Company of New York. On his own initiative he founded, with several associates, the Bradford Oil Refining Company, of which he became secretary and treasurer. He owned a large acreage of valuable oil producing land at Nichols Run and Sugar Run and retained until the close of his career the various oil interests which occupied the greater part of his attention throughout his life. Mr. Mallory was also a director of the Commercial National Bank of Bradford. He guided with sure hand the enterprises under his control and was a valued associate in every business and financial organization with which he was affiliated.

Mr. Mallory's interests, however, were never limited purely to the sphere of business. He was always concerned with the civic welfare of his community and the strength and usefulness of its institutions. During his lifetime in Bradford, there were few movements of value which did not benefit from his active leadership or effective support. He was a member of many organizations, including Bradford Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which he was a trustee, and the Young Men's Christian Association, and was largely instrumental in building the fine homes of these organizations in Bradford. He was also a member of the Bradford Club, the Bradford Country Club, the North Penn Golf Club, the Buffalo Athletic Club, the Duquesne Club of Pittsburgh and the Everglades Club of Palm Beach, Florida. A thorough sportsman, noted for his prowess with rod

and gun, he was a founder, charter member and for twenty-eight years president of the Bradford Gun Club and a wholehearted devotee of outdoor life. His summer camp at Sugar Run was well known for its hospitality and as a gathering place of the many sportsmen who were his friends. His gift for friendship was one of his happiest talents, and his personal charm, genial spirit and keen wit made him a central figure in any gathering.

Mr. Mallory married Mabelle DeHarte, who as his wife became a leader in the social life of Bradford and whose kindness of spirit and many philanthropies endeared her to the community. They became the parents of three children: Thomas D.; Lewis Elbert, 3d; and Marjorie.

Lewis Elbert Mallory, Jr., died in Bradford on May 13, 1928, in his fifty-fourth year, and with his death the city lost one of its most notable figures. As an executive and industrialist he contributed to the prosperity and welfare of city and county. As an exemplary citizen of enlightened social conscience, he made his influence strongly felt in furthering the cultural and humanitarian enterprises of his community. As the Bradford press wrote of him at his death, in voicing the tribute of the city:

A man of unusual personal charm, Mr. Mallory was thoroughly well known not only at home but throughout a wide section, being established in the public estimation as a general favorite because of his broad sympathy developed in a field of active experience, his uniform courtesy, and a democracy that enveloped all who played the game of life openly and fairly.

THOMAS D. MALLORY—Eldest son of Lewis E. Mallory, Jr., Thomas D. Mallory was born in Bradford, McKean County, Pennsylvania, November 5, 1906. He was educated at the Fessenden School, from which he was graduated in 1922; the Hill School, at Pottstown, Pennsylvania, from which he graduated in 1925; and the Sheffield Scientific School, Yale University, class of 1929. He returned from New Haven, Connecticut, to take charge of L. E. Mallory & Son, at the time of his father's death, in 1928, the business of which he has operated with his younger brother, Lewis E. Mallory III.

Thomas D. Mallory has not confined his business activities to the long established company, above mentioned, for he is a director of the Hanley Company, of the Pringle Powder Company, the Bradford Oil Refining Company, the Genesee Chemical Company, and is president of the Oswayo Chemical Company. He is a Republican in his political affiliations, active in Bradford community affairs, and is a member of the following clubs: the Bradford, Pennhills, Valley Hunt, and the Bradford Gun Club, of which he is a director and secretary. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and is a com-

municant of the Presbyterian Church, of which he is a trustee.

On March 31, 1930, Thomas D. Mallory married Mary Downs, of Saratoga Springs, New York, and they are the parents of two sons: 1. Thomas Downs Mallory, born March 24, 1933. 2. Michael Mallory, born November 1, 1936.

LEWIS ELBERT MALLORY III—Lewis Elbert Mallory III, son of Lewis E. Mallory, Jr., was born in Bradford, McKean County, Pennsylvania, October 17, 1913. After attending the public schools of his birth city, he received his formal education in the Hill School at Pottstown, the Milford School, in the town of that name in Connecticut, the Hun School, Princeton, New Jersey. He was a student at the University of Pittsburgh when he left to continue the tradition and major interests of his father and grandfather, of the same name, and entered the oil industry. This was in 1933 and his engineering studies proved of value in the management, with his brother, of the L. E. Mallory & Son business. This firm, as already indicated, has large holdings of oil producing properties in the Bradford field and in the West.

Lewis E. Mallory III is a director of the Oswayo Chemical Company and the Genesee Chemical Company. Like other members of his family, he makes a constructive contribution to the civic affairs of Bradford and is prominent socially and popular as a clubman and sportsman. Numbered among his clubs are the Pennhills, the Bradford, Bradford Gun, Valley Hunt, Buffalo Trap and Field, and the Circus Saints and Sinners, of which he is a director. Especially interested in aviation, Mr. Mallory is one of the most active members of the Airport Club, of Bradford; is a licensed pilot and flies his own plane.

On January 15, 1938, Lewis Elbert Mallory III married Margaret A. Dana, daughter of L. G. Dana, of Derrick City, and they are the parents of a son, Lewis Elbert Mallory IV, born September 16, 1939, and a daughter, Melinda Dane Mallory, born August 23, 1941.

JOHN DU BOSQ GRESIMER—One of Emporium's leading citizens, John Du Bosq Gresimer is a member of the law firm of Rydeski and Gresimer, and is active in the real estate business and other enterprises in his community.

Mr. Gresimer was born September 19, 1910, son of Augustus Du Bosq Gresimer, of Philadelphia, and Anna (Hall) Gresimer, of Delaware County, this State. His father is now deceased. He was for years a manufacturing jeweler, specializing in pearl brooches, and Mrs. Gresimer, the mother, still operates the business in Philadelphia.

John Du Bosq Gresimer spent his early life in his birthplace, Ardmore Park, in Delaware County, Pennsylvania,

and received his early education in the schools of Haverford Township there. For one year he attended the University of Pennsylvania, and in 1931 he was graduated from Haverford College as a Bachelor of Arts. In 1935 he took the degree of Bachelor of Laws at Temple Law School, whereupon he was admitted to the bar in the same year in Philadelphia. For a short time he studied further in the law office of Orr, Hall and Williams, in Philadelphia, to gain practical experience in his profession. In 1936 he was admitted to the Cameron County bar, and in 1937 was admitted to practice in both the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania and the Federal courts. He began his general law practice in Emporium in 1936 as a partner of Mr. Rydeski in the firm of Rydeski and Gresimer.

In addition to his work along these lines, which has become extensive with the passage of the years, Mr. Gresimer is active in real estate affairs and in other businesses in the district. He is secretary of the Cameron County Bar Association, a member of the Emporium Men's Club, past president of the local Rotary Club, and a leader in fraternal life here. In the Free and Accepted Masons he is affiliated with Emporium Lodge, No. 382, and Emporium Chapter, Royal Arch Masons. Politically he is a Republican, and serves as solicitor of Cameron County and also of the borough of Emporium. For some time he taught in the Sunday school of the local Protestant Episcopal Church, in which he is now secretary of the vestry. Gardening is Mr. Gresimer's favorite hobby and recreation.

John Du Bosq Gresimer married, February 13, 1937, Louise P. Plyler, of Ridgway, Pennsylvania. They became the parents of one son, John Du Bosq Gresimer, II, who was born November 11, 1937.

HARRY G. GANOE—Prominently identified with the newspaper business throughout his active business career, Harry G. Ganoe is at the present time owner and publisher of the "Clearfield Times" and "The Curwensville Herald."

Mr. Ganoe was born at Clearfield, Pennsylvania, November 17, 1908, the son of G. Fay and Pearl (McClelland) Ganoe. The elder Mr. Ganoe, a native of Center County, is a retired railroad employee. Harry G. Ganoe received his education in the Clearfield schools. He purchased the "Clearfield Times" May 29, 1939, and "The Curwensville Herald" March 1, 1942, and to date, as publisher of these papers he has been successful in this field, and his honest efforts and ethical management have resulted in extensive circulation for his newspapers. John V. Lewis, editor of both papers, lives at Curwensville, Pennsylvania.

He is a member of the Methodist Church, an active Democrat, and a member of the Clearfield Volunteer Fire



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Department. He was an original member of Troop A, 104th Cavalry, Pennsylvania National Guard, and served with this troop from February 23, 1927, to June, 1930.

Mr. Ganoe is unmarried.

PONTZER FAMILY—Throughout Elk County are quite a number of families carrying this name. Their forebears were Joseph and Anna Mary (Swartzfisher) Pontzer, who emigrated from Wetterfeld, Bavaria, in 1847. They settled at Kersey, Elk County. With them they brought their family of three sons and four daughters.

JOSEPH BELMONT MOSSER—For many years Joseph Belmont Mosser has been active in the life of St. Marys, where he is associated with the Speer Carbon Company and the International Graphite & Electrode Corporation. His community activities have been many-sided, including service as assistant postmaster some years ago, and involving at the time of writing a great deal of civic, social and fraternal work.

Mr. Mosser was born June 30, 1885, in Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania, son of Oswill B. and Emma A. (Rippy) Mosser, of Lockhaven, this State, both now deceased. His father was engaged in the tanning industry throughout his active career, building the tannery at Mount Jewett.

Joseph Belmont Mosser attended public schools, and early in boyhood began learning the details of the practical world into which he was growing. When only thirteen years of age he learned telegraphy at Mount Jewett, where his father was then operating his tannery. Both there and at Johnsonburg he served the Erie Railroad as a telegrapher while still very young, but he left that employment after a time to add to his schooling. The family came to St. Marys in 1897, the year after his father's death. Joseph Belmont Mosser came to St. Marys in 1900 and established a stationery and newspaper business here, conducting it while studying law in spare time with a prominent member of the profession, E. J. Jones, then of St. Marys, now of Bradford, Pennsylvania. Regular mail delivery service was established in St. Marys in 1904, whereupon Mr. Mosser became a carrier, one of the first three in the community. Remaining with the postal system, he was afterward transferred to a clerk's position, then was assigned to the assistant postmastership referred to above, in which he served for a considerable period. After eleven years in the post office, Mr. Mosser resigned from the service in order to take up business activities in which he was becoming interested at that time. His resignation took effect August 9, 1915, and he at once associated himself with the Speer Carbon Company. He has remained with this organization and with the International

Graphite & Electrode Corporation down to the time of writing, being general sales manager of both companies.

Along with his other undertakings, Mr. Mosser has interested himself in a variety of public affairs in St. Marys. He is a Republican in politics, serves as secretary of the E. J. Russ Public Library, and is active in the St. Marys Kiwanis Club, of which he was a district governor for Pennsylvania in 1929. He also belongs to the St. Marys Country Club and is active in fraternal circles. Mr. Mosser is a Past Exalted Ruler of the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, having held that office in the year 1916-17. In the Free and Accepted Masons he is a Past Master of his lodge, which is known as George E. Wayne Lodge, No. 639, in St. Marys, and is affiliated with the Royal Arch Chapter and Council of Royal and Select Masters at Ridgway, with Williamsport Consistory of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and with Jaffa Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (Altoona). He is president of the trustees of Shiloh Presbyterian Church, St. Marys. In leisure time he enjoys the out-of-doors, doing considerable traveling, and is fond of reading.

Joseph Belmont Mosser married, February 22, 1917, Effie Mae Wilson, of St. Marys, daughter of Dr. Clarence and Matilda (Follmer) Wilson, of St. Marys, Pennsylvania.

ROLLIN T. SILVERTHORN—One of the encouraging features of American affairs is that there are still stories to be told about enterprising men who succeed wholly by their own efforts. Such a tale could be written around the career of Rollin T. Silverthorn, of Conneaut Lake, Crawford County, who after several occupations settled down to the real estate and insurance business, with varied subsidiary interests, and has become an important figure in his community.

Mr. Silverthorn was born at Cherokee, Iowa, November 16, 1889, and when he was about a year old was brought by his family to Beaver Centre, Pennsylvania, where he grew up and was educated in the local grade and high schools. In 1905 he went to Albion, Pennsylvania, where he worked in a grocery store for a short time. Then he was employed by the Bessemer & Lake Erie Railroad for about two years, before going to Springboro, Pennsylvania, to be associated with the L. C. Graves Company, manufacturers of buggies and sleighs. But the demand for these vehicles was diminishing rapidly, so Rollin T. Silverthorn went with the Sharpless Cream Separator Company, in Westchester, Pennsylvania. This concern closed its doors after a few years and Mr. Silverthorn became a dealer in Chevrolet motor cars at Meadville. The agency was founded by M. E.

Wyatt, and was said to have been the oldest agency of the company in the world.

By 1929 Mr. Silverthorn had gained a most unusual variety of experience in business, but was ready to try his hand at still another enterprise. In that year, 1929, he came to Conneaut Lake, hired office room, and with a second-hand desk and a dilapidated typewriter, opened up a real estate office. Very shortly after he made connections with old line insurance companies and began selling policies. Such is the history of a thriving establishment, so far as its start is concerned. Mr. Silverthorn has long since had his own office building, modern in style, equipment and employs two secretaries. He does, besides, quite a deal of seasonal dwelling building, and found backing for many a construction enterprise. All lines of insurance are now presented by his office. He now has a branch office at Cochran, Pennsylvania, but maintains his main office at Conneaut Lake borough. He also maintains a branch office in Summit Township.

Mr. Silverthorn takes a keen interest in everything that is undertaken for the benefit of Conneaut Lake, and is ever ready to give his time, means and energies to the promotion of such endeavors. He has been justice of the peace, since 1933, and is an influential figure in the local Democratic party. He is a member of the Crawford County Minor Judiciary Association, which he serves as secretary. He attends the Methodist Episcopal Church.

On January 3, 1912, Rollin T. Silverthorn married (first) Iva Davenport, and they were the parents of a son, Carlisle, born in 1913, now employed by the Albro Packing House, as foreman in their Springboro plant. Mr. Silverthorn married (second), May 29, 1929, Mrs. Gertrude Kyle, daughter of William and Mary (Hinkley) Faust. Mrs. Silverthorn has a son by her former marriage, Clyde Kyle, born in 1905, now serving as a member of the police force of Conneaut Lake. He married Catherine Bossard, and they have a son, Donald Kyle.

GEORGE J. FEHRENBACH—Railway and industrial service have occupied the career of George J. Fehrenbach, of St. Marys, who is connected here with the Speer Carbon Company as assistant treasurer. He holds the same post with the Speer Resister Corporation and the International Graphite and Electrode Corporation, and is widely known in St. Marys for his many-sided service to the community, notably as chief burgess in 1937-40.

Mr. Fehrenbach was born April 22, 1898, in St. Marys, Pennsylvania, son of George and Elizabeth (Wismeth) Fehrenbach, both of whom came to this country from Germany many years ago. The father has been engaged in farming throughout his active career.

George J. Fehrenbach attended public schools at St. Marys, and St. Vincent College, Latrobe, Pennsylvania, and early began work with the Pennsylvania Railroad

Company, in whose warehouse he was employed from 1916 to 1920. In 1920 he left the Pennsylvania system to become associated with the Pittsburgh, Shawmut & Northern Railroad as a clerk. In May, 1924, he entered the service of the Speer Carbon Company, passing through different departments and acquiring a complete grasp of the industry, so preparing for the responsibilities that were to come to him in this connection. In 1932 he was elected assistant treasurer of the company, in which office he has continued down to the time of writing. He holds the same office in both the International Graphite & Electrode Corporation and the Speer Resister Corporation, as indicated above, and is recognized as one of his community's foremost business men.

Long interested in community welfare, Mr. Fehrenbach has been a consistent Democrat. From 1937 to 1940 he was chief burgess of St. Marys, so serving by popular election. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, and is a Past Exalted Ruler of the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, having held the chair in 1924. His only military service took place from August to December, 1917, when he was with the Student Army Training Corps at Carlisle. Mr. Fehrenbach is a member of the Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, in St. Marys. He is a member of the St. Marys Country Club, and in spare time enjoys outdoor life, notably gardening, hunting and fishing.

George J. Fehrenbach married (first), February 16, 1920, Marina L'Abbé, of St. Marys, who died January 20, 1929, daughter of Charles and Margaret L'Abbé, of this place. They were the parents of a son, William George Fehrenbach, who was graduated from Malvern Preparatory School and then became a student at Pennsylvania State College. George J. Fehrenbach married (second), September 21, 1936, Margaret Lynch, of St. Marys, daughter of Professor and Mrs. J. J. Lynch, of this place. They became the parents of two children: Robert James and Mary Elizabeth Fehrenbach.

BENEDICT ROBERT REUSCHER—As president and general manager of the Keystone Carbon Company, Benedict Robert Reuscher takes a prominent part in the life of the St. Marys community, where he lives and where this industry is centered. The company's product, extensively used for industrial purposes, is so much in demand that the problem involved is not one of getting orders but rather of discovering the means of filling the orders on hand.

Mr. Reuscher was born January 17, 1900, in St. Marys, Pennsylvania, son of William and Catherine (Hoffman) Reuscher, both of St. Marys and both now deceased. His father was a laborer.

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Parochial schools in St. Marys provided Benedict Robert Reuscher's early formal education, and he completed his high school studies, then entered the employ of the Speer Carbon Company, in St. Marys. For eight years he was stationed in the company's laboratory, there acquiring a thorough knowledge of metals and deriving a great deal of personal satisfaction in experimenting with them. In 1927, in association with H. F. Schmidhammer, who came from Germany to this country, Mr. Reuscher established a laboratory in Emporium, and the two men together made further experiments and developed their own process of manufacturing, which they believed would be greatly helpful to industries using powder metals. In 1929 they organized the Keystone Carbon Company, then in 1931 removed the plant to St. Marys, where they erected a completely modern factory and installed the latest and most improved equipment. The Keystone Carbon Company today continues its work on an ever-increasing scale, with Mr. Reuscher as president and general manager, under the guidance of a board of directors. Not only is the product tremendously in demand at the time of writing, but the company employs 110 people and is constantly increasing this number as rapidly as machines and equipment can be supplied. Consumers from all parts of the United States are among the company's customers.

In addition to his work with the Keystone Carbon Company, Mr. Reuscher has taken a lively interest in the affairs of St. Marys and this region of Pennsylvania. He is intensely interested in politics, maintaining an independent course, unaffiliated with either of the major parties. During the World War he served in the United States Army. He is a member of St. Marys Roman Catholic Church.

Benedict Robert Reuscher married, September 27, 1928, Edna Lancel, of St. Marys. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Mary. 2. William. 3. Richard. 4. Catherine. 5. Robert. 6. Alicia. 7. Conrad. 8 and 9. (twins) Timothy and Thomas.

WILLIAM L. STRAWBRIDGE—As president of the National Molded Products organization, in St. Marys, William L. Strawbridge has figured prominently in the life of the St. Marys-Williamsport area and has made an original and distinctive contribution to industry in our times. Although this company was started only in 1940, it already produces many parts for use in industrial machinery—many of them electrical service parts which no other companies have yet been able to make.

Mr. Strawbridge was born August 3, 1904, in Burndale, Pennsylvania, son of J. W. and Sarah M. (Parks) Strawbridge. His father was a widely known citizen of Williamsport, long superintendent of equipment with the rail-

road company there. The mother was born in Cameron County.

Williamsport public schools provided William L. Strawbridge's early formal education, and he early entered the employ of the Williamsport Street Railroad Company, with which he remained until 1929. In that year he went to Philadelphia with a firm that was engaged in the manufacture of electrical service supplies, and, while there, became interested in the development of powdered metals. This particular branch of manufacture had been originated about 1915, but had never been adequately developed. And now, as Mr. Strawbridge's interest in it grew and the unheard-of possibilities began to open up before his imagination, he came to St. Marys in 1937 and affiliated himself with the Keystone Carbon Company, then newly organized. He devoted himself to the creation of many of their now standard products, but eventually decided to establish a plant of his own in which he might develop new machinery to handle the ever-increasing demands being made upon the new business.

It was to meet these demands that Mr. Strawbridge organized, in 1940, the National Molded Products business of which he is now president. This firm—known as National Molded Products, Inc.—makes many parts for machinery that are entirely original as far as regular manufacturing operations are concerned. At the time of writing the company employs fifteen workmen, adding to the number from time to time, and it plans to employ more as soon as machines can be developed to justify such expansion. Each new part to be made presents an individual problem, especially since the industry is so new that no set formulas have been evolved to cover all situations. In one sense, the entire business is a "development laboratory" as well as a production plant.

Mr. Strawbridge himself has proven a capable leader for this pioneer work. He has written numerous articles for trade journals, and these have won considerable attention. He is a member of the American Society for Testing Metals and of other professional, civic, social and religious groups. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Columbus, as well as of St. Marys Country Club. A Democrat in politics, he belongs to the Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church.

William L. Strawbridge married, October 12, 1926, Marie Edgeworth, of Williamsport, Pennsylvania. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Margaret Ann Strawbridge. 2. Marion Strawbridge. 3. William Strawbridge. All three attend St. Marys schools.

DR. FRANKLIN LEWIS HAZELTON—For more than a decade, Dr. Franklin Lewis Hazelton has been engaged in practice as an osteopathic physician at Brad-

ford. Widely known professionally, he also represents one of the prominent families of the Bradford area, whose members have played a conspicuous rôle in its development since the period immediately following the Civil War.

Dr. Hazelton was born in Bradford on August 9, 1894, son of Franklin P. and Gertrude (Lewis) Hazelton. He is a grandson of Benjamin F. Hazelton, a leading lumberman of western Pennsylvania in the last century and an influential figure in Bradford life. Benjamin F. Hazelton was born at Machias, Cattaraugus County, New York, on March 26, 1847, fourth son of O. J. Hazelton. At the age of six he accompanied his parents and the other children of the family to Waterford, in Erie County, Pennsylvania, where the father operated a large stock farm and engaged in lumber operations for about nine years. At the age of eight, Benjamin F. Hazelton was given a team to drive and hauled lumber from the mills to Erie, a distance of sixteen miles. Shortly after this the Oil Creek oil boom began and he went to the Buchanan Farm, later Rouseville, in Venango County, where he helped the pioneer oil crews drill by horsepower. He was present when the famous Rouse well was struck and when it was burned. Until the winter of 1861-62 he remained on Oil Creek, drilling wells and driving a team. Meanwhile, the Civil War had been running on for almost a year. At this time the boy was not yet fifteen years old, too young to enlist, but, nevertheless, after his brother had gone to war, he ran away from home and followed his brother's regiment, which was campaigning in the Mississippi. At the battle of Shiloh, which the regiment entered one thousand five hundred strong, but at whose close there were less than three hundred sound men remaining of the one thousand five hundred, the boy kept close to the troops and the story is told that as he walked across the battlefield just behind the lines, he came across his brother, where he lay wounded, picked him up and carried him two miles across his shoulder to a dressing station. After this battle, Benjamin F. Hazelton was sent to act as nurse on the hospital boats bound for Pittsburgh and, in due course, returned to his Pennsylvania home.

Shortly after this, in 1863, his parents moved to Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. He followed the next year and in the spring, a few months later, he purchased a meat market, giving only his word for the whole purchase price. Eventually he succeeded in discharging his obligation to the previous owner of the business and in accumulating a few hundred dollars. He decided to secure an education. Entering a preparatory school at Holbrook, Wisconsin, he studied there for a year and then enrolled in the preparatory department of Lawrence University, also in Wisconsin. He was now seventeen years old, and having no other means at his dis-

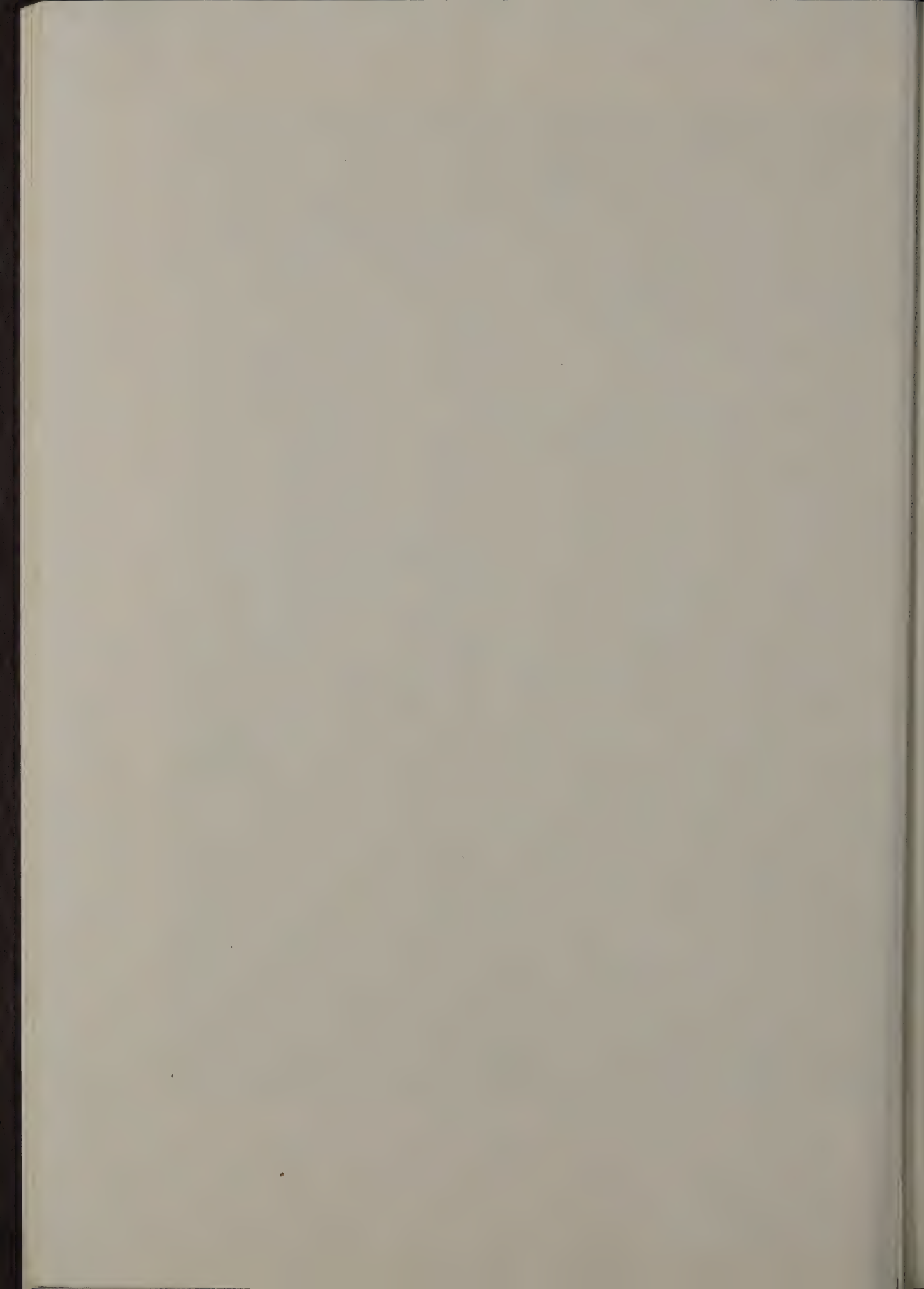
posal, he was obliged to teach a district school in order to keep up his studies. At nineteen he entered the college department of the university, but overwork now took its toll and he contracted an illness. The upshot was that he was forbidden by his physician to return to school for a year. That spring his mother died and he remained at home running the farm while his father made a trip East. That fall he took a business course in Worthington Commercial College at Madison, Wisconsin. While there he met Clarissa Purple, daughter of the Assistant State Treasurer, C. H. Purple. The following year, 1869, they were married.

At twenty-four years of age, Benjamin F. Hazelton was given charge of the heavy grading and rock work on the Madison Division of the Chicago Northwestern Railroad. At its completion he was given a train, but he resigned his place with the road not long afterward to accept a position with J. W. Woodruff & Company, a lumber firm of Green Bay, Wisconsin. Here he acquired his first knowledge of the business he decided to adopt as his own. Until the summer of 1878 he remained in Wisconsin. Then, relinquishing his position, he returned to Pennsylvania to become foreman for the Bradford Oil Company at Bradford and was placed in charge of their lumber mill at West Branch. Within a few months he and a brother, A. L. Hazelton, purchased the mill and operated it jointly until E. E. Wheeler bought out the interest of A. L. Hazelton. The firm of Hazelton & Wheeler was then formed. Because of the demand for rig lumber in the Bradford oil field, the mill proved extremely profitable. In January, 1884, Benjamin F. Hazelton became sole owner, operating the business independently from then on. Enterprising in spirit, he now undertook a large expansion of his interests. He acquired huge tracts of timber and built other mills in McKean, Elk and Clarion counties. As a consequence of the magnitude of his operations he became well known in lumber markets throughout the East and established his position as a leader of the Pennsylvania industry.

In addition to his lumber interests, Mr. Hazelton had a large financial investment in the West Branch Railroad, was in actual charge of the construction of this line and headed its management until it was purchased by the Erie Railroad. He was also co-owner, with Joseph Garfield, of a large stock farm established for the breeding of fine draught horses and other stock. Mr. Hazelton was one of the really important men of northwest Pennsylvania. As a citizen of Bradford, he was influential in its life and active in many of its institutions, particularly the Bradford Methodist Church, in which he served as superintendent of the Sunday School. The qualities which brought him through his own efforts imposing success in the business world, substantial means



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and high position also brought him respect and honor, which he retained until the close of his career and which now attach to his memory.

Benjamin F. and Clarissa (Purple) Hazelton had four children: Franklin P., Courtney, Bessie, and Benjamin F., Jr. The first of these was Dr. Hazelton's father. He was born at Green Bay, Wisconsin, came to Bradford with his parents in 1878, when he was six years old, and was educated in the Bradford schools and at Cornell University. After launching his active career he became a glass manufacturer. He was associated with several important corporations, including the Kendall Refining Company, the Corliss Carbon Company and the Berney-Bond Glass Company, and was always active in Bradford civic affairs. Fraternally, he was a Mason. His wife, who is still living, was born in Rouseville.

Franklin Lewis Hazelton, son of this marriage, attended the Bradford graded schools and after one year in high school, studied at Chamberlain Military Academy, Randolph, New York, for one year, at Kimball Head for two years and at Clarion Teachers College for two years. Afterward he entered the Philadelphia College of Osteopathy to prepare for his professional career, and after completing the four-year course, was graduated from that institution in 1926. Dr. Hazelton served an internship of one year in the Philadelphia College of Osteopathy Hospital and began the practice of his profession at Titusville, where he remained until April, 1930. At that time he returned to Bradford and has since devoted himself to his responsibilities as an osteopathic physician. Although he has never limited his practice, Dr. Hazelton specializes in eye, ear, nose and throat work and receives many calls upon his services in these fields. He is a member of the American Osteopathic Society, the Pennsylvania State Osteopathic Society and the American Osteopathic Society of Ophthalmology, Rhinology and Otolaryngology.

In addition to his professional connections, Dr. Hazelton is a member of the Bradford Kiwanis Club; Bradford Lodge, No. 794, Free and Accepted Masons; the higher Masonic bodies of the Scottish Rite, including Coudersport Consistory; and Zem Zem Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Erie. Like his father and grandfather, he occupies a prominent place in the general life of the Bradford community. Dr. Hazelton is a Republican in politics and an Episcopalian in religious faith. His favorite diversions are boating and water sports.

THE ST. MARYS CARBON COMPANY—In 1939 two men employed by the Keystone Carbon Company decided to go into business for themselves, and on May 8 of that year they formed the St. Marys Carbon Company, which has made its own special contribution to a flourishing industry. The two men, Louis W. Eberl and Jerome

Edward Lanzel, beginning operations in a comparatively small way, became successful in their undertakings and expanded their activities as opportunity permitted. The plant that they erected was small, but modern in every detail, with room for growth as trade conditions demand it. They employ about twenty people and enjoy a worldwide distribution of their products, and conduct the St. Marys Carbon Company on a partnership basis.

Louis W. Eberl was born September 8, 1895, in Kersey, Pennsylvania, son of Frank X. and Frances (Fleischman) Eberl, both of whom came from Germany. The mother is now deceased. The father has always been a tailor, a skillful craftsman and successful in his efforts. Public schools of St. Marys provided Louis W. Eberl's early formal education, and in boyhood he entered the employ of the Speer Carbon Company. Subsequently he was engaged with the Stackpole Carbon Company and the Keystone Carbon Company before coming to the present firm. He is a member of a number of local organizations, such as the Fraternal Order of Eagles and St. Marys Roman Catholic Church, although he follows an independent course in politics, unaffiliated with either major party and much more interested in men and measures than in partisan labels. For two years during the World War period of 1917-18 he was a non-commissioned officer in the 35th Engineers. He is fond of sports and healthful outdoor recreations. Mr. Eberl is unmarried.

His partner, Jerome Edward Lanzel, born March 12, 1906, was a son of Edward Lanzel, a lumberman, who is now deceased. His mother is Elizabeth (Disler) Lanzel. Both parents were born in St. Marys. Schools of St. Marys furnished the preparation of Jerome Edward Lanzel for his life tasks, as for those of his partner, and after completing his high school studies he was employed in sawmills in this area in young manhood. Then he was for a time associated with the Clay Tile Works, remaining there for eight years before joining forces with the Keystone Carbon Company. He remained with the Keystone organization until the St. Marys Carbon Company was formed by him and Mr. Eberl and began its own independent operation. In addition to his business activities, which have done much to promote this new company, Mr. Lanzel is deeply interested in community affairs. He is an independent Democrat in his political views, a member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, and a leading sportsman of St. Marys. Jerome Edward Lanzel married, June 30, 1926, Lavinia Ehersberger, of St. Marys; and they became the parents of three children: Betty, Jerome, and Harold Lanzel.

AUGUSTUS CHARLES LUHR, M. D.—For many years engaged in the practice of medicine in St. Marys, Dr. Augustus Charles Luhr operates his own

private hospital here. He deserves great credit for establishing this modernly equipped and up-to-date institution, and his influence upon life and health in his community has been far-reaching.

Dr. Luhr, who has gained respect and admiration for all-around citizenship of a high order, was born September 15, 1885, in St. Marys, Pennsylvania, son of Joseph J. and Frances (Krug) Luhr, of this place. His father is now living retired in this community. The mother died in 1934.

Dr. Luhr is a grandson of Charles Luhr, who was born in the Grand Duchy of Baden, Germany, September 25, 1830, and is a great-grandson of Joseph and Barbara (Loesch) Luhr, who settled in what is now St. Marys borough in 1846. Joseph Luhr was one of the first hotel-keepers in St. Marys, of what was known as the Luhr House, from 1846 to 1869. Charles Luhr married Elizabeth Beleke, a daughter of Joseph and Margaret (Knietenberger) Beleke. He was a member of the State Assembly, county auditor, county treasurer and associate judge at various times.

St. Marys schools provided Augustus Charles Luhr's early formal education, and he attended Villanova Preparatory School, where he was graduated in 1904. In 1908 he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, after which he served an internship at St. Joseph's Hospital, in that city. He had postgraduate courses in Vienna, Austria, and in different American centers, including the New York Post Graduate Hospital, Harvard Medical School and others. He began his active practice in Philadelphia in 1910, but after only five months in that city he came and established himself in practice in St. Marys. Here he has remained down to the time of writing; and, though his work is of a general nature, covering all phases of his profession, he devotes most of his time to general surgery.

In St. Marys he became one of the organizers of the Andrew Kaul Memorial Hospital, where he is a member of the Senior Major Surgical Staff. He set up his own private hospital in 1938. His hospital is a small but well-equipped modern plant, and Dr. Luhr is widely known in medical circles for his accomplishment in this connection. He is active in professional groups, such as the Elk County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the American Medical Association, and is an earnest participant in the exchange that takes place with professional colleagues through these groups.

Civic and social life in St. Marys have also received the benefits of Dr. Luhr's active interest along these lines. Formerly he was a member of the Kiwanis Club and the St. Marys Country Club, and he is still prominent in the Knights of Columbus and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Although all Dr. Luhr's interests are centered about the life work that he has chosen, he enjoys

certain hobbies, notably those connected with his camp in the woods near St. Marys. He spends a great deal of time at the camp, where he finds special opportunity for woodworking, a craft that has always interested him. Another of his hobbies is photography, and his talents in this connection have provided a great deal of satisfaction for his friends and associates. He is a member of the Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church.

Dr. Augustus Charles Luhr married, October 15, 1913, Gertrude Mary Wall, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, daughter of Thomas J. and Mary (Barrett) Wall, of that city. Dr. and Mrs. Luhr became the parents of the following children: 1. Jordan Luhr, graduated from St. Marys schools and from Parks Air College, St. Louis, Missouri and was a professional model in New York City. He enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps with the Aviation Flying Cadets on November 6, 1941. He was within three weeks of graduation and his commission, when he was killed at Moody Field, Valdosta, Georgia, on June 6, 1942. The government made a posthumous award of the commission of second lieutenant, and his silver wings. He was the first St. Marys casualty of this war. He was the model for the poster, "You buy 'em, we'll fly 'em." 2. Hubert W. Luhr, graduated from St. Marys schools and is attending St. Bonaventure College. He is in the Reserve Officers Training Corps and will be commissioned a second lieutenant and enter the service upon graduation. 3 and 4. (twins) Pierre A. and Eymard C. Luhr, both graduates of local schools and now students at St. Bonaventure College. 5. Augustine Luhr, Jr., now deceased.

PETER B. MCBRIDE—The Shawmut enterprises of northwest Pennsylvania number among their principal executives, Peter B. McBride, whose notable career in the service of the Pittsburgh, Shawmut & Northern Railroad brought him to the vice-presidency of the line and made him a ranking executive of its many affiliated properties. Mr. McBride has acted for a number of years as general manager and assistant to the receiver of the Pittsburgh, Shawmut & Northern Railroad.

He was born at St. Marys and is a son of Edward and Eliza McMahan (Casey) McBride, long active in the life of this city. His father, a native of Ballybofey, County Donegal, Ireland, came to this country at the age of twenty-one, having learned the watchmaker's trade at Manchester, England. Upon his arrival in the United States he settled at Williamsport and at the opening of the Philadelphia & Erie Railroad through St. Marys in 1866 he established his business and residence here. Gradually he built up the most important jewelry business in this section. Edward McBride was a man of fine intellectual attainments, a scholar, musician, scientist and culti-

vated gentleman. He was known as a friend of higher education, which he did much to promote in Elk County, and as one of the most useful and public-spirited citizens of his community. He married Eliza McMahan Casey, who was born at Labbasheeta, County Clare, Ireland, came to the United States with her parents at the age of six, and after living for a time near Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania, removed to Kansas City with other members of her family. She met her future husband while visiting St. Marys and in due course the marriage took place at Lock Haven, following which the McBrides took up their residence in St. Marys.

Peter B. McBride was the tenth of eleven children born to his parents. He received his general education in the St. Marys' schools, where he was graduated with honors from high school, and after finishing a business course began his active career in the service of the Pittsburgh, Shawmut & Northern Railroad. Close application, loyalty and brilliant native gifts brought him rapid promotion. He successfully assumed executive responsibilities in the extensive Shawmut enterprises, including the railroad line, coal operations and the management of its mercantile interests. Among his official corporation connections are the following: The Pittsburgh, Shawmut & Northern Railroad Company, of which he is vice-president, general manager and director; the Kersey Railroad Company, Shawmut Mining Company and Kersey Mining Company, of all of which he is also vice-president and director; the Shawmut Coal & Coke Company, in which he serves as director and vice-president; the Shawmut Realty Corporation of Pennsylvania, of which he is secretary and director; the Shawmut Holding Corporation of New York State, of which he is secretary, treasurer and director; the Shawmut Commercial Company, of which he is treasurer and director; and the Shawmut Clay Manufacturing Company and the Shawmut Brick and Tile Company, of both of which he is president, treasurer and director. Mr. McBride is also vice-president and director of the Tyler Coal Company. His appointment as assistant to the receiver of the Shawmut enterprises reflects the value placed upon his record and service, as well as his wide knowledge of these organizations and excellent public reputation.

As a resident of St. Marys, Mr. McBride has brought to the civic life of his community the same energy and gift for leadership that have marked his business career. He is one of St. Marys' most active civic leaders, and served as a member of the borough council, chief burgess, associate judge of Elk County, director of the Andrew Kaul Memorial Hospital and the St. Marys Community Chest and chairman of the St. Marys Chapter of the American Red Cross. He is a fourth degree Knight of Columbus and Past Grand Knight of St. Marys Council; past president of the St. Marys Kiwanis Club; and past president

and director of the St. Marys Country Club. Mr. McBride is also affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks as trustee, is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and the Loyal Order of Moose, and is a member of the American Railway Accounting Officers Association. In politics he is a Republican and in religious faith a member of Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, the local parish of which his father was one of the founders and benefactors. He is unmarried.

ALFONSE J. STRAUB—The Elk County bar numbers among its active attorneys Alfonse J. Straub, whose practice at St. Marys and Ridgway during the past decade has made him a well-known professional figure. He represents a number of important interests and is prominent in the civic life of St. Marys, where he makes his home.

Mr. Straub, a member of one of St. Marys' leading families, was born in this community on August 25, 1903, son of Peter and Sabina (Sorg) Straub. His father, who was born in Württemberg, Germany, June 28, 1850, was a son of Anton and Anna M. (Eger) Straub. He came to this country in 1869, worked for a time in a brewery in old Allegheny City, now Pittsburgh, and afterward was associated with other breweries in Brookville, McKeesport and Centerville (now Kersey). In 1870 he settled in St. Marys, where he was employed by Joseph Windfeller, a local brewer. Soon afterward he bought the business of his employer, added to it equipment purchased from Captain Vogt, organizer of a local Pennsylvania regiment during the Civil War, and established the Straub Brewery, which he successfully operated until his death, December 17, 1913. He married Sabina Sorg of St. Marys, who was to survive him many years, a daughter of Frank X. Sorg, prominent lumberman, and Crescentia (Konle) Sorg. After the death of Peter Straub, his sons carried on the Straub Brewery until the enactment of Federal Prohibition. There were nine children in this family: Frank X., deceased; Anthony A., manager of the Elk Ice Company and the St. Marys Beverage Company and a director in several other enterprises; Joseph, manager of Straub Brothers; Anna, who married Fred A. Luhr, proprietor of the St. Marys Drug Store; Jacob, who took Holy Orders and is now the Rev. Father Gilbert, O. S. B., stationed at Greensburg, Pennsylvania; Gerard B., deceased, was also a lawyer, past district attorney of Elk County; Peter, who is associated with the management of Straub Brothers; Marian, who married D. E. Curran, of Philadelphia; and Alfonse J., of this record.

Alfonse J. Straub received his preliminary education in the public and parochial schools of St. Marys and after completing the high school course, studied for one year at St. Vincent's College and then entered Catholic University

at Washington, District of Columbia, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1926. He prepared for his profession at Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, taking the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1929, and in the same year was admitted to the bar in Allegheny County. For a short time he served as clerk in the office of Rhody Marshall, Pittsburgh attorney, after which he became associated with John G. Whitmore and was associated with him in the practice of law at Ridgway for five years. At the end of this period he organized the firm of Straub and Blatt, with Edward J. Blatt, practicing at Ridgway and St. Marys. H. P. Sorg was later admitted to the firm, which has recently been dissolved, since which time its members have conducted independent practices. Although he is still in his thirties, Mr. Straub is recognized as one of the prominent lawyers of the county. He is local counsel for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, the Pennsylvania Railroad and represents other important interests, including the St. Marys National Bank, for which he is counsel. During the course of his practice, he has appeared successfully in all courts.

Mr. Straub is a Democrat in politics. In the promotion of the civic interests of the community and the support of its institutions, he has given generously of his time and means. Mr. Straub is a member and past president of the St. Marys Kiwanis Club and a member of the St. Marys Country Club, the St. Joseph's Society, the Knights of St. George, the Catholic Men's Forum and the Catholic Young Men's Association. He is also affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Loyal Order of Moose. He is one of the leading Catholic laymen of his community and an active member of St. Marys parish. Hunting and fishing are his hobbies.

On May 17, 1934, Mr. Straub married Laura Fox, of St. Marys, daughter of Charles A. and Mary Fox. They are the parents of one daughter, Mary Susan, born October 16, 1935.

DUDLEY H. MILLER—Dudley H. Miller was born in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, on March 14, 1872, the son of Thomas Lindsay and Katherine (Lane) Miller, both born in Pennsylvania and both now deceased.

Mr. Miller married on September 10, 1907, Fantine G. Aubery, a native of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

In his early life he was a pioneer in the West and Middle West where he remained until 1910. He then came East where he associated himself in both a technical and administrative capacity with various industries and various projects.

In 1924 Mr. Miller came to St. Marys, Pennsylvania, to become associated with the Speer Carbon Company as secretary and treasurer and general manager, and is still serving in these capacities.

In addition to this connection, Mr. Miller is president of International Graphite & Electrode Corporation of Niagara Falls, New York, executive vice-president of Duriron Company of Dayton, Ohio, president of Speer Resistor Corporation, St. Marys, Pennsylvania, and an officer and director in other corporations.

As a resident of St. Marys, he has interested himself in all community affairs and although his responsibilities prevent him from entering public life, he has made his influence effective in supporting the institutions of the community and advancing its civic progress.

SPEER CARBON COMPANY—The Speer Carbon Company was chartered by the State of Delaware on May 24, 1899, and commenced business the same year, giving employment to twenty people. The incorporators of the company were John S. Speer, Andrew Kaul, Louis Streuber and Burr E. Cartwright. On July 9, 1915, the Delaware charter having been surrendered, a new charter was granted the corporation by the State of Pennsylvania. The Speer Carbon Company pioneered the carbon industry in St. Marys under the direction of John S. Speer, president and general manager until his death in 1925. After the death of Mr. Speer, William Kaul became president of the company and is still serving as its executive head. Associated with him in the management of the organization are William E. Hall, vice-president; and Dudley H. Miller, secretary and treasurer. Mr. Miller succeeded Mr. Speer as general manager of the company and still acts in this capacity. These three, together with Arthur S. Bemis and J. Belmont Mosser constitute the board of directors. The principal products manufactured by the Speer Carbon Company are carbon and metal-graphite brushes for motors and generators; welding, battery and therapeutic carbons; automotive and aviation brushes; anodes for transmitting tubes; turbine packing rings; elevator contacts; radio resistors; electrothermic electrodes and electrolytic anodes, as well as many other carbon and graphite products. In normal times these products have world-wide distribution. More than one thousand persons are now employed by the company, an indication of the magnitude of its operations which have expanded steadily during the years of its history. Today the Speer Carbon Company is one of the leading organizations of its kind in the world.

ARTHUR SHELDON BEMIS—An electrical engineer by training and experience, Arthur Sheldon Bemis has spent his career principally in the service of organizations devoted to the manufacture of carbon and graphite products for the electrical, electro-chemical and electronic industries. Since 1925 he has served as general superintendent of the Speer Carbon Company at St. Marys, Penn-

sylvania, which is one of the leading manufacturers of carbon products.

Mr. Bemis was born at Aurora, Portage County, Ohio, the son of Frank Warren and Ida Sheldon Bemis. His father was born at Pierrepont Manor, New York, and died in 1941. His mother, who was also born in Aurora, was a granddaughter of the first settler of that township who moved there from Connecticut in 1798.

Arthur Sheldon Bemis received his preliminary education in the Aurora public schools and subsequently entered the Ohio University, from which he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Electrical Engineering. After leaving college he gained experience in the refrigeration and steel industries before entering the research laboratory of, what was then, the National Carbon Company at Cleveland, Ohio, as a research engineer. Here he became assistant laboratory director in charge of experimental and development work before going into the production department, where he was superintendent of the Nungesser plant in Cleveland and later superintendent of the Fostoria, Ohio, plant of the National Carbon Company.

In 1921 he left this company and joined the Manhattan Electric & Supply Company at Ravenna, Ohio, where he had charge of their carbon manufacturing plant. Later he became associated with the Boxill-Bruel Carbon Brush Company of Indianapolis, Indiana, leaving there to accept a position with the Speer Carbon Company. Since that time he has been general superintendent of the Speer Carbon Company directing its production, engineering, and technical activities.

Mr. Bemis is also general superintendent of the International Graphite & Electrode Corporation of Niagara Falls, New York, which is an affiliate of the Speer Carbon Company. In these connections he is concerned with the manufacture of practically all of the many and important articles which are made from carbon and graphite, including graphite electrodes used in the manufacture of electric furnace steel and graphite electrolytic anodes used in most electro-chemical processes. Speer Carbon Company was a pioneer in the manufacture of these products and, in normal times, distributes them throughout the world. More than one thousand workers are employed by the company.

Mr. Bemis is a well-known figure in the industrial life of northwestern Pennsylvania and throughout the carbon industry. He is a director of the Speer Carbon Company and International Graphite & Electrode Corporation and is a member of the Association of Iron and Steel Engineers, the Niagara Falls Chamber of Commerce, and the Pennsylvania State Chamber of Commerce. He is affiliated fraternally with the W. K. Rechsecker Lodge, No. 606, Free and Accepted Order of Masons at Aurora, Ohio; the Cunningham Chapter, No. 187, Royal Arch

Masons of Lakewood, Ohio; and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, No. 437, at St. Marys, Pennsylvania, as well as other organizations.

In 1913 he married Florence Jewett, of Akron, Ohio, who died in 1918. In 1923 Mr. Bemis married Louise Derthick, of Mantua, Ohio.

ALLAN JAMES HYATT—In the early years of the century, Allan James Hyatt began his career as an independent producer in the Bradford oil field. Knowing the oil business thoroughly, his interests have steadily expanded and he is today a well-known operator in the district around Rew City. He is also a prominent figure in the life of Smethport, where he makes his home.

Mr. Hyatt was born at Derrick City, McKean County, on January 9, 1881, son of James A. and Lucy (Ley) Hyatt. His father, who was born at Hannibal, New York, and died on November 11, 1911, was a pioneer oil man in the lower field and came to Derrick City in the early 1880s. He was active in the oil industry until his death. Lucy (Ley) Hyatt, the mother, was born at Red Creek, New York, and is also now deceased.

Allan James Hyatt received a public school education and entered the oil business in his youth as a rig builder. In the next few years he worked in all the oil field jobs as a roustabout, tool dresser, driller, etc., securing a wide background of experience and knowledge which served him well in his subsequent career. In 1907 Mr. Hyatt began producing independently in a small way. Since that time he has continued as an active producer on an expanding scale in the Bradford field, with most of his operations centering around Rew City, headquarters of his business.

Mr. Hyatt is a member of the Penn Grade Crude Oil Association. As a resident of Smethport he has participated in all community affairs and is past councilman of the borough as well as a leader in its civic and social life. Affiliated fraternally with the Masonic Order, he is Past Master of McKean Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, but now a member of Olean Lodge, in addition to various higher Masonic bodies, including Coudersport Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Zem Zem Temple of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Hyatt is also affiliated with the Order of the Eastern Star, in which he is Past Patron of the local chapter, and with Smethport Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is Past Noble Grand. He is a member of the Smethport Volunteer Fire Company, has been a director of the Smethport Country Club since its organization, is a member of the Smethport Bowling Association and has been associated with many other community institutions and enterprises. Mr. Hyatt is a Republican in politics and a member of the Methodist Church. Golf and bowling are his favorite recreations.

On June 25, 1902, he married Jennie Troyer, of Marion, Indiana, daughter of Jacob F. and Lucy (Allan) Troyer. Mr. and Mrs. Hyatt have one son, Lloyd.

THE REV. A. J. KLEBER—Since 1931 the Rev. A. J. Kleber has served as pastor of St. Boniface's Roman Catholic Church at Kersey. He has devoted his entire career to the priesthood, taking up his duties at Kersey after previous service in other northwest Pennsylvania communities, and in all his charges has won the love of his parishioners and the respect of the community at large.

Father Kleber was born at Cleveland, Ohio, on August 15, 1893, son of Joseph Kleber, a contractor, born in France, and Rose (Nunn) Kleber, a native of Germany. Both are now deceased. After his preliminary general education in the parochial schools of Cleveland, Father Kleber entered St. Ignatius, now Carroll, College, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. His studies in theology and philosophy were carried on at St. Vincent's Seminary, Latrobe, Pennsylvania, and upon his graduation there he was ordained to the priesthood of the Roman Catholic Church by Bishop Gannon on December eighteenth and said his first Mass on Christmas Day, 1921. His first charge was at Oil City, where he was assistant pastor of St. Joseph's Church for one year. At the end of that time he was transferred to St. Joseph's Church in Erie, and rounded out nine and a half years of service as assistant in that parish. In October, 1931, he was appointed pastor of St. Boniface's Roman Catholic Church at Kersey, where he has since remained. In his ministry his zeal as spiritual leader of his people has been matched by his skill and ability as an administrator and both are reflected in the flourishing condition of the parish. Father Kleber is active in all good works and is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is also a member of the St. Boniface Men's Society. He has not concerned himself solely with the Catholic population of Kersey, but has been untiring in his efforts to promote the community welfare and has so earned the respect of all.

RAPHAEL J. GOETZ—The career of Raphael J. Goetz illustrates the development of a hobby to a point where it becomes a full-time and flourishing vocation. Interested in landscape gardening from his youth, the commissions which he undertook in this field gradually became so numerous that he relinquished other business connections to give his entire attention to landscape work and the supply of trees, shrubs, bulbs and plants to home builders and home owners in Elk and Cameron counties. He is well known in Elk County life and is currently serving as sheriff of the county.

Mr. Goetz was born at Glen Hazel, Pennsylvania, on March 8, 1896, son of Alois H. and Mary W. (Krieg) Goetz. His father, who was born at St. Marys and is now deceased, was foreman of the M. J. Corbett Chemical Company for many years and prior to that time, operated a meat market in Glen Hazel. The mother, also a native of St. Marys, is still living. She was the daughter of Joseph Krieg, who served two terms as county commissioner of Elk County.

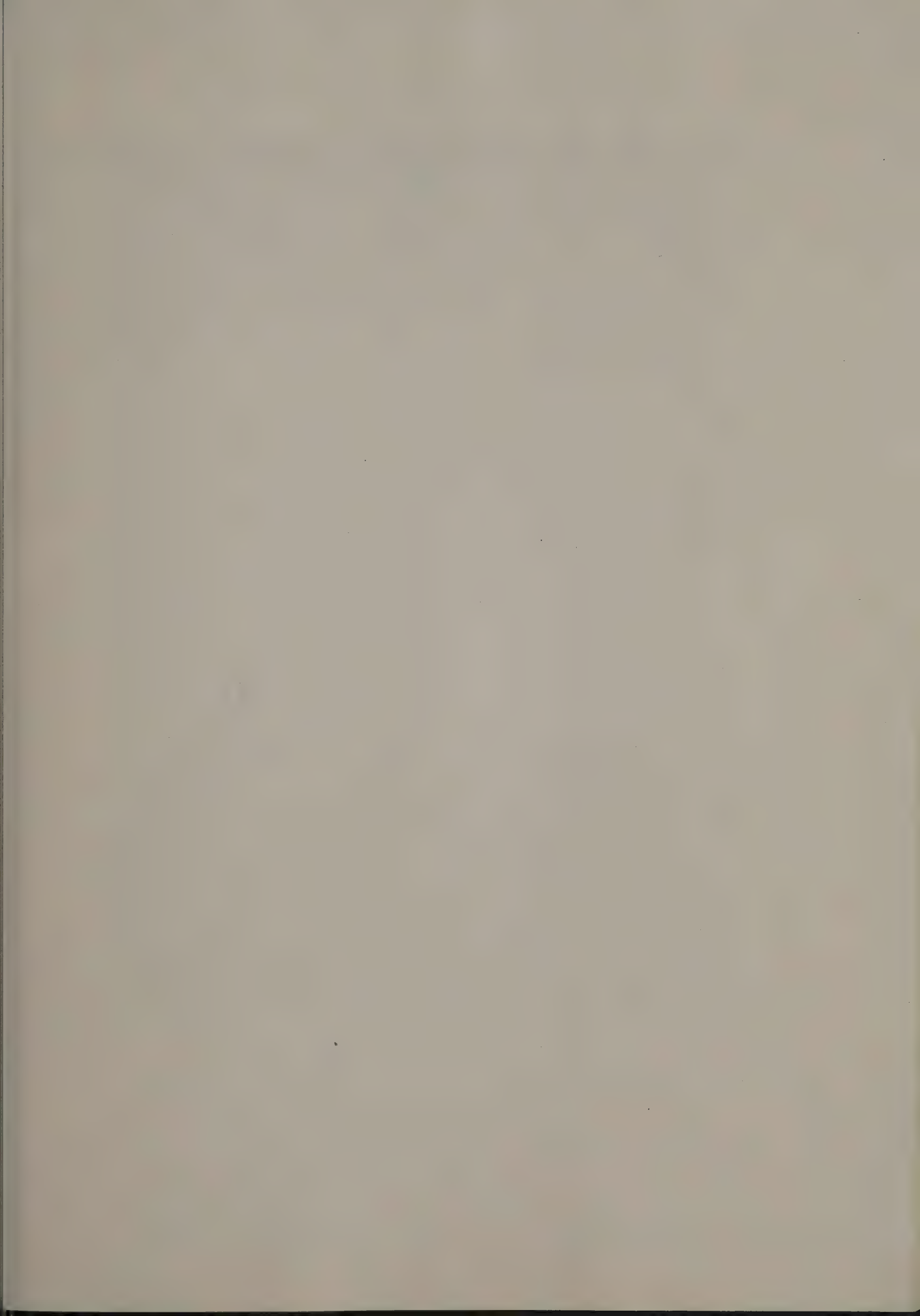
Raphael J. Goetz received his general education in the parochial school in St. Marys and as a young man was employed in various occupations over a period of years. Being the eldest of a family of six children, at the death of his father, when Raphael J. Goetz was only eighteen years of age, he became the breadwinner of the family and it devolved upon him to assume the responsibility of providing for the education of his younger brothers and sisters, a responsibility he fulfilled in every way. As a hobby, however, he spent considerable time in landscape gardening work and supplemented the knowledge obtained through practical experience by taking a course in landscape gardening at Pennsylvania State College. Gradually the demands upon his services in this field became so extensive that he was forced to give it his entire attention and for several years now has carried on an extensive business in Elk and Cameron counties. Mr. Goetz is primarily a landscape architect and supplier of trees, shrubs and plants at retail. His professional qualifications are acknowledged and many of the most beautiful homes and estates throughout this area have been landscaped by him.

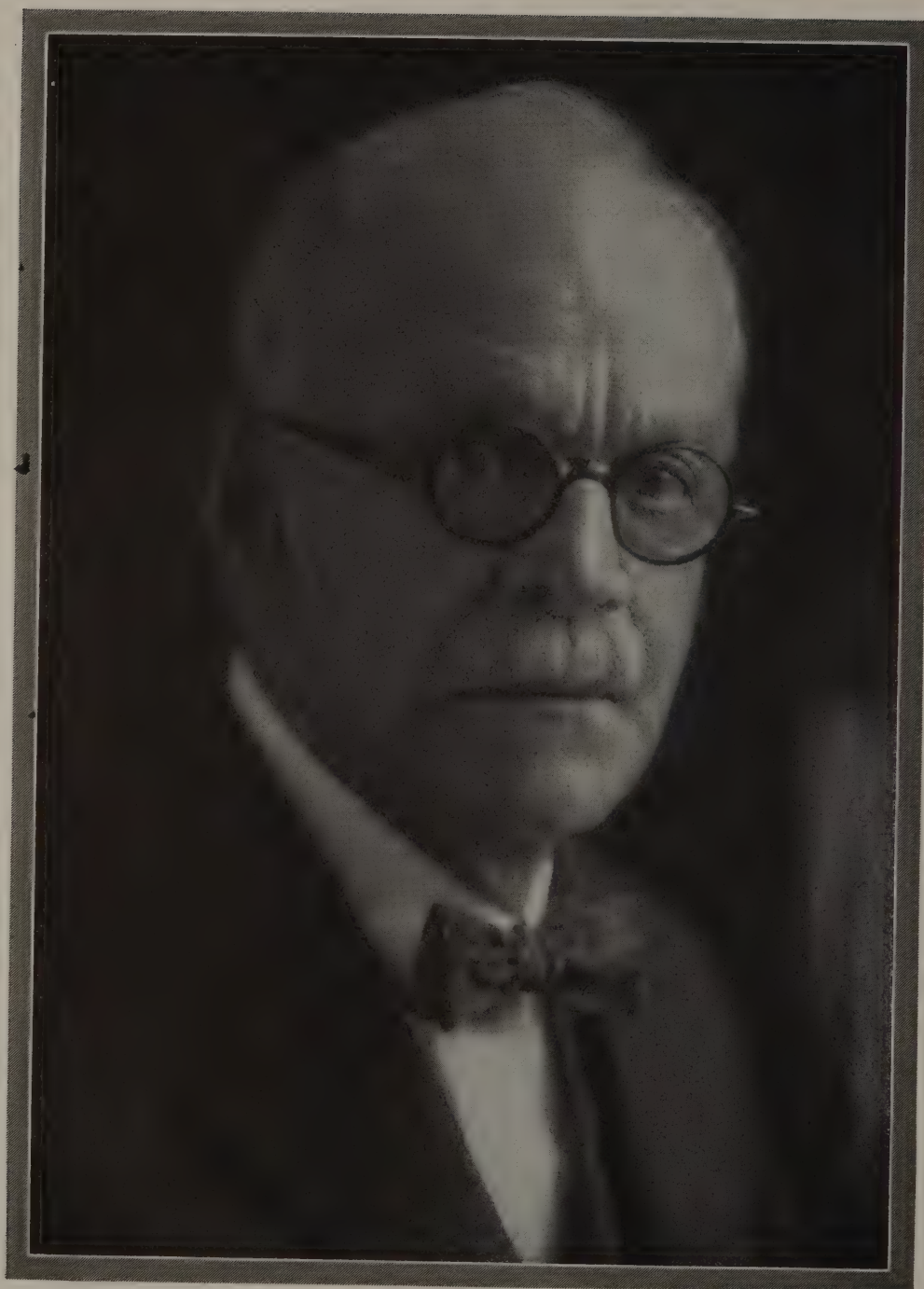
His wide acquaintance throughout Elk County and the respect inspired by his successful career have made him one of Elk County's best known figures. In 1939, in recognition of his standing in the county and his personal popularity, Mr. Goetz was elected sheriff of the county and has since served efficiently in this office. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Sheriffs' Association and has been active in various community enterprises at St. Marys, where he makes his home. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, in which he held the office of District Deputy four years and has been Grand Knight of the local council several times, as well as holding other offices. In religious faith he is a member of the Roman Catholic Church at St. Marys. He is a member of St. Vincent De Paul Society and a director of the Community Chest. In politics he is a Democrat and has been influential in his party. Mr. Goetz is unmarried. He has business offices in both St. Marys and Ridgway.

CHARLES E. ANDREWS, Jr.—To the business and financial side of New Bethlehem affairs Charles E. Andrews, Jr., has contributed in a substantial degree in



Charles E. Andrews, Jr.





Firman L. Andrews

his capacity as president of the First National Bank of this community. The bank's history dates back to 1872, and in the years since that time the institution has occupied three buildings. The present banking structure is a beautiful one, of which Mr. Andrews and the town have good reason to be proud, modeled after a traditional American "town meeting hall" of the Georgian Colonial period: as the bank's own literature characterizes it, "a bit of old Independence Hall in Philadelphia, blended with numerous details inspired by the finest edifices of similar type in the Original Colonies."

Mr. Andrews, the present head of the bank, was born June 22, 1881, in New Bethlehem, Clarion County, Pennsylvania, son of Firman L. and A. Blanche (Craig) Andrews and member of an old and noted family. The great-grandfather, William Andrews, born in New Jersey, became a merchant in Philadelphia and a member of the Society of Friends. He married Ann Fithen, also born in New Jersey. William Andrews died when only twenty-eight years old, whereupon Mrs. Andrews was married a second time and removed with the son of her first marriage, Charles E. Andrews, Sr., to Clarion County, Pennsylvania, dying in New Bethlehem at an advanced age.

This son, Charles E. Andrews, Sr., grandfather of the present Charles E. Andrews, Jr., was born October 9, 1828, in Philadelphia, and was eight years old when he was brought to Clarion County to live. Remaining on the home farm until he was eighteen, he then became a clerk in the New Bethlehem store of Thomas McKelvey at a salary of \$40 per year. From general helper with all details of the business he shouldered such responsibilities that, four years later, he was made a partner. After three more years, he disposed of this interest and opened a small store of his own in New Bethlehem, so beginning an independent career that took him forward to success along many lines and led to his participation in almost every enterprise of importance in the community. He built a sawmill in 1855, thus starting the C. E. Andrews Lumber Company, which company is still in successful operation, and which with its eighty-seven years of existence must be one of the oldest in western Pennsylvania. His son, Firman L. Andrews, on his return from the Philadelphia Centennial in 1876, when he was twenty-one years old, became a partner in the C. E. Andrews Lumber Company and was its active manager for the rest of his life. Since the death of Firman L. Andrews in 1927, the C. E. Andrews Lumber Company has been managed by P. C. Andrews, a nephew of Firman L. and a grandson of the founder. In 1872, when Charles E. Andrews, Sr., was forty-four years old he founded what is now the First National Bank of New Bethlehem. At his death, in 1897, he was succeeded as president by his son, Firman L.

Andrews, who was then forty-two years old. When Firman L. Andrews died in 1927, his son, Charles E. Andrews, Jr., who was then forty-six years old, succeeded to the post held by his father and grandfather. While such things happen in old England, and New England, it is quite rare in western Pennsylvania to have three generations successively conduct such a business as this, and have the business continually grow in size, and successfully meet the changing conditions. During the Civil War, at his boat yard in New Bethlehem, Charles E. Andrews, Sr., built river coal boats, which no doubt helped carry the coal used by the Union fleet at Vicksburg and at New Orleans. He married, in 1854, Catharine Duff, daughter of Samuel and Catharine (Ecebarger) Duff. Her father, a native of Perkman Bridge, Huntingdon County, born October 24, 1806, was at one time a prominent iron manufacturer in Clarion County. Mrs. Duff was born September 19, 1810, at Huntingdon, and died March 2, 1898, at East Liverpool, Ohio. They were married in March, 1830. Charles E., Sr., and Catharine (Duff) Andrews were the parents of the following children: 1. Firman L., of further mention. 2. Emma, born January 26, 1857, at New Bethlehem, died April 26, 1874. 3. William M., who became the father of Emma A., Harry E., Percy C. (*q. v.*), Tom T. (*q. v.*), and Carl W., and who was himself long interested in the lumber business. This interest has been carried on by his son, Percy Chester, who has devoted his life to that industry. 4. Kate Duff, born December 1, 1863, died February 5, 1872. 5. Margaret Carrie, who became the wife of Michael Jerome McEnteer, of Du Bois, and the mother of their children: Frank D., Kate Irene, and Benjamin McEnteer.

Firman L. Andrews, the first-named of the five children of Charles E., Sr., and Catharine (Duff) Andrews, was born August 8, 1855, in New Bethlehem, and after attending local schools became associated with his father's lumber business. He became president of the C. E. Andrews Lumber Company and the Andrews Real Estate Company, of New Bethlehem, the First National Bank of New Bethlehem, and the Raine-Andrews Lumber Company, of Evenwood, West Virginia; vice-president of the Pennsylvania Fuel Supply Company, of Emlenton; and a director of the Gladys & Alpena Railroad Company, of Evenwood, West Virginia, and three companies at Rainelle, that State—the Meadow River Lumber Company, the Meadow River Coal & Land Company, and the Sewell Valley Railroad Company. Firman L. Andrews married, May 25, 1880, at New Bethlehem, Agnes Blanche Craig, born in Limestone, Clarion County, Pennsylvania. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Charles Edgar Andrews, Jr., of further mention. 2. Elizabeth Andrews, born March 20, 1885, at New Bethlehem.

Charles E. Andrews, Jr., received his preliminary education in schools in his home vicinity of New Bethlehem, then became a student at Harvard University, in Cambridge, Massachusetts. At Harvard he excelled in economics and related studies, receiving honorable mention for his achievement along these lines at the time of his graduation, *cum laude*, as a Bachelor of Arts, in 1904. Within a year of his graduation there, Charles E. Andrews, Jr., was engaged in banking in his home community of New Bethlehem, where advancement came rapidly as others recognized his financial and business acumen and executive ability. He has done everything in his power to enhance the usefulness of the bank. Mr. Andrews has revealed always the deepest interest in the physical planning of the bank along lines that would be practical and at the same time artistic. The Colonial type of structure, mentioned in the opening lines of this review, has been maintained throughout the bank, although the medium has, of course, been modern structural steel, 107 tons of which were used for the bank's framework. The exterior of the edifice is of Georgian Colonial red brick, with white Vermont marble trim, and three shades of brick are skillfully blended in the creation of a pleasing mottled effect. "Herringbone" red brick sidewalks are used along the two street fronts, with a ribbon of grass separating the walk from the walls of the bank on the longer frontage. At the intersection of the two walks a white post supports an ornamental hanging sign publishing the bank's name in Colonial style. The name, incidentally, appears nowhere else on the building. A clock tower, 107 feet high, rises from the southeast corner of the building. The white marble entrance, surmounted by a classic urn, would have seemed familiar to the signers of the Declaration of Independence. In all four sides of the building, arched windows rise after the style of the window in Independence Hall's tower. The bank interior has embraced every convenience and dignity of architecture. And the community is reminded of the bank in the chiming of its bell, weighing two thousand pounds, situated in the great clock tower, on the hour and half-hour. This "Memorial Bell," as it is called, dedicated on Armistice Day, 1929, bears on the inside rim the inscription: "This bell commemorates the patriotism, resolution and zeal of the men of this community who served our country during the World War, 1917-1919."

In addition to his connection with the First National Bank of New Bethlehem, of which he is president, Charles E. Andrews, Jr., is an officer of other enterprises. He is chairman of the board of the First National Bank of Rimersburg, as well as of the Sligo National Bank of Sligo; and chairman of the board of the Meadow River Lumber Company of Rainelle, West Virginia, which is one of the largest companies of its kind in the country. A

Republican in politics, he belongs to the Duquesne Club of Pittsburgh, the Harvard Club of New York, and the Surf Club of Miami Beach, Florida. His religious affiliation is with the Baptist Church. One of his favorite hobbies is gardening, and he is particularly fond of the beautiful gardens that he has created about his own home. He is justly proud, too, of the bank's garden. For, at the rear of the First National Bank Building, is a shrubbery and flower garden, surrounded by an old-fashioned garden fence of red brick and wood pickets painted white. From this enclosure is visible the "World Window" in the rear bank wall—a reproduction of a church window, more than a century old, in New Haven, Connecticut.

Charles Edgar Andrews, Jr., married, August 13, 1928, at New York City, Marjorie Eddinger. They live in New Bethlehem, and both take the deepest interest in the life of this community, where they have many friends. They receive visitors who come from long distances away just to view the beautiful Andrews gardens.

WILLIAM WILLIS CARRIER, M. D.—Since he began the practice of medicine at Summerville in the early years of the century, Dr. William W. Carrier has not only served his community in professional capacities but has taken a leading rôle in its general life. He is today the only physician in Summerville, owner of its only drug store and by common consent the leading citizen of the town.

Dr. Carrier is a grandson of Euphrastus Carrier, pioneer owner of Troy, now Summerville, who was born in Connecticut on February 19, 1799, and settled in Jefferson County, Pennsylvania, in 1828, on the farm since known as the old homestead and continuously occupied by members of the Carrier family down to the present time. Soon after his arrival in Jefferson County, Euphrastus Carrier made the trip to Connecticut and brought back with him his wife of a few months, Harriet R. Buell, of Colchester, Connecticut. Having purchased fifty acres in Clover (then Rose) Township, he subsequently purchased seventy more acres and developed it until he had a valuable farm and comfortable home. In his youth, Euphrastus Carrier learned the millwright's trade, adopted by many other members of this family, and acquired a high degree of proficiency in his craft, which led to many demands upon his services. In addition he lumbered on the Clarion River and on Red Bank Creek and successfully operated the homestead farm. He lived to the age of seventy-nine years, dying in 1878. Euphrastus and Harriet R. (Buell) Carrier were the parents of eight children, six of which were sons, as follows: Albert A., Griswold B., David F., Euphrastus, Lanford, and Milton H.

Dr. William W. Carrier, son of David F. and Sarah Jane (Clark) Carrier and grandson of Euphrastus Car-



First National Bank, New Bethlehem, Pa.
Garden of Charles E. Andrews, Jr., New Bethlehem, Pa.



rier, the pioneer, was born on July 14, 1872, in Clarion County, where his father was a farmer. He received his preliminary education in the Clarion public schools, attended the State Teachers' College there and subsequently prepared for his chosen profession at the Western University of Pennsylvania, now the University of Pittsburgh. During this period he also taught school for six years. From this institution he was graduated in 1904, taking the degree of Doctor of Medicine. In the same year he began the general practice of medicine at Summerville, where he has ministered to several generations of the community with skill and zeal. As Summerville's only physician, he is constantly busy with the demands of his practice. Nevertheless, he has found time for other interests. In 1921 he established and still owns the only drug store in the community. He serves as a director of the Union National Bank of Summerville and of the Red Bank Telephone Company and has played so active a part in civic affairs that his influence has made him Summerville's leading citizen.

Dr. Carrier is a member of the American Medical Association and the Pennsylvania State and Jefferson County Medical societies. He is affiliated fraternally with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is a member of all higher bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including the thirty-second degree of the Consistory, and a member of Jaffa Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at Altoona. Dr. Carrier is also affiliated with the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America. A Methodist in religious faith, he serves on the official board of his church.

In 1903 Dr. Carrier married, at Summerville, Elsie L. Schaffer. They are the parents of three sons: i. Euphrastus E. Carrier, a farmer at Clarion, married Bessie Wayland and they have four daughters: i. Virginia Nell. ii. Elsie Louella. iii. Sarah Jane. iv. Nancy Malinda. 2. James D. (q. v.), now cashier of the Bank of Summerville. 3. John S. Carrier, serving as first lieutenant in the United States Army; married Romaine Aaron and has one child: i. William Willis.

THE REV. JAMES JOSEPH O'CONNOR—As a priest of the Catholic Church, the Rev. James Joseph O'Connor has labored for sixteen years in the Christian ministry of the Church of Rome, serving with devotion and diligence in the several parishes to which he has been assigned. Although he is a native of New York, his work has lain within the borders of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Father O'Connor was born in New York City on March 20, 1899, son of James and Mary (Gordon) O'Connor. Early deciding to enter the church, he enrolled at St. Vincent College, in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, after the

completion of his preparatory education, and was graduated from the college in 1921, taking the degree of Bachelor of Arts. His theological studies were conducted at St. Vincent Seminary, which is affiliated with the college at Latrobe, and upon finishing his course in 1925, he was graduated from the seminary and was then ordained to the priesthood of the Roman Catholic Church.

After serving as assistant priest in several parishes, Father O'Connor came to his present charge at New Bethlehem, where he is now pastor of St. Charles Church. His able administration of parish affairs and the force of his spiritual leadership have won him the warm regard of the Catholic population of New Bethlehem and the respect of the community at large. Father O'Connor is a Democrat in politics and is active in various civic affairs. His example and influence are recognized as a constructive force throughout the community.

CHARLES KRUTZEL—Active in business affairs in New Bethlehem, Charles Krutzel is a partner in operation of the Kempner Company, one of the large department stores in Clarion County and its environs. He takes a lively interest in civic matters, and is respected, honored and trusted in an ever-widening circle of acquaintance.

Mr. Krutzel was born in 1897 in Poland, but in young manhood came with his parents to New York City, where he was immediately engaged in the mercantile business. For a brief period he was connected with mercantile interests in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Then, in 1921, he came to New Bethlehem and here formed a partnership with Morris Pokempner. The two men established a small department store under the firm name of the Kempner Company, which expanded from the outset, both in volume of business and in the size of its premises. Striving always to meet community needs, this store grew to be the largest of its kind in Clarion County. An entirely new store building, under construction for completion in the spring of 1942, three stories in height, makes the Kempner Company one of the largest department stores in this and surrounding counties.

In addition to his business undertakings, Mr. Krutzel has taken a lively interest in civic matters in New Bethlehem. He has served three times as president of the Golden Rule Society, which acts as a Better Business Bureau for the New Bethlehem district. He is also a member of the Volunteer Fire Department of New Bethlehem and belongs to the Bostonia Country Club and the Knights of Pythias. He is active, too, in the Kittanning Hebrew Church.

Charles Krutzel married, in 1921. He has one child, Arlene Krutzel, who was born in 1931.

MORRIS POKEMPNER—As a partner in the Kempner Company, Morris Pokempner has performed a

work of importance in New Bethlehem and this region of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Pokempner was born in Lithuania in 1893. He came early to America, settling in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and coming shortly afterward to New Bethlehem. In 1921 he formed a partnership with Charles Krutzel, in this community, the two men starting the Kempner Company Department Store. Beginning on a small scale, this business grew to larger and larger proportions, and new additions had to be made to accommodate the ever-increasing demands of the community. Eventually the store became the largest of its kind in New Bethlehem; and its new building was completed in the spring of 1942, making it the largest in New Bethlehem. Both Mr. Krutzel (*q. v.*) and Mr. Pokempner are justly proud of the service they have rendered New Bethlehem and its people and institutions. It is said to be through their efforts that the chain-store system has not been adopted in New Bethlehem.

In addition to his business activities, Mr. Pokempner takes a lively part in civic affairs. He is particularly proud of his membership and directorship in the Colonel Drake Council of Boy Scouts of Clarion, Venango, and Forest counties.

Mr. Pokempner married Eleanor Blanche Ossar, born in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, where she taught school several years. They have three children: 1. Stanley Pokempner, a graduate of Pennsylvania State College, now serving in the United States Navy. 2. Minadora Pokempner, a student at Pennsylvania State College. 3. Judith Pokempner, a student also in the local high school. Mrs. Pokempner was graduated from the Indiana, Pennsylvania, Normal School in 1917.

ABEL STERCK—Stercks of Brookville, who are large distributors of soft drinks, cigarettes and tobacco and other merchandise in the Brookville area, was founded by Joseph Sterck and has been carried on since his death by his son, Abel Sterck, present owner of the business. Mr. Sterck is a well-known figure in the life of this community and one of its most active business men.

He was born at Bridgeton, New Jersey, on September 11, 1892, son of Joseph and Boe (Pecheny) Sterck, both now deceased. His parents came to this country from Belgium in 1885, at which time Joseph Sterck became a glass worker in New Jersey, later establishing a window glass business of his own. In 1901 he removed to Brookville, where he continued in the same business until 1909 and then founded the present company, now owned and managed by his son. Joseph Sterck was one of the best loved and most respected business men in Brookville and his death in 1918 was a source of wide regret throughout the community. His wife, who survived him a number of years, passed away in 1930.

Abel Sterck was educated in the public schools of New Jersey and in the high school at Brookville. Until the death of his father, he worked under him in the Sterck business at Brookville, after which he became owner and manager of the enterprise. Stercks are not only general distributors of soft drinks, tobacco and ciarettes but are Western distributors of Peter Schuyler cigars. In addition, the retail store carries a complete line of sporting goods. All branches of the business enjoy a substantial trade.

Mr. Sterck is also a partner with his brother, Raymond Sterck, in a cigarette vending machine company. During the World War he enlisted as a private in the United States Army and served from September, 1917, to December, 1918, at Camp Colt. Since the war he has been a member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is a Roman Catholic in religious faith and is affiliated fraternally with the Knights of Columbus.

In 1918, at Oil City, Abel Sterck married Elizabeth Malerich.

HYMAN MAYER SILMAN and HINDA SILMAN—Born in Russia during the last century, Hyman Mayer Silman emigrated to the United States in 1879 and after spending a short time in New York City and the New England States, settled in Elk County, Pennsylvania. He was the founder of one of Elk County's principal business institutions, and his descendants not only continue his labors in the business world but are prominently represented in the professions in northwest Pennsylvania and other spheres of service.

Following his arrival in Elk County, Hyman Mayer Silman entered the retail mercantile field, opening stores at Ridgway and St. Marys, the former of which he eventually abandoned in favor of expanding the St. Marys store. This has become the H. M. Silman Department Store, one of the largest stores in Elk County, now continued under the trusteeship of his sons, Jerome J. Silman and Dr. Charles N. Silman, and under the management of Jerome J. Silman. Hyman Mayer Silman was an outstanding citizen of his community, a prominent business leader, active in civic affairs and always interested in the growth and prosperity of his community. His wife, Hinda Silman, who was also born in Russia, and whom he married in Russia, joined him in this country soon after he was established in business. She won her own place in the St. Marys community, which respected her as a devoted wife and mother and valued her charity of spirit. Hyman Mayer Silman died on November 4, 1927, and Hinda Silman on June 15, 1929. They were the parents of nine children, six daughters and three sons.

Jerome J. Silman, born July 28, 1892, youngest son of this marriage, was educated at St. Marys High School

and the University of Pennsylvania. He is manager of the H. M. Silman Department Store and president of the Retailers Association of St. Marys.

Dr. Charles N. Silman, second son of Hyman Mayer and Hinda Silman, was born August 8, 1889. After his graduation from St. Marys High School, he entered Bucknell University, where he took the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1910, and subsequently studied medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, taking the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1914. Dr. Silman has carried on postgraduate work in gynecology and obstetrics at New York Lying-In Hospital, at Buffalo and Detroit institutions, at the Chicago Lying-In Hospital, and at the University of Pennsylvania. Further postgraduate work in orthopedic surgery was taken at Harvard University. He is a surgeon, practicing at St. Marys, a member of the staff of Andrew Kaul Memorial Hospital, Fellow of the American Medical Association, member and at present president of the Elk County Medical Society and member of the Pennsylvania Medical Society. He is also a World War veteran, having served as a first lieutenant in the Orthopedic Division of the United States Army Medical Corps.

Harry I. Silman, eldest son of Hyman Mayer and Hinda Silman, was educated at St. Marys High School, Lock Haven Normal School and Rochester Business Institute. He is interested in the H. M. Silman Department Store.

All three sons are unmarried and reside at No. 324 South St. Marys Street, St. Marys, Pennsylvania.

There are four surviving daughters of Hyman Mayer and Hinda Silman: Jennie, wife of Nathan L. Barach, residing at Ridgefield, Connecticut; Libbie, wife of the late Simon Berger, who resides at No. 515 West End Avenue, New York City; Emma, widow of Jacob Landy, who resides at Ridgefield, Connecticut; and Leonora, wife of Leo A. Marcus, residing at No. 498 West End Avenue, New York City. Eva, another daughter, who was the wife of Louis V. Barach, of Pittsburgh, passed away on August 16, 1938. She coöperated with her husband, a Pittsburgh historian and civic leader, in his literary and historical work, was the founder of the Pythian Deborah Temple in Pittsburgh and was otherwise active in women's fraternal circles. Her husband, who is known as a brilliant orator, is also active fraternally. Bertha, sixth daughter of Hyman Mayer and Hinda Silman, was the wife of Adolph Schechter, of New York City. She passed away on April 24, 1933.

The grandchildren of Hyman Mayer and Hinda Silman follow:

Reva, deceased, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Berger.

Beryl (Mrs. Emanuel Kaufman), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Berger, who resides with her husband and son, Jay Warren Kaufman, at No. 515 West End Avenue,

New York City. She is a graduate of the Benjamin School for Girls in New York City.

Anita (Mrs. Julius Kroll), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Berger, who resides with her husband, her daughter, June, and her son, Steven Lawrence Kroll, at No. 277 West End Avenue, New York City. She is also a graduate of the Benjamin School for Girls, New York City.

Stanley Edwin Mortimer Landy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Landy, resides with his mother, Mrs. Emma Landy, at Ridgefield, Connecticut. He was graduated from Ridgefield High School in 1934, from Yale University in 1938, taking the degree of Bachelor of Science in Science, then attended the University of Pennsylvania for two years and is now a medical student at Middlesex University.

Edmund Jacques Barach, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan L. Barach was born November 22, 1896, at Austin, Potter County, Pennsylvania. Following his graduation from high school in New York City, he attended the New York College of Dentistry, taking the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery, and for a time taught pathology and histology at that institution. Later he traveled extensively in Mexico and then went into business. He is now sole head of the Oxygen Equipment Manufacturing Company, Inc., No. 405 East Sixty-second Street, New York City, engaged in the manufacture of oxygen tents and other medical apparatus. He has done considerable experimental work for his brother, Dr. Alvan L. Barach, in helping to develop new oxygen apparatus. Dr. Edmund J. Barach married, in 1925, Mitzi Kolisch, of New York City, a graduate of New York University and a member of the staff of the "Theatre Arts Monthly." They have one daughter, Margaret Hinda, born November 13, 1930. Their home is at No. 1148 Fifth Avenue, New York City. His summer home is at Ridgefield, Connecticut.

Alvan Leroy Barach, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan L. Barach, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Mayer Silman and an internationally known figure in contemporary medicine, was born on February 22, 1895, in New Castle, Pennsylvania. He attended school there and, for a short time, the St. Marys public schools, after which, upon the removal of the family to New York City in 1909, he became a student in Townsend Harris High School, from which he went on to the College of the City of New York. He prepared for the profession of medicine at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, where he took the degree of Doctor of Medicine. After his internship at Presbyterian Hospital, New York City, he began his research activities at Harvard Medical School, working on the therapeutic use of oxygen in pneumonia and heart disease. These activities were soon transferred to Presbyterian Hospital in New York City, where he developed (1924) the ventilated modern oxygen tent and oxygen chambers now in general use for the treatment of

respiratory and cardiac illness. In 1934 he introduced helium as a new therapeutic gas for the treatment of severe asthma and obstructive lesions of the trachea and larynx. Much of his work has been concerned with the physiology of oxygen in the human body. He pointed out the relation between "pilot error" and oxygen want in civil aviation and did much to further the use of oxygen for pilots flying at altitudes of ten thousand to twelve thousand feet. In 1939 he developed a new treatment for pulmonary tuberculosis, on which he is still working, a technique in which the lungs of the patient are immobilized by the application of equalizing pressure simultaneously to the inner and outer chest walls. Dr. Alvan L. Barach is associate professor of clinical medicine at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University; assistant attending physician at Presbyterian Hospital, New York City; and director of the Aviation Research Laboratory, Welfare Island, New York City. He is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians, the American Medical Association and the New York Academy of Medicine and a member of the Association of American Physicians, the American Society of Clinical Investigation, the American Heart Association and the Trudeau Society. For original investigation he received the Bronze Medal of the American Medical Association in 1936 and in the same year the Scroll of Recognition of the International Anesthesia Research Society. Dr. Barach has been a frequent contributor to the literature of his profession and is the author, under a pseudonym, of a novel illustrating the effects of modern psycho-analytical reasoning on human conduct: "The Spectacle of a Man," by John Coignard. He married, in 1933, Mrs. Frederica Pisek Field, of New York City, a graduate of Vassar College in the class of 1925 and at the time of her marriage, editor of the "Golden Book Magazine." They have two sons, Jeffrey Alvan, born August 15, 1934; and John Paul, born December 21, 1935. Dr. Barach's offices are at No. 929 Park Avenue, New York City. His New York residence is at No. 950 Park Avenue.

Helene Enid Marcus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo A. Marcus, resides with her parents at No. 498 West End Avenue, New York City. After her graduation from high school in New York City, she enrolled at Adelphi College and is now a student at Columbia University.

ROBERT F. PONTZER—Engaged in the practice of law in Ridgway, Robert F. Pontzer is a member of the law firm of Barbour and Pontzer. He has interested himself at the same time in a variety of business, civic and social matters, and is widely known and honored in his community and throughout northwestern Pennsylvania.

Mr. Pontzer was born June 13, 1904, in Kersey, Pennsylvania, son of Peter J. and Elizabeth (Kronenwetter)

Pontzer. His father, a lumberman and farmer, is now deceased.

Robert F. Pontzer received his early formal education in a parochial school at Kersey, afterward attending the public high school at Kersey and the public high school at St. Marys. For his professional training he went to the Law School of Georgetown University, in Washington, District of Columbia, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1928. In the following year, 1929, he completed his work for the Bachelor of Arts degree at George Washington University, in the same city, and received that degree. Admitted to the bar of the District of Columbia, Mr. Pontzer practiced in Washington, District of Columbia, beginning in 1928, carrying on his professional work there while attending George Washington University. In October, 1929, he returned to Elk County, and was admitted to the Pennsylvania bar in April, 1930. Until 1935 Mr. Pontzer conducted a private general practice of law, then formed a partnership with W. W. Barbour in the firm of Barbour and Pontzer.

Continuing this work down to the time of writing, Mr. Pontzer is a member of the Elk County Bar Association and the Pennsylvania State Bar Association. He is licensed to practice in the Superior and Supreme courts of Pennsylvania, the District of Columbia Court of Appeals and the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania. At the same time he has interests in the real estate business in Ridgway and is a director of the Ridgway National Bank, the Elk Building & Loan Association, the People's Building & Loan Association and the Community Consumers' Discount Company (of Du Bois).

A Republican in politics, Mr. Pontzer served for three terms as Republican County chairman. For four years he was a member of the Fox Township School Board, serving for a part of that period as president of the board. He is a past president of the Ridgway Kiwanis Club, a member of the Elk County Country Club and the Phi Beta Gamma law fraternity, and active in the Loyal Order of Moose, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Columbus. He is a member of St. Leo's Roman Catholic Church. In spare time his favorite enjoyments are those of an outdoor character.

Robert F. Pontzer married, November 30, 1933, Bertha Friery, of Pascoag, Rhode Island. They became the parents of four children: 1. Robert Friery Pontzer, born February 1, 1935. 2. Peter J. Pontzer, born August 11, 1937. 3. Patricia Pontzer, born February 16, 1940. 4. Diana Friery Pontzer, born January 9, 1942.

LEO ZENO HAYES, M. D.—Extensively engaged in the practice of medicine in Force, where he is company physician of the Pittsburgh, Shawmut & Northern Mining

Company, Dr. Leo Zeno Hayes professionally serves a broad Pennsylvania area embracing mining company employees and farm families to the number of five thousand or more people.

Dr. Hayes was born April 16, 1878, in Luthersburg, Pennsylvania, son of E. G. and Marguerite (Brockbank) Hayes. His father, born in Union County, Pennsylvania, moved to Elk County at the age of five years. E. G. Hayes was a teacher in Elk and Clearfield counties. The mother was a native of England.

Dr. Leo Z. Hayes attended Luthersburg schools and the Pennsylvania State Teachers' College, at Clarion, then taught for a year at Tyler. At the conclusion of that year he attended the Medico-Chirurgical College, in Philadelphia, where he was graduated in 1902 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He began his general practice in Force, and very quickly became associated, in his professional capacity, with the Pittsburgh, Shawmut & Northern Mining Company, remaining there until 1909. On May thirteen, of that year, when this company undertook more extensive operations in Jefferson County, Dr. Hayes removed to that district and made his headquarters at Comerford for ten years. On January 1, 1919, he returned to Force, where the mining company built for him a fine office and home. Here he has remained down to the time of writing. His practice is not only one of the most satisfying in this area, but is of an unusual character, in that he is the only physician in all the territory from Penfield to Driftwood, a distance of about thirty miles, including all the side valleys of the region.

In addition to his own practice, which is an extensive one, Dr. Hayes has reared a large family of children, all of whom he has given medical training and most of whom have at one time or another worked in association with him. His daughter, Dr. Catherine La Rue Hayes, moved to Philadelphia in March, 1942, and at the time of writing is working with him. Dr. Leo Z. Hayes is active in different organized groups in his profession, being president of the Elk County Medical Society at an earlier period, and continuing today his memberships in this group, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He is a Fellow of the national association, and served as the county medical group's representative at the American Medical Association's Pittsburgh convention.

Entirely outside the realm of his profession, Dr. Hayes has figured prominently in civic and social life. He is at the time of writing president of the Elk County Board of Education, and has been, since 1919, a member of the Force School Board. He has aided in a number of community projects, notably in the furtherance of good roads in his capacity as president of the Highway Association. He is responsible, incidentally, for the fine road just com-

pleted from Du Bois to Driftwood. Among his other activities, Dr. Hayes is a member of the American Academy of Natural Science, the National Geographic Society, the American Forestry Association and the Izaak Walton League. He is also a member of the Elk County Selective Service Draft Board, of which he is now temporary chairman. Both he and Mrs. Hayes are active in local affairs, Mrs. Hayes being a member of the Children's Aid Society and the Public Welfare Association. Dr. Hayes is a member of St. Stanislaus Roman Catholic Church, at Tyler.

Dr. Leo Zeno Hayes married, September 5, 1900, Anna M. Hivick, of Falls Creek, Jefferson County, daughter of John F. and Clarissa (Seifert) Hivick, both now deceased. Dr. and Mrs. Hayes became the parents of the following children: 1. Helen Hayes, graduated from schools in Du Bois, Pennsylvania, and from Temple University Medical School as a Doctor of Medicine, now practicing her profession in Philadelphia, where she also has the assignment of examining all female students at Temple University; she became the wife of Francis Ryan, of Du Bois, and they are the parents of two children: William Hayes Ryan and James Johnson Ryan. 2. Ailene Hayes, graduated from Du Bois, Pennsylvania, schools and the Temple University School of Nursing; she became the wife of Ross Ferraro, and they are the parents of four children: Frances Marion Ferraro, Lewis Edward Ferraro, Nancy Ailene Ferraro, and Russel Leo Ferraro. 3. Leo Vincent Hayes, graduated from Force schools and Georgetown University, Washington, District of Columbia, as a Doctor of Medicine, now has a fine surgical practice in Philadelphia, where he is associated with the Nazarene Hospital and St. Luke's Hospital, as well as with Temple University Hospital; he married Kathryn Ryan, of Philadelphia, and they became the parents of five children: Leo Vincent Hayes, Jr., Mary Ann Hayes, John Francis Hayes, William Hayes, and Kathryn Hayes. 4. Joseph Gerald Hayes, now deceased, attended local schools in Force, graduated as a Doctor of Medicine from the School of Medicine of Georgetown University; married Christine Ehman, and they became the parents of three children: John Gerald Hayes, Leo Zeno Hayes, and Robert Hayes. 5. Leola Hayes, attended Force schools, took a Bachelor of Arts degree in Home Economics at Temple University, became a member of the faculty at the Pennsylvania State Teachers' College, at Indiana. 6. Francis Merrill Hayes, graduated from local schools, died while a senior at Temple Medical University. 7. Catherine La Rue Hayes, referred to above as a present associate of her father in Force; she attended local schools, and took her degree of Doctor of Medicine at Temple. 8. Elizabeth O'Mega Hayes, graduated from local schools and as a Doctor of Medicine from the School of Medicine of

Temple University, now practicing her profession at Kingston, this State. She has now arranged with the Grenfell Foundation for a year's service in northern Newfoundland. She will leave for northern Newfoundland on the next boat leaving Boston.

CHARLES EUGENE BAER—Deputy secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Forests and Waters, Charles Eugene Baer, of Harrisburg and Emporium, Pennsylvania, has made a career of forestry for the past twenty-seven years. He is a native of Lewistown, Mifflin County, born November 3, 1890, son of Edward Eugene and Margaret Ellen (Heck) Baer, both of whom are now deceased.

Charles Eugene Baer received his early education in the public, grammar and high schools of Lewistown and then attended Lewistown Preparatory School for one year. After that he was a student for one year at Susquehanna University at Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania. Later he was graduated from the Pennsylvania State Forest Academy, with the degree of Bachelor of Forestry, in 1915. In the development of his career he was located at Harrisburg for one year, and then began his field work at Elimsport, Lycoming County, where he was forester for three and one-half years. From Elimsport he went to Pottsville, Schuylkill County, where he was district forester for an equal length of time. In 1923 he came to Emporium, Cameron County, as district forester, and since 1939 has been deputy secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Forests and Waters, with headquarters in the State capital city.

Mr. Baer is a well recognized authority on forestry in particular, and upon the conservation of the natural resources of Pennsylvania in general. He has contributed numerous articles on these subjects to magazines and the newspapers, and is a member of the Society of American Foresters, the American Forestry Association, and the Pennsylvania Forestry Association. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In his political connections he is a Republican. His hobbies are chiefly hunting and fishing.

Charles Eugene Baer married Beatrice Butler, of Emporium, Pennsylvania.

CHARLES ARNOLD FITZGERALD, M. D.—As a practicing physician and surgeon at Clarion, Dr. Charles Arnold Fitzgerald represents the second generation of his family to serve the city and its people in this profession. He has been active here during the past quarter of a century.

Dr. Fitzgerald was born in Clarion on August 14, 1892, son of Dr. John Mathias and Henrietta (Watson) Fitz-

gerald. He is a descendant of emigrants from the German Palatinate who came to America early in the eighteenth century and have long been identified with Pennsylvania life. In the maternal line he is a great-great-grandson of John Watson, a soldier in the Revolutionary War. Dr. John Mathias Fitzgerald, his father, who was also a physician and surgeon, was born near Scotch Hill, Clarion County, on March 7, 1848, and died on February 24, 1920. A graduate of Cleveland Medical College in 1872, he also carried on graduate work at the University of Pennsylvania in 1883 and rounded out a long career of devoted service in his profession. An active Mason, he was affiliated with Clarion Lodge, No. 272, Free and Accepted Masons, and with the higher bodies of the York Rite, including the Royal Arch Chapter and Franklin Commandery, No. 44, Knights Templar.

Charles Arnold Fitzgerald, after his preliminary education, entered the State Teachers' College, from which he was graduated, and subsequently followed his father's example in adopting the profession of medicine, for which he prepared at the University of Pennsylvania. Following his graduation from this institution with the degree of Doctor of Medicine, he served as interne at West Penn Hospital in 1915-16, and in the latter year, entered practice at Clarion. When the United States entered the World War in 1917, he volunteered his services, was commissioned in the United States Army Medical Corps, in which he held successively the rank of first lieutenant and captain, and went overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces, serving at General Headquarters Base Hospital, Chaumont, France. In 1919 he received his honorable discharge from the army, spent a short period in postgraduate study at New York Post Graduate School and Hospital and then returned to Clarion, where he resumed the practice he has since successfully continued. Dr. Fitzgerald, who is well known professionally, is a member of the staff of Oil City Hospital and a member of the American Medical Association, the Pennsylvania State Medical Association and the Clarion County Medical Society. In addition to his medical connections, he is active in Free Masonry, being affiliated with all higher bodies of both York and Scottish rites, including the Consistory, thirty-second degree, and is a member of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and a charter member of the Clarion Kiwanis Club. Dr. Fitzgerald is a Republican in politics and a member of the Methodist Church.

He married, on June 26, 1922, at Rimersburg, Belma Ellen Kaster, daughter of Philip and Martha Kaster, of Rimersburg. Mrs. Fitzgerald, a descendant of old American families, is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.



Charles A. Fitzgerald M. O.

THOMAS CLAIR FOLEY—To the positions of executive vice-president and general manager of Hotel Conneaut, Inc., and Conneaut Lake Park, Pennsylvania, Thomas Clair Foley has brought unusual qualifications and experience. He is making a notable success of this large and expanding development in Crawford County.

Mr. Foley is a native of Greenville, Pennsylvania, born January 4, 1895, son of Thomas and Adda (Paine) Foley, his father being a conductor on the Bessemer & Lake Erie Railroad. He was educated in local schools, the East Palestine, Ohio, High School, the Meadville, Pennsylvania, Commercial College, and the University of Chicago, at Chicago, Illinois. When the United States entered the First World War he enlisted for military service and became first sergeant in the 8th Company, 4th Regiment Air Corps, and went overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces. While in France he was appointed an instructor in the American Expeditionary Forces University, in Beaune, Côte-d'Or, teaching in the College of Business Administration.

The civilian business connections of Mr. Foley have included: ownership of Foley's Automobile Service, at Ellwood City, Pennsylvania; secretary of the Ellwood Chamber of Commerce; secretary of the Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce; manager of the Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce, and manager of the Metropolitan Club, Pittsburgh; and his present offices of executive vice-president and general manager of the Conneaut Lake Park and Hotel Conneaut, Inc. Mr. Foley is a director of the Peoples Pittsburgh Trust Company, Pittsburgh. Fraternally he affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons; is a member of the Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, at Erie; member of the Commandery, Knights Templar, at Meadville, and of Zem Zem Temple, at Erie, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, at Ellwood City. His club is the Iroquois at Lake Conneaut, and he attends the Baptist Church.

On May 17, 1921, at New Castle, Pennsylvania, Thomas Clair Foley married Mary Winifred Kissick, daughter of William George and Florinda Jane Kissick.

B. E. KIBBEE—As executive vice-president of the Sharon Steel Corporation, B. E. Kibbee has taken an important part in his city's industrial life and in Shenango Valley and western Pennsylvania affairs.

Mr. Kibbee was born October 9, 1883, in Bristolville, Ohio, son of John E. and Phoebe A. (Barbe) Kibbee, of that place. His father was for years a farmer there.

Completing his formal schooling, B. E. Kibbee went to work with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at the age of sixteen years as a railway telegrapher. For two

years he continued in that capacity. In 1901 he was transferred to the Erie Railroad and assigned to the clerical department. In 1905 he came to Sharon, where he became a laborer in the open hearth department of the Sharon Steel Corporation. Afterward he held different positions in the plant and eventually became a clerk on the office staff. A short time later he became a sales representative of the company, then manager of sales, then in 1922 vice-president and a director of the corporation. In 1932 he was elected to his present post of executive vice-president.

In addition to a directorship in the Sharon Steel Corporation, in Sharon, Mr. Kibbee is also a director of the Mullens Manufacturing Corporation, of Salem, Ohio; the Empire Sheet & Tin Plate Company, of Mansfield, Ohio; the Davidson Enamel Company, of Clyde, Ohio; and the Niles Rolling Company, of Niles, Ohio. As may be perceived from these connections, Mr. Kibbee is a leading figure in the steel industry in this area. And, at the same time, he has interested himself in many aspects of the life of Sharon and of the different communities where he has these industrial connections. He is a Republican in politics, and a member of the National Republican Club of New York.

Civic affairs in Mercer County have deeply interested Mr. Kibbee, who is a supporter of every project for the development of his community and district. He also is a member of the Salem Country Club, of Salem, Ohio; the Warren Country Club, of Warren, Pennsylvania; the Congress Lake Club, of Canton, Ohio; the Sharon Country Club, of Sharon; the Youngstown Country Club, of Youngstown, Ohio; the Detroit Athletic Club, of Detroit, Michigan; the Union League Club, of Cleveland, Ohio; the Duquesne Club, of Pittsburgh; the Lotos Club, of New York City; and the Bankers' Club of America, also of New York. His religious affiliation is with the Methodist Church in Bristolville, his Ohio birthplace.

On June 30, 1908, B. E. Kibbee married Ida M. Thompson, of Warren, Ohio, daughter of Jonathan and Sarah Thompson. The Kibbees became the parents of one daughter, Sarah Jane Kibbee, born May 5, 1912, who was married to Paul G. Wooster, a salesman with the Mullens Manufacturing Corporation, of Salem, Ohio. The Woosters have one daughter, Barbara Ann Wooster, who was born in 1936.

SHARON STEEL CORPORATION (Originally Sharon Steel Hoop Company)—On October 8, 1900, patent was granted at Harrisburg under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, creating and incorporating Sharon Steel Hoop Company for the term of nine hundred and ninety-nine years. The members of the first board of directors were Morris Bachman, A. N. Perkins,

J. P. Whitla, T. S. Clark and J. R. Hastings. The first officers were Morris Bachman, president; T. S. Clark, vice-president; J. R. Hastings, secretary; and A. N. Perkins, treasurer. On November 2, 1901, Mr. Whitla resigned and E. J. Anglin was elected a director.

On October sixteenth the directors voted to purchase land contracted for by Mr. Bachman, adjoining that of Sharon Steel Company. Contract was made under which the latter company would furnish steel billets to Sharon Steel Hoop Company. Authorized capital stock was four thousand shares of the par value of \$50 each, of which three thousand shares were subscribed and paid for.

This original paid in capital of \$150,000, under wise management and leadership, has been increased down through the years to a total for capital and surplus of \$18,000,000.

On February 4, 1902, the stockholders authorized the directors "to enter into contract for the erection of an Open Hearth Plant, billet mills and such finishing mills as they may deem advisable."

The original layout consisted of the eight and nine-inch mills, with the boiler house and the pump house. The eight-inch mill was started in April, 1901, and the nine-inch mill in May of the same year. On these mills were rolled hoop steel and cotton ties.

The tonnage on the eight-inch mill for 1902 was 7,839 tons, and for the nine-inch mill, 19,201 tons—or a total for the year of 27,040 tons. These mills had a range of sizes from $\frac{3}{8}$ " to 4" wide.

Billets for these mills were obtained from the old Sharon Steel Company, which is now the Farrel Plant of the Steel Corporation. Soon after Sharon Steel Hoop Company had started its mills the U. S. Steel Corporation was formed and it was difficult to get the billets as needed. Therefore, in 1902 the company decided to build open hearth furnaces and a blooming mill so that they could make their own billets.

The original open hearth consisted of four twenty-five-ton acid furnaces, and these furnaces were started in April, 1903. The original blooming mill consisted of a 22" 3-high mill with a three-stand 3-high 12" bar mill, and three horizontal heating furnaces for heating the ingots. The mill was started in May, 1903, and was designed to handle $7\frac{1}{2} \times 9\frac{1}{2}$ " ingots and make $1\frac{5}{8}$ " and $1\frac{3}{4}$ " billets. Surplus steel was rolled into sheet bars, which were sold to the Youngstown Iron & Steel Roofing Company.

In 1905 a fifth open hearth furnace was added. In the same year a 10" mill was built with continuous heating furnace and continuous roughing mill. This increased the finished tonnage capacity about 125 per cent.

In 1906 the Blooming Mill was widened to 24" and ingot sizes increased. Steel buildings were erected, replacing the wood buildings, and machine shop and continuous

pickling and galvanizing equipment installed. This was the first such continuous unit in this country.

The sixth open hearth furnace was built in 1910. The four mills produced eighty-four thousand tons in that year. Morris Bachman, the founder of the company, died in December and S. P. Ker was elected president on February 1, 1910.

In 1911 the 14" strip mill was built, also the new power house and necessary boilers, and No. 2 Pickle House. In 1913 the main office building was erected across the river in Sharon. During the next few years capacity was increased by building continuous heating furnaces, continuous roughing mills, adding power house equipment, a seventh open hearth furnace, a shipping building and other improvements. In 1916, 181,082 tons of strip were rolled.

In March, 1917, the company bought the properties of the Youngstown Iron & Steel Company at Lowellville and Youngstown, Ohio, and in May, 1918, it bought "Mary," blast furnace property at Lowellville, from Ohio Iron & Steel Company, and that part of the O. & P. Belt Line Railroad which connected the two Lowellville plants.

These properties consisted of blast furnace, four open hearth furnaces, blooming mill, universal plate mill, eight sheet mills, a jobbing mill, a 72" 3-high plate mill, pickling, galvanizing and other usual auxiliary departments and equipment; also pressed steel, roofing, metal lath and expanded metal departments.

In November, 1917, the Youngstown Pressed Steel Company was organized and took over the above fabricating departments, and the Corner Bead and Channel Departments at Sharon. In 1919 this subsidiary moved all its equipment into its new plant at Warren, Ohio, where it carried on a general jobbing stamping business, and the manufacture of steel lath and other steel building products. The entire building products division was sold in March, 1930, to the United States Gypsum Company of Chicago. The Youngstown Pressed Steel Company, in the early 1930s, developed a complete line of enameled bathroom fixtures and kitchen sinks and cupboards. This business developed in great volume, and in 1937 the Youngstown Pressed Steel Company was combined with Mullins Manufacturing Company of Salem, Ohio, under the latter name, which company was engaged in similar lines of manufacture.

In 1918 Sharon Steel built at Lowellville two additional open hearth furnaces and a 34" reversing blooming mill, and in 1919 the 21" continuous sheet bar and slab mill, additional soaking pit capacity and other improvements.

In 1920 the open hearth, blooming mill and billet and slabbing mills were abandoned, being replaced by Lowellville. During the 1920s, at all plants, out of date equipment was discarded, buildings were extended and new

equipment added to increase capacity and rate of production and to improve the quality of the products manufactured.

In 1928 a continuous high-speed hot strip mill was installed for production of strip up to and including 22" in width, thereby giving the company a width range of 1/4" to 22" inclusive. In the same years a modern cold rolling plant was constructed with a capacity of five thousand tons per month of high finished cold rolled strip.

In 1929 Sharon began to manufacture stainless steel and alloys in hot and cold rolled strip. Ingots were purchased until the company installed an electric arc furnace at Lowellville in 1940.

In December, 1930, S. P. Ker resigned as chairman and president (but still continues as a director) and Henry A. Roemer was elected chairman and president. Further plans were worked out by the management for developing market for a larger volume of our hot and cold rolled strip in finished form, ready for incorporation by fabricator purchasers into their products, and the manufacture of additional grades for new groups of customers.

During the 1930s demand and production were on a reduced basis but operating and sales departments and management intensified their efforts to improve the products and find ways and methods of reducing costs and increasing production.

In 1935 Sharon organized the Niles Rolling Mill Company which purchased a valuable sheet mill property at Niles, Ohio, for producing all grades of sheets, and thereafter dismantled the Youngstown plant and sold the real estate.

On March 10, 1936, Sharon's name was changed to Sharon Steel Corporation, as a relatively small part of its product was then hoop steel.

Improvement in general business conditions in the late thirties found the company in good condition to sell ever increasing tonnage in a wide range of grades and finishes. During 1941 and 1942 extensions and improvements costing over \$2,000,000 were made to meet the ever-increasing demand for Sharon products in the commercial trade. To help meet the demand for steel for the defense and war programs, Sharon was able to swing over its efforts and facilities promptly and fully to produce at capacity for America and her United Allies. Shipments in 1942 are at the rate of thirty-five thousand tons of finished steel per month for incorporation into hundreds of different types of units to further the winning of the war.

Through the forty-two years of its existence Sharon has had but three presidents, but all were men of great vision, with extended knowledge of the steel business, and broad understanding and sympathy in all human rela-

tionships that inspired in all fellow-workers the spirit of full coöperation.

Among many who might be mentioned for their outstanding service and contribution to the building of Sharon are B. E. Kibbee, director and executive vice-president who started with the company in 1905; J. Reid Evans, who became a director and secretary and treasurer in 1910, relinquished the offices of director and secretary in 1940, but continued as treasurer until his death on November 7, 1942; W. G. Kranz, of Cleveland, who has continuously served as a director since 1909, and the twenty-five employees who have faithfully served Sharon for more than forty years.

JESSE C. KRINER—As one of the leading business men of Du Bois, Jesse C. Kriner holds the warm respect and admiration of his contemporaries in all walks of life. He is secretary-treasurer and general manager of the Du Bois Dairy Corporation.

Mr. Kriner was born April 13, 1893, in Brady Township, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, son of J. Calvin and Charlotte (Zilleoux) Kriner, both likewise of this county. His father, a lumberman and farmer, died in 1939 at the age of eighty years. The mother was born in 1862.

Jesse C. Kriner attended the graded and high schools of Luthersburg and a business college at Lancaster, and also a business college in Du Bois. He had commercial courses with the American Institute of Banking and the International Accountants' Society. In young manhood he taught school for three years in Brady Township, then became associated in 1914 with the Deposit National Bank as a clerk. Subsequently Mr. Kriner was made general bookkeeper and paying teller of the bank, holding these positions down to the time of writing. In 1921 he became connected with the old Du Bois Dairy Coöperative Association as a bookkeeper. A few years later this organization found itself in danger of failure through lack of coöperation, whereupon several of the leaders in it gathered together and organized in 1926 the Du Bois Dairy Coöperative to take over the assets of the old company. The new firm did business as a corporation, with John Hayes as president, W. H. Cannon as vice-president and Mr. Kriner as secretary-treasurer and general manager. At that time they employed ten people and operated four routes in Du Bois and Falls Creek, with a maximum of 880 quarts a day in milk production.

This business, which has grown steadily, is today known as the Du Bois Dairy Corporation. The plant is at the time of writing hardly large enough to handle the volume demanded of it by its customers, and plans are in prospect for the erection of a fine new plant to meet this increasing demand. The Du Bois Dairy Corporation handles the

entire output of fifty-three producers in this region for seven full days per week. These producers have fine herds of Jerseys, Holsteins and Guernseys, all under the strictest supervision and inspection at all times. The Du Bois Dairy Corporation's plant has been kept modern in every particular, and at the time of writing the company operates nine routes covering a radius of about thirty-five miles around Du Bois, as well as four retail stores in Du Bois and Falls Creek. There are also other retail outlets. Besides milk and cream, they manufacture ice cream and butter in large quantities. About thirty-five thousand gallons of ice cream are produced each year, and the company has an output of two thousand dozen fresh eggs each week. At present the average number of workers on the payroll is fifty-two.

Quite aside from his labors in this connection, Mr. Kriner takes a lively interest in public affairs. He has served on the Brady Township School Board for many years, and has been its secretary since 1919. He belongs to the Board of Trade and the Kiwanis Club, is a Republican in politics. As a hobby he is very active in the 4-H Club, many of whose activities are sponsored by the local Kiwanians, of whose agricultural committee he is chairman. Mr. Kriner has held all the local and district offices in the Knights of Pythias, and is at the time of writing grand chancellor of the order in Pennsylvania. He was formerly a member for many years of the official board of the Reformed Church.

Jesse C. Kriner married, in September, 1914, Garnet Marie Woods, of Brady Township, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, daughter of J. B. Woods, a dairy farmer. They became the parents of the following children: 1. Kenneth Kriner, graduated from Brady Township High School and Franklin and Marshall College, now associated with the National Biscuit Company, in Pittsburgh. 2. Donna Kriner, graduated from local schools and Du Bois Business College, now secretary in the Coal Hill Mining Company. 3. Dale Kriner, graduated from local schools, now operates one of the dairy stores of the Du Bois Dairy Corporation. 4. Carol Kriner, a student in local schools. 5. Gloria Kriner, also a student here. 6. Gay Kriner, born in 1937.

WILLIAM GLASSMAN—For a third of a century the Glassmans, father and son, have been prominent in the life and affairs of Warren, Pennsylvania. Elias Glassman, the elder, has been a merchant in the city for all of this period. William Glassman, son, after thorough formal and professional education, has been practicing attorney of skill and success in the municipality and county. Both are humanitarians and philanthropists, devoted to the welfare of all peoples, but working especially for those of their own, both in the United States and abroad.

William Glassman is the son of Elias I. and Rachael (Paley) Glassman, born in Russia, December 26, 1900, and came with his parents to Warren when he was five years old. Elias I. Glassman, a native of Russia, graduated from Volozin Yeshiva (a Rabbinical Seminary), and afterward was a Rabbi in a small town in Wales. After emigrating to America he taught school in Philadelphia and also was a newspaper writer. Upon coming to Warren with his family he established himself as a merchant, a vocation he has since continued to follow. Prominently identified with national and local Jewish activities, he is a member of the National Council of Joint Distribution Committee, and of the National Council for Palestine, and other Jewish philanthropic work. His political alliance is with the Republican party, and he is a member of Warren Hebrew Congregation.

William Glassman, after being graduated from Warren High School, in 1918, attended Allegheny College for one year before matriculating at the Wharton School of Commerce and Finance of the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in 1922 with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Economics. For his professional training he entered the University of Pennsylvania Law School, being graduated with honors, in 1928, a Bachelor of Laws. For two years he was associated with the law firm of Hirschwald, Goff and Davis in Philadelphia, and then came to Warren where he practiced law without partners for ten years. In 1940 he joined Lewis Crary Jamieson, forming the law firm of Jamieson and Glassman to engage in a general practice of their profession.

During his college years Mr. Glassman was a member of the Kappa Nu fraternity, of which he was president in his senior year, and was also editor of the "Law Review" of the University of Pennsylvania. During 1929-32 he was associate editor of "Monaghan's Digest of the Laws of Pennsylvania." In his professional connections he is a member of the Warren County Bar Association, and the Pennsylvania State Bar Association. Continuously interested in civic affairs, Mr. Glassman is a member of the Warren Chamber of Commerce. Like his father he is very active and prominent in Jewish philanthropic work, particularly identified with rendering assistance to refugees. He is a member and chairman of Warren Federation of Jewish Charities, of the National Council of Joint Distribution Committee, and member of the National Council of Palestine. He is a serious student of history, past and present, is a lover and patron of music, and fishing is his favorite sport.

On June 18, 1927, William Glassman married Hope Massell, a native of New York City, daughter of James A. and Katherine (Traidman) Massell, both natives of Russia, now living in Chicago, Illinois. By profession Mr.

Massell is an architect, now engaged as manager for several large engineering firms, specializing in foreign export work. At one time he was special agent for the Department of Commerce, United States Government, assisting in the development of South American trade. Mrs. Glassman is a graduate of high school, New York City, attended Washington Square College of New York University Law School, and Pennsylvania School for Social Workers, affiliated with the University of Pennsylvania. She is a member of the Warren Hebrew Congregation, the Players Club, Philomel Club, and is a charter member of the executive council of Warren County Girl Scouts of America.

Mr. and Mrs. Glassman are the parents of three children, all born in Philadelphia: 1. Nehema Massel, born October 2, 1928. 2. Olga Massel, born November 18, 1929. 3. David Massell Glassman, born November 15, 1935.

GEORGE CLINGER—Recognized as a leader in the industrial and civic life of Tidioute, George Clinger has been engaged in the oil and gas production field in this section for many years, operating, together with his nephew, the Clinger Oil & Gas Company of Tidioute.

Mr. Clinger was born May 1, 1881, in Fagundus, Warren County, Pennsylvania, the son of Amos and Elizabeth Marie (Carson) Clinger. Amos Clinger, born March 5, 1845, in Venango County, and died in Tidioute in 1933, was one of the early pioneers in the oil industry in this locality and a veteran of the Civil War. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and for a time a supporter of the Democratic party, later following the principles of the Republican party. Amos Clinger's father, George W. Clinger, a native of Dawson County, Pennsylvania, died in Crawford County. He was engaged most successfully in the lumber and agricultural field and was married to Elizabeth Evans. Elizabeth Marie (Carson) Clinger, daughter of James Carson and a native of Venango County, died in Tidioute.

George Clinger completed his elementary education in the public schools at Neiltown, and then enrolled at Grove City College, where he remained for two and one half years. He then became associated with his father in the oil producing business, later becoming a partner in the firm of A. Clinger & Sons, with holdings and interests in West Virginia, Ohio and Illinois, but most active in the State of Pennsylvania. In 1924 the firm name was changed to Clinger Gas & Oil Company, and in 1938, together with his nephew, William F. Clinger (*q. v.*) he purchased all interests in the firm, and although the firm still bears the same name it is now a partnership of these two men, devoted to the production of oil and gas. In 1913 Mr. Clinger was also associated with his brother, A. Vern

Clinger, and John B. Taggart in the oil producing business under the firm name of Clinger Bros. & Taggart.

Mr. Clinger, a trustee of the Presbyterian Church, is a Republican, politically, and has served as a member of the school board and borough council. He is a member of Temple Lodge, No. 412, Free and Accepted Masons, Coudersport Consistory, and a life member of Zem Zem Temple in Erie, Pennsylvania. He also holds membership in the Pennsylvania Grade Crude Oil Association, Conewango Club of Warren, and the Titusville Country Club. His chief diversion is found in fishing.

George Clinger married, June 28, 1917, Nell MacIntyre, native of Kinzua, daughter of Charles and Elizabeth (Bimber) MacIntyre, both deceased. Charles MacIntyre, born near Ellicottville, New York, was engaged in the oil and lumber business in Tidioute, at the time of his death; his wife was a native of Warren County. Nell (MacIntyre) Clinger is a graduate of the Deerfield Township public schools and the Edinboro Normal School and was engaged in the teaching profession at the time of her marriage. She is treasurer of the Presbyterian Church, a member of the Women's Club, and an active participant in local civic affairs. Mr. and Mrs. Clinger are the parents of a daughter, Edith Winifred, born July 3, 1918, a graduate of the Emma Willard School at Troy, New York, and also of Wells College at Aurora, New York, and at present a student at the Catherine Gibbs School, in New York City, where she is pursuing a secretarial course.

HENRY MOORE AMSLER—Clarion County numbers among its prominent business leaders Henry Moore Amsler, a coal operator throughout the county for many years, banker, and at present active in the real estate business in St. Petersburg, Florida, and in the management of large lumber interests originally established by his father in West Virginia. He is a resident of Clarion, Pennsylvania, and St. Petersburg, Florida.

Mr. Amsler was born at Marienville, Forest County, on March 20, 1896, son of Cornelius Washington and Ida (Moore) Amsler and a descendant, paternally, of early settlers of Clarion County, who came to this country from the district lying on the border of Holland and Germany, lived for a time in Lancaster and reached Clarion County, settling at Fryburg, soon after the beginning of the nineteenth century. His grandfather, Henry Moore, served in the Pennsylvania Volunteers during the Civil War. His father, Cornelius Washington Amsler, was born at Fryburg, Pennsylvania, on July 3, 1850, and died at Clarion on November 8, 1932. He became a pioneer in the Pennsylvania oil industry in the 1870s, at Pitt Hole, as a contractor and independent operator. In 1888 he entered the mercantile business at Marienville, Forest

County. Shortly after, he entered the lumber business, forming a partnership with J. C. Campbell, of Brookville, Pennsylvania, operating at Pleasant Valley and Loleta and later acquiring large holdings in timber lands in Virginia and West Virginia. Death finally dissolved this partnership, however, and this business is now conducted by Henry M. Amsler and Mr. Campbell's two sons, J. R. and Robert Campbell. Cornelius Washington Amsler was also vice-president of the Citizens Trust Company of Clarion and a director of the First National Bank of Fryburg. He was a prominent Mason, being affiliated with all the bodies of both York and Scottish rites, and was an elder in the Presbyterian Church over a long period of years. His wife, Ida (Moore) Amsler, was a descendant of John Hancock, the Revolutionary leader, and a member of the Brookville Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

Henry Moore Amsler received his preliminary education at Kiskiminetas Springs School, Saltsburg, Pennsylvania, and subsequently entered the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, where he was a member of the class of 1918 in the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce. He began his business career with his father's lumber companies in West Virginia, later entering the coal business in Clarion County, in which he was very active until 1935. He became a partner in the Birch Valley Lumber Company at Tioga, West Virginia, in 1922, and since his father's death has assumed the responsibility of the family interest. He is president of Lesler, Inc., real estate operators at St. Petersburg, Florida; vice-president of the First National Bank of Fryburg; and a director of the Citizens Trust Company of Clarion; and also active in the coal and oil business in Clarion County.

As a resident of Clarion, Mr. Amsler is influential in civic and public affairs. At the present time he is a member of the board of trustees of Polk State School at Polk, Pennsylvania and since 1932 has served as a member of the borough council, of which he is now president. Prominent in Republican politics, he is a member of the county executive committee, past member of the Young Republican State Executive Committee, past chairman of the Clarion County Young Republican Committee, past county chairman of the Willkie-for-President clubs, and in 1940 was alternate delegate to the Republican National Convention held at Philadelphia. Mr. Amsler has been active in the Free and Accepted Masons. A Presbyterian in religious faith, Mr. Amsler is a member of the board of trustees of the Clarion Presbyterian Church, past president of the board and past chairman of the finance committee. He is a member of the Wanango Country Club of Oil City, and the St. Petersburg Yacht Club of

St. Petersburg, Florida, and finds his principal recreation in skeet shooting, hunting and fishing. He is a member of the St. Petersburg Squadron of the United States Power Squadron with the rating of advanced pilot and is lieutenant-commander of this body. He is a charter member of Flotilla No. 4, Division No. 3, 7th Naval District, of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, as created by Act of Congress in 1940, and has served as secretary, junior commander, vice-commander and commander.

On September 27, 1918, at Clarion, Mr. Amsler married Jean Wilson, of this city, daughter of Edwin and Mary (Knox) Wilson. They are the parents of two sons: 1. Henry Cornelius, born April 14, 1920, a graduate of agricultural school, and now active in farming. 2. Edwin Wilson, born July 25, 1925, a senior in Florida Military Academy, St. Petersburg, Florida, where he is a member of the band, playing the clarinet, oboe and saxophone.

DANIEL B. TAGGART—Although one of the younger business men of Corry, Erie County, Pennsylvania, and a comparative newcomer in the city, Daniel B. Taggart is a popular figure in local life and a member of a number of organizations.

Mr. Taggart is a native of Boise, Idaho, born December 18, 1909, son of H. W. and Agnes (Brown) Taggart. His father, a graduate of Harvard College, Cambridge, Massachusetts, class of 1901, is engaged in an insurance business at Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and is active in civic and fraternal circles, being a thirty-second degree Mason.

Daniel B. Taggart was educated in the grade and high schools of Williamsport, the Stonybrook Preparatory Academy, and Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, from which he was graduated in 1934, a Bachelor of Arts. He supplemented this academic work with studies in the Thayer School of Engineering, from which he earned his degree in Civil Engineering, in 1937. The first employment of Mr. Taggart of importance was in the coal mines at Revloc, Pennsylvania. Then he was engineer for the Red Cross Society, at Williamsport. There followed a period when he was associated with the civil engineering firm of Ganett, Eastman & Fleming, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, where he remained until 1940. In the latter mentioned year he came to Corry as the vice-president of the J. W. & A. P. Howard Company. He is a Republican in his political views, and is a member of the Corry Rotary Club, of the American Society of Engineers, and attends the Presbyterian Church.

On March 4, 1939, at Corry, Pennsylvania, Daniel B. Taggart married Katherine Florence Desmond, daughter of J. J. Desmond (*q. v.*), and Florence E. (Kibler) Desmond. They are the parents of a son, Joseph Desmond Taggart, born June 25, 1942.



Cornelius Washington Amsler



H. M. Amisler

JOSEPH RIESENMAN, Jr., was born in Franklin, July 14, 1877, son of Joseph and Cecilia (Reese) Riesenman, the eldest of twelve children, six boys and six girls. Mr. Riesenman's mother died February 26, 1934. His father, born in Butler, Pennsylvania, March 17, 1855, was a pioneer pharmacist in the oil region, coming to Franklin from Petroleum Center in 1873. He later founded and was the president of the Riesenman Manufacturing Company, manufacturers of technical paints, and also had numerous other interests.

Mr. Riesenman was educated in his native city; studied pharmacy and was for many years associated in the drug business and paint manufacturing (Riesenman Manufacturing Company) with his father. Pioneering in the United States Employment Service for four years, he has since been associated with the Pennsylvania Department of Health in the capacity of county health officer. For more than thirty-five years Mr. Riesenman has done considerable research in philosophy, psychology, sociology, criminology, journalism, law and medicine, devoting a large part of his time to public speaking in every section of the country. He is president of The Allegheny River Improvement Association, president of The Elks Student's Aid Fund, which he formulated and helped to found, founder and president of The Franklin Historical Society, and member of The Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania. He has given generously of his time and efforts to the Boy Scouts, United States Flag Association, Citizens Military Training Corps, and, as a biographer wrote, has been "identified with every civic, welfare, patriotic, historical, musical, or character building organization and movement in his community."

Joseph Riesenman, Jr., married Augusta Frances Abel, daughter of the late Robert and Emma Winterhalter Abel, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in St. Paul's Cathedral, Pittsburgh, on November 12, 1907. Mrs. Riesenman is a very accomplished pianist and organist, having studied in Berlin, Germany, under the celebrated Portuguese pianist and teacher, Jose de Motta. The following children were born to this marriage: 1. Joseph, III, born August 22, 1908, for sixteen years actively identified with the electric utility industry, now a member of the personnel of the Pennsylvania Electric Company. 2. Francis Regis, born November 10, 1909, a physician, now in the United States Army Medical Corps, serving in the capacity of a neuro-psychiatrist. 3. Robert William Riesenman, born November 15, 1910, died by drowning January 25, 1920. 4. Augusta Mary Riesenman, born May 11, 1912, an employee of the United States Treasury Department, Washington, District of Columbia. 5. Martin Aloysius Riesenman, born November 30, 1913, an employee of Isaly Dairy Stores, Inc., in Franklin. 6. Josephine Cecilia Riesenman, born October 20, 1914, for the past seven years an employee of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. Riesenman have five grandchildren, the children of Joseph Riesenman, III, and Catherine Geary Riesenman, as follows: Catherine Patricia, born November 3, 1932; Joseph, IV, born November 30, 1933; Robert Philip, born January 19, 1936; Marian Virginia, born September 30, 1939; Ruth Ann Riesenman, born July 9, 1941. Mr. Riesenman's father, Joseph Riesenman is approaching his eighty-eighth year. There are, therefore, now living four generations of the name "Joseph" in the family.



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